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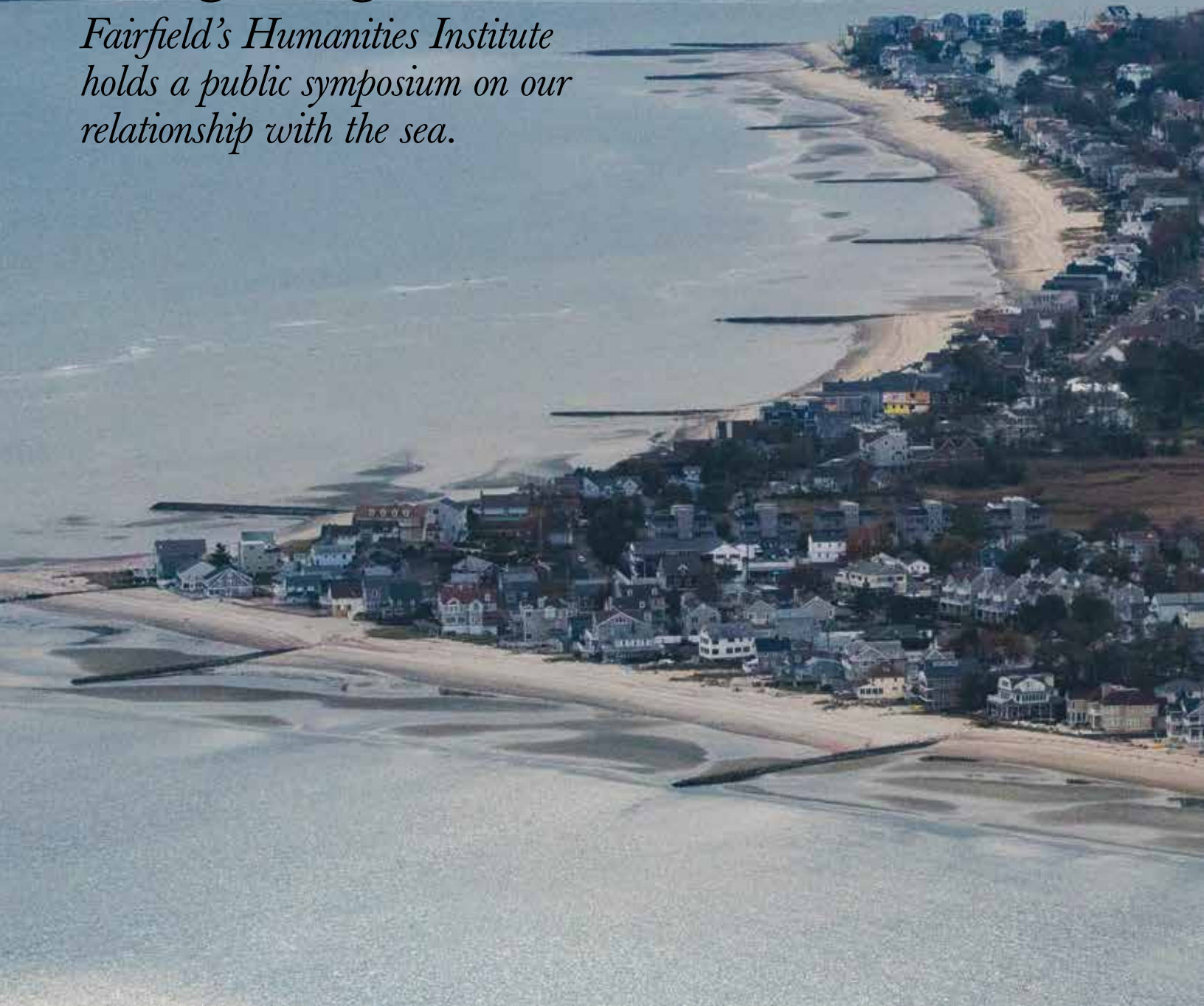
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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

A full year has passed since my formal inauguration as President of Fairfield University, and what an exciting year it has been for me, for my family, and for our institution – particularly in terms of the pace in which we have made progress toward our goal of becoming the modern, Jesuit Catholic University that society needs today.

Throughout the course of the year, I have been fortunate to have this forum to keep you apprised of our ongoing rise. Our milestones have been numerous – too numerous to recount in the space of this one letter. I would, however, be remiss if I did not highlight a few. As you will recall, we were fortunate to start this past year by hosting *The Art of the Gesù: Bernini and His Age*, a once in a lifetime exhibition that included works of art from the Jesuit's mother church in Rome – many of which had never traveled outside of Italy before, featuring the bust of our University patron St. Robert Bellarmine, by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, the most significant sculptor of the Baroque period. The exhibition drew thousands of guests to our Fairfield University Art Gallery, earned national and international media coverage, and for a moment I think it is fair to say that Fairfield was in a uniquely intimate and reflective place of dialogue with the founders of our mission.

Our mission calls us to share the gift of a Fairfield education as broadly as possible. Thus, on the enrollment front I am most pleased to report we received our highest number of undergraduate applications, and were able to draw our incoming class – the largest ever – from a very talented and diverse pool of young men and women. Fortunately, the increase in interest in Fairfield has coincided with significant expansion and enhancement to our facilities, including Langguth Hall – our latest

residence in the Quad area, which accommodates 200 sophomore students. As you will read inside, it is also the new home of our Ignatian Leadership Residential College – a formation community for our sophomores that helps to deepen their personal and collective experience during this transitional period of their lives. This community has served as the inspiration for other residential colleges, both at Fairfield and at sister institutions.

Langguth Hall joins other enhancements in recent years – like renovations to the RecPlex and the Barone Campus Center, the new Rafferty Stadium, and the construction of a new home for the Dolan School of Business, which is well underway. None of these would have been possible without our Fairfield Rising Campaign, which we closed in September having raised close to \$218 million – far exceeding our original goal of \$160 million. The funding is essential to our evolution, but I think it is the enthusiastic support from our alumni that is most striking, with nearly 11,000 donors in total, and with 50 percent of the Class of 2017 making a senior class gift!

WE CAN SEE THE rewards of all of your support around us: This fall, we learned (among other impressive rankings) that *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges 2019 has ranked Fairfield as the #1 master's degree granting university in the Northern Region – the first time that Fairfield has been ranked at the top of this group. Naturally, these rankings have to be taken in context, but they do reflect a number of qualitative and quantitative factors that are moving in the right direction for us. Clearly, we are attracting talented

students; we are seeing an increase in alumni participation which is a factor in the rankings; and our quality has been noticed by our peer institutions – for the first time ever Fairfield was ranked amongst the most innovative institutions in the region – whose assessment is critical to our standing. All of this hard work – and our unflagging faith in the mission – is bearing fruit.

Throughout the year I have been touring the country and the local community to meet with alumni and friends, and have become more deeply acquainted with you all. On Oct. 18, I had a really enjoyable morning as I joined over 650 other volunteers during the Bridgeport Public Schools' 33rd annual read aloud day, to read to a class of 6th graders. Also in October, I was pleased to be among those who gathered at our newly named Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality as we honored Trustee Bob Murphy '71, who made a generous gift in honor of his parents to help sustain the spirituality center's rapid growth. As you will read inside, our Murphy Center – which provides spiritual direction to hundreds in our diocese – is in great demand. As a Jesuit, Catholic University, training directors in the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises, and making this unique form of encounter available to our neighbors, is integral to our mission and identity and our commitment to partnership.

Throughout the fall I have been in Boston and New York, and will have visited with alumni in Chicago by the time you receive this magazine. In the coming months I will visit Los Angeles, Malibu, San Francisco, Washington D.C., and make several stops in Florida.

One message that I have articulated consistently, and will continue to stress, is that our future as a learning institution demands we reach new students, and that we do so in new ways. I believe we are called to meet the

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demand among adult learners – those perhaps already in the workplace or in the midst of a transition – for certificate and degree programs that can further their career potential, or open up new possibilities for personal growth. A master’s degree in Educational Technology is our first 100% online program, and we have many other online and hybrid degree and certificate programs in the pipeline. The challenge is to provide this kind of professional training, while remaining true to our commitment to the care of the whole

person – to educate each student who comes to us for the greater purpose of transforming the society as a whole for the better.

Fortunately, we have our feet firmly planted on the foundation of Ignatian education, and have the talented and innovative faculty and staff to make this happen. I look forward to keeping you all abreast of developments on this front throughout the year.

Finally, as is fitting at this time of year, I am happy to reassure you that the University – as always – is being a good steward, and

that we continue to enjoy significant growth in our endowment and revenue, while remaining fiscally prudent, as we should.

With my best wishes for you all,

MARK R. NEMEC, PhD
President

Fairfield

FINANCIAL REPORT 2017-2018

OPERATING RESULTS

Fairfield University has once again completed operations within a balanced budget, making this our 48th consecutive year. The University revenue and expense charts on the right demonstrate the sources and uses of operating funds, as well as their functional allocations.

As of June 30, 2018, the University generated a \$10.8 million increase in unrestricted net assets from operations, resulting from \$227.9 million of unrestricted operating revenues exceeding \$217.1 million in operating expenses. These revenue and expense activities support the University's overall strategic mission and goals by providing quality academic programs, student activities and support services.

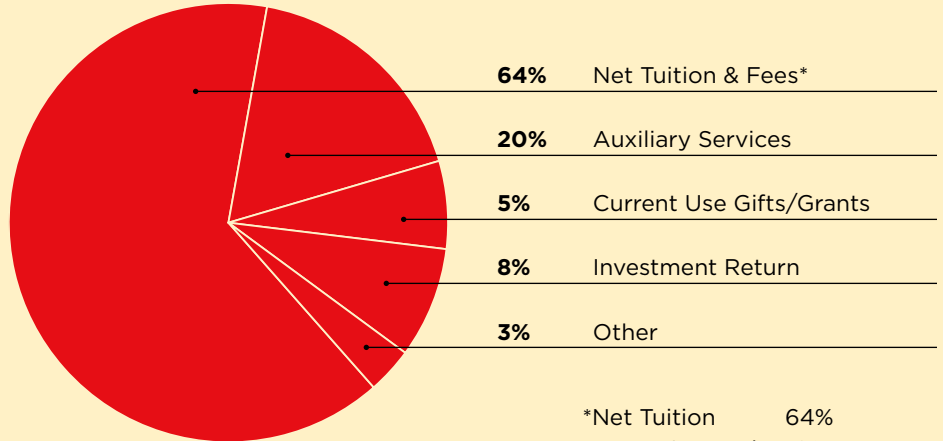
These charts illustrate the source of our financial resources (revenues) and how these funds were invested (expenses) in instruction, research and academic support programs, student financial aid, student support services, auxiliary, administrative and other services.

NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES RESULTS

In addition to the unrestricted operating results reported here, activities of a long-term nature support the University's future operations and are reported as non-operating activities. They consist of cash gifts for permanent endowment or the acquisition of capital assets; endowment investment gains net of our operating spending policy and any other activities not related to operations.

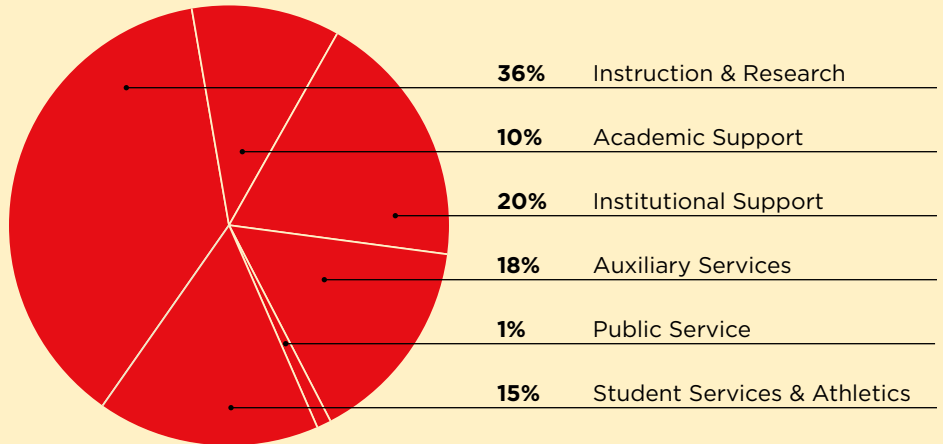
These non-operating activities resulted in an increase in net assets of \$1.0 million for the year, mainly from contributions to fund capital projects and positive investment returns, offset by the losses on the disposal of fixed assets and long term debt refunding.

University Revenues



*Net Tuition	64%
Room & Board	18%
Net TRB	82%

University Expenses



TOTAL NET ASSETS

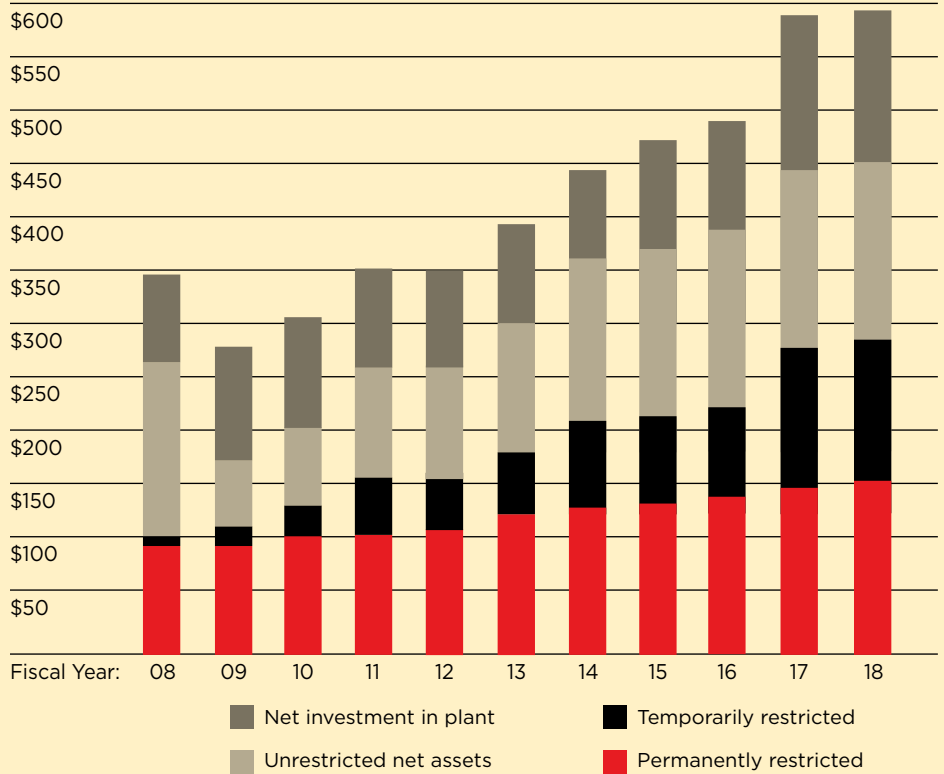
Over the past ten years (since July 1, 2008) total net assets have grown by \$245.8 million to \$589.2 million. For FY'18 total net assets have increased \$10.6 million.

ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment fund chart on the lower right, which includes endowment investments for both the University and Fairfield Preparatory School, demonstrates the considerable growth in Fairfield's endowment over the past ten years. Fairfield's investment return on the endowment for the fiscal year ended 6/30/18 was up 6.6% as compared to being up 13.4% in FY'17. The value of Fairfield's endowment over the past ten years has increased by \$100.4 million to \$362.6 million. This growth is from a combination of major gifts (permanent endowment), University invested funds (quasi endowment) and positive investment returns in most years. The success of our endowment fund investments and continued growth is vital for the University to remain viable and competitive. Endowment earnings support student financial aid, academic programs, faculty chairs, fellowships, library acquisitions, as well as general support of the institution.

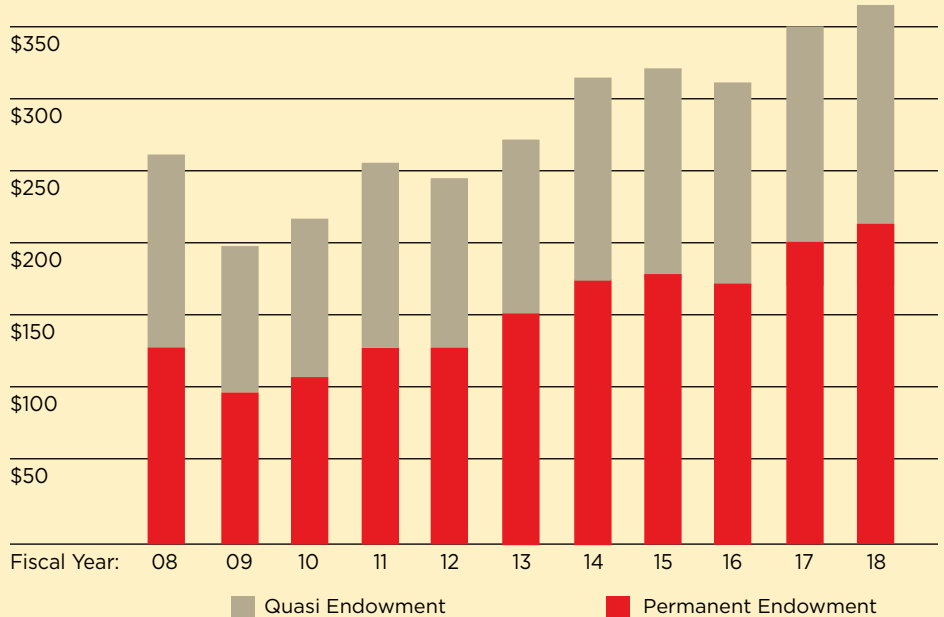
Total Net Assets

\$ in millions



Total Endowment

\$ in millions



University NEWS



Fairfield Named #1 Best Regional University

Fairfield is the #1 master's degree granting university in the Northern Region in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges 2019 ranking, up from number three last year, signifying its continued upward trajectory. Fairfield also placed in the top five in the "Most Innovative Schools" subcategory for Regional Universities in the North.

Colleges and universities included in the Regional Colleges ranking offer a broad scope of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs, and are divided and ranked in four geographical groups: North, South, Midwest, and West.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, "The rankings formula uses exclusively statistical quantitative and qualitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality," and evaluates colleges and universities on 16 measures of excellence. *U.S. News* followed the accepted standard in U.S. higher education, the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education's Basic Classification system to determine each schools' placement into the 2019 edition ranking categories. New methodology used for this year's ranking considered Pell Grant graduation rates and did not consider an institution's acceptance rates.

For the 2019 edition, Fairfield rose in the following areas: Peer Assessment score; SAT scores, which jumped from 1110-1270 to 1180-1320; the number of first-year students in the top 25% of their high school classes, which increased significantly from 67% to 79%; and the two-year average of Alumni Giving, which also increased measurably. 📌

EGAN SCHOOL NAMED A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Fairfield University's Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies was one of 16 nursing programs nationwide to be named a National League for Nursing (NLN) Center of Excellence. The Egan School was formally inducted during the Honors Convocation at the 2018 NLN Education Summit in Chicago, Illinois in September.

Selection for this designation is based on a school's sustained excellence in faculty development, nursing education research, student learning, and professional development. Fairfield's Egan School was specifically selected for its sustained efforts to "promote the pedagogical expertise of faculty."

Egan's programs use the latest in healthcare equipment

and modern classroom settings to provide a practical and engaging education for students while offering a strong liberal arts education with the theory-based knowledge and skills to work in the expanding fields of nursing and health studies.

In their annual rankings for graduate schools, *U.S. News and World Report* also named the Egan School among the best in the country in the category of Doctorate of Nursing degree, as well as Masters Nursing degree. Both placements on the lists saw a jump of over 26 spots from the previous year. Additionally, *College Factual* named the Egan School the top nursing program in Connecticut and among the top 15 nursing programs in the country. 📌



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“#MeToo and Changing Dynamics in the Workforce” Subject of Dean’s Executive Forum

The Dolan’s new dean, Zhan Li, DBA, kicked off the Dean’s Executive Forum on October 2 with a panel discussion on “#MeToo and Changing Dynamics in the Workforce.”

Panelists addressed the topics of the #MeToo movement, the workplace environment and its legal implications, human resources, and executive management. The diverse backgrounds of the featured speakers facilitated a broad review of the subject. They included an array of business leaders who have worked for top corporations and who

are experienced in such matters as labor law, talent management, effective work environments, and business ethics.

The panel was moderated by Dolan professor Lisa A. Mainiero, PhD, author of *The Opt-Out Revolt: Why People Are Leaving Companies to Create Kaleidoscope Careers*.

Dr. Mainiero is a sought-after lecturer and consultant who has appeared on *Good Morning America*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, CNN’s *Business News* and numerous other radio, talk show, and television programs. 📺



JACQUES SCHWARZ-BART HEADLINES ‘DANIEL PEARL WORLD MUSIC DAYS’ CONCERT

Jazz saxophonist Jacques Schwarz-Bart and his quartet headlined the Daniel Pearl World Music Days in the Wien Experimental Theater of the Quick Center for the Arts on October 2. Featuring music from Schwarz-Bart’s newly released album, *Hazzan* [Hebrew for cantor], the concert was a jazz creation of Jewish liturgical chants, improvisational sequences, and infectious rhythms, and was dedicated to the life and legacy of slain *Wall Street Journal* writer Daniel Pearl, a talented violinist who believed that music unites people.



ABC’S GOOD MORNING AMERICA FEATURES FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY DORM ROOM MAKE-OVER

ABC News’ *Good Morning America* (GMA) produced a do-it-yourself dorm room makeover segment featuring a transformation of the room of resident advisor Na’shyra Yates ’19, before she settled in for the fall semester — and her final year at Fairfield University.

GMA correspondent Lara Spencer interviewed Yates remotely, and interior designer Taniya Nayak came to campus for an on-camera chat with Yates about her color preferences and style, before a crew filmed the makeover of her residence hall room. Nayak offered viewers tips on using artwork to decorate walls, maximizing small spaces, and sprucing up plain furniture with removeable contact paper and accessories. 📺

FAIRFIELD RANKS 9TH NATIONALLY IN SALARIES FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM MAJORS

Fairfield University has been ranked 9th in the nation — out of 637 institutions offering communications and journalism degrees — by PayScale’s 2018-19 College Salary Report. PayScale’s annual report, based on the salaries of 3.2 million college graduates, provides estimates of early and mid-career pay for 2,646 associate and bachelor’s degree-granting institutions throughout the U.S. For communications and journalism majors, PayScale looked at 637 institutions offering four-year degrees.

Also included with Fairfield on this year’s Top 10 list of “Best Schools for Communications

Majors by Salary Potential” are University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, Vanderbilt, University of California — Berkeley, and University of Virginia.

PayScale, Inc. is a leading provider of on-demand compensation data and software, and real-time, data-driven insights for employees and employers. Small businesses to Fortune 500 companies use PayScale for compensation decisions for more than 18 million employees at companies such as Dish Network, Getty Images, Skullcandy, Time Warner, T-Mobile, Macy’s, SunSweet, UnitedHealth Group, Stihl, and Wendy’s. 📺

BRINKMAN FOUNDATION AWARDS \$75,000 TO SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

A longtime supporter of Fairfield's engineering programs, this latest \$75,000 grant from the Earl W. and Hildagunda A. Brinkman Private Charitable Foundation will further cutting-edge faculty research, promote team projects for engineering students, and provide vital new equipment for the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Of the \$75,000 award, \$30,000 will be allocated for laboratory equipment used to reinforce fundamental theories taught in engineering mechanics courses. The new equipment will be integrated into hands-on statics, dynamics, and strength of materials projects.

Robotics classes will benefit from \$25,000 of the grant, which will go toward funding of a new robot for two popular senior/graduate level courses,

"Theory and Application of Robot Kinematics" and "Advanced Dynamics."

The Brinkman Foundation grant will also support the research of assistant professor and Brinkman Family Professor of Micro and Nano Manufacturing Sriharsha Sundarram, PhD. Dr. Sundarram was awarded \$10,000 to work with high school, undergraduate, and graduate students on interdisciplinary engineering projects that focus on the fabrication of bio-artificial organs for holistic drug testing.

The Society of Automotive Engineers' Baja Buggy team, Stags Racing, will receive \$10,000 of the grant to support the design and fabrication of a new off-road, single-seat motorsport vehicle. The team is aiming to race in a June 2019 competition in Rochester, N.Y. 📍



Part of the Brinkman Foundation grant will go toward a newly designed baja buggy. Pictured here is the 2017 buggy with Stags Racing team members.

New Chair for Communication

Sean M. Horan, PhD, was appointed as the new chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Communication Department. Dr. Horan, who was identified as the fifth most published communication researcher between the years of 2012-2016, and the 21st most central communication scholar from 2007-2011, began his tenure this fall.

Dr. Horan received his BA and MA from Texas State University, and his PhD from West Virginia University. Prior to his most recent position as an associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Texas State University in San Marcos, he taught as an assistant professor in the College of Communication



Sean M. Horan, PhD

at DePaul University in Chicago.

His expert commentary has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and the *New York Daily News*, and on ABC News and CNN. 📍

SISTER HELEN PREJEAN ON THE DEATH PENALTY AND THE CHURCH

Sister Helen Prejean returned to Fairfield and the Egan Chapel of St. Ignatius Loyola on November 7 to deliver her lecture, "Abolishing the Death Penalty in the United States."

A member of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Medaille, Sr. Helen Prejean has played a pivotal role in sparking a national dialogue against capital punishment through her passionate speeches, critically acclaimed biographies, and tireless ministry work. In her recent lecture, Sr. Prejean reflected on her experiences, and addressed pressing issues surrounding capital punishment and the Pope's recent revision of the Catechism's stance on the death penalty.

Sr. Prejean's experiences in the prison system inspired the publication of her first memoir entitled *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, which spent 31 consecutive weeks on *The New York Times'* Best Sellers list. 📍

“Our fans are vital to our success, and we are thrilled to have a way to recognize and reward our most loyal and ardent supporters who run with the Stags throughout the 2018-19 year.”

ZACH DAYTON, Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Marketing and Communications

Fairfield Launches New Graduate Program in Applied Data Science

The School of Engineering at Fairfield University has established a Master of Science degree program in Applied Data Science and has tapped Adrian Rusu, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering to be its director.

Fairfield’s new MS in Applied Data Science (MSADS) is designed to equip students with the analytical and technical skills to interpret and turn small and large datasets into actionable insights. Although offered through the School of Engineering, Fairfield’s MSADS is an interdisciplinary program for students and

professionals from many different backgrounds including biology, healthcare, behavioral sciences, and business, to name a few. The program is recommended for individuals with a desire to use data to make deeper connections within their field, and to drive decision-making.

The 30-credit MSADS curriculum offers graduate students a unique blend of academic core coursework, customizable electives based on individual areas of specialization, and practical experience in partnership with local businesses or non-profits for a two-semester capstone sequence. **F**

FAIRFIELD SELECTED TO HOST THREE NCAA LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS BEGINNING THIS MAY

Fairfield University will host the 2019 NCAA Division I Men’s Lacrosse Quarterfinals this May at Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field. Fairfield has also been tabbed to host the 2021 and 2022 NCAA Division I, II and III Men’s Lacrosse Championships in East Hartford. The 2019 quarterfinals will be held on May 18 or 19 while the 2021 (May 29-31) and 2022 (May 28-30) championships will both be played over

Memorial Day weekend. While this will be the first time that Fairfield University hosts the NCAA men’s lacrosse championship, the institution has previously welcomed seven NCAA women’s basketball events (2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017) and five men’s ice hockey regionals (2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2018) to the state. Fairfield will also host women’s basketball at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport in 2022. **F**



Lucas the Stag fires up the fans at a recent Red Sea Madness pep rally.

Fairfield Launches Super Stags 7.0 App for 2018-19 Season

The Super Stags app has been relaunched for the 2018-19 season with the unveiling of Super Stags 7.0. Stags fans can download the app and earn points toward exclusive rewards and prizes, just by checking in at Fairfield Athletics events throughout the year.

“Our fans are vital to our success, and we are thrilled to have a way to recognize and reward our most loyal and ardent supporters who run with the Stags throughout the 2018-19 year,” said Zach Dayton, senior associate director of Athletics for Marketing and Communications. “We are proud to continue our partnership with SuperFanU, for the launch of Super Stags 7.0.”

To earn points, fans can check in at every Fairfield Athletics event that they attend. Additional points and rewards will be offered for postseason games and select special events. Points are redeemable for exclusive rewards including apparel, gift cards, and more from Fairfield Athletics and its sponsorship partners.

Super Stags 7.0 also allows fans easy access to follow the Stags on social media to receive important updates and notifications about upcoming games and events. Super Stags 7.0 is free and currently available for download in the app store on most mobile devices by searching “Super Stags.” **F**

Fairfield Welcomes New Vice President for Enrollment

Following a comprehensive national search, Corry D. Unis joined Fairfield University as vice president for strategic enrollment management.

Mr. Unis most recently served as the vice president of enrollment at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. During his time at King's College, Mr. Unis implemented new and innovative practices including predictive modeling, advanced analytics, and the use of data to define and identify key recruitment markets. As a result, the college successfully increased enrollments, selectivity, and net tuition revenue. King's College's academic profile also rose significantly, as did the sustainable growth of applications and enrollments from international students and students from non-traditional recruitment areas.

Prior to joining King's College, Mr. Unis served as director of admissions at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y., and as associate director of admission, among other positions, at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He holds a BA in



Corry D. Unis

political science from Le Moyne College and an MS in higher education management from Syracuse University.

With his combined knowledge, experience, and values, Mr. Unis will play a vital role in supporting the mission, growth, and continued success of Fairfield University, through efforts to expand the school's reach on a national level, to raise the academic benchmark for enrollees, and to shape future classes that are culturally, socio-economically, and geographically diverse. 📍

THE CAPITOL STEPS PUT THE "MOCK" IN DEMOCRACY AT FAIRFIELD'S QUICK CENTER

Refining political satire into an art form, *The Capitol Steps* made its way onto the Quick Center stage on October 5, and brought a healthy dose of humor to the midterm election season. The crowd-pleasing repertoire included musical parodies such as "Oops... I Tweeted Again," "Faking News is Hard to Do," "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Korea?" and "It Was a Very Huuuge Year." 📍



Stephanie Brij-Raj '21, Lilliana Delmonico '20, and Nicolas Black '21 at UAC-CP in Bolivia.

STAG ENGINEERS IN BOLIVIA

Sponsored by Fairfield's chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), an August service trip to Universidad Academia Campesina (UAC-CP), was the School of Engineering's third visit to Carmen Pampa, Bolivia in the past two years.

Two summers ago, Fairfield engineering students helped construct a water filtration and purification system for the South American university and surrounding villages. On this most recent EWB trip to Bolivia, the August 2018 team of Fairfield student engineers assessed the continuing functionality of the 2016 system, performed maintenance repairs, and tackled problems that go beyond leaky filters, errant pipes, and inconsistent sand grades. The Fairfield EWB team suggested ways for UAC-CP and the village residents to strengthen their partnership through better communication, in order to improve year-round maintenance of the filtration system.

The team is also preparing a tutorial of how the filtration system operates, so that future volunteer groups and community leaders will be better prepared to maintain it. 📍

Fairfield Athletics Names 2018 Hall of Fame Class

Five individuals and two teams comprise the Fairfield University Athletic Hall of Fame's 2018 induction class. This year's student-athlete inductees include Colin Kiley '71 (Rugby), Tim Malay '94 (Ice Hockey), Katherine Mann-McCabe '10 (Volleyball), Michael O'Keeffe '13 (Soccer), and Lauren Thomas '04 (Field Hockey).

The two teams being inducted into the Fairfield University

Athletic Hall of Fame in November 2018 for their achievement on the basketball court are: the 1972-73 men's basketball team, for capturing the program's first-ever National Invitational Tournament (NIT) victory, and the 2000-01 women's basketball team, for earning the program's only at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament. 📍

MORE HIGH RANKINGS FOR FAIRFIELD

In addition to the latest *U.S. News* rankings, *The Princeton Review*, *Forbes*, *Time's Money* magazine, and *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*, have all named Fairfield among the best schools in the nation.

- Top 100 Private Universities in the Nation
- Top 10 "Most Transformative Universities"
- Top 10 for "Best Quality of Life"
- Top 20 for "Happiest Students"
- One of the "Colleges That Pay You Back"
- Among *Forbes'* "America's Top Colleges"
- Top 20% by *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* 2019 U.S. College Rankings

Time's Money magazine's annual "Best Colleges for Your Money" ranking places Fairfield among the top 100 private universities in the country.

The Chronicle of Higher Education's list of "Colleges With the Greatest Research-and-Development Spending in the Humanities" ranked Fairfield University #34 among the top 50 private nonprofit institutions including Yale, Harvard, Princeton, MIT, Stanford, University of Chicago, Columbia, Dartmouth, and Georgetown.

For the second consecutive year, Fairfield University placed in the top 5% of all nursing programs in the U.S., by *College Factual's* 2019 Best Nursing Colleges report, rising to #11 out of 519 four-year colleges and universities nationwide.

The Dolan School of Business landed high up on *Time's Money* magazine's list of Best Colleges for Business Majors and was ranked #9 among the top 10 in the U.S. ④

Egan Students Complete Oncology Nursing Fellowship

Three Fairfield students from the Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies were among 33 nationwide to be selected for this year's oncology nursing Flynn Fellows program. Senior nursing students Carissa Corrado '19, Brittany Fasanelli '19, and Emily Etchegary '19, participated in the Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellowship Program at Greenwich and Stamford Hospitals in Connecticut.

In memory of his late wife, Susan, who succumbed to ovarian cancer, Fred Flynn launched the program in 2014. The Egan School was one of the first nursing programs to participate in the fellowship. The highly competitive program selects rising seniors from the top nursing schools in the country with the aim of providing them with comprehensive clinical exposure to oncology nursing and the "best



Emily Etchegary '19, Brittany Fasanelli '19, Fred Flynn, and Carissa Corrado '19.

practices" in compassion.

During the eight-week program at Greenwich and Stamford Hospitals, students shadowed seasoned nurses and served as integral hands-on members of the cancer care team. The program provided students with experience in medical and surgical oncology,

clinical research and trials, chemotherapy, infusion services, radiation therapy, palliative care, hospice services, and patient and family support. At the conclusion of the fellowship, each student completed and presented an evidence-based research project to improve care in an oncology setting. ④

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES 2018-19 FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

Faculty member Dr. Terry-Ann Jones, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to conduct a comprehensive migration study on the public perception, reception, and attitude toward Sub-Saharan African immigrants in South Africa. The 10-month study will begin in January 2019 and will be conducted with The African Center for

Migration and Society at the University of Witwatersrand, Africa's foremost academic establishment for teaching and research on human mobility.

In addition to Dr. Jones, Fairfield alumni Iancu Bica '16 and Timothy Cobau '17 were also among the list of this year's Fulbright scholarship recipients. Bica, a finance and information systems double major, was awarded a Ful-

bright Teaching Fellowship to work as an English teaching assistant in his family's home country of Romania. He also intends to organize professional development opportunities for college students.

Timothy Cobau '17 will be utilizing his Fulbright scholarship to research the rapidly growing financial technology and digital payments industries in Spain. ④

Visionary Living

The sophomore Residential College program is a national model, and now has a new residence hall dedicated to its mission.

BY TESS (BROWN) LONG '07, MFA'11



MARY FRANCES A. H. Malone, PhD, associate vice president for academic affairs, has built her more than 35-year career at Fairfield on her insatiable curiosity for the world, as well as an attention to the small details – elements of taste, beauty, and quality – that are essential to an enhanced learning environment.

It is her reverence for these enchanting details – like her collection of rare silk stamps from Asia that she is pleased to exhibit to *Fairfield University Magazine* after our interview – that enrich all that Dr. Malone has meant to the University community – not withstanding her keen academic insights and vast institutional knowledge.

Dr. Malone will leave a lasting legacy when she retires after the fall semester, especially where Fairfield’s sophomore Residential College program is concerned.

More than a decade ago, Dr. Malone was at the helm of the experimental project to have sophomores living and learning together, guided by Ignatian tradition and paradigm – asking themselves *‘Who Am I?, Whose Am I?, Who Am I Called to Be?’* She was the principal investigator of a grant application for \$2 million to the Lilly Foundation for the seed funds.

“We knew that we wanted a project that would somehow bring together, in a very holistic way, the intellectual and social experience of students,” Dr. Malone explained. “When Lilly gave those grants in three cycles, Fairfield was one of the few institutions that was actually able to take this project and have it endowed in perpetuity.”

The project, which began with a single Ignatian Residential College housed in Loyola Hall about 15 years ago, has now expanded into three Colleges: Ignatian Leadership, in recently opened 42 Langguth Hall; Service for Justice, located in 70 McCormick Hall; and Creative Life, housed in Loyola Hall.

Left: Students studying in the new residence hall, 42 Langguth Hall. (Front) l-r: Alessandra Segundo Salvado ’20 and Julia Farrell ’20. (Back) l-r: Shawn Hall ’20 and Nick Rucco ’20.

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MARY FRANCES A. H. MALONE, PhD



Above: Mary Frances A. H. Malone, PhD, associate vice president for academic affairs, will retire this December after more than 35 years at the University.

Along with linked academic courses, each College offers student-centered programming – retreats, communal dinners, mentorship opportunities, and service projects – designed to develop a strong sense of community, friendship, spirituality, and discernment among sophomores.

Each Residential College has its own lens and distinct set of goals for student residents. The Service for Justice Residential College explores the questions of identity development, positive sense of self, and social responsibility. The Ignatian Leadership Residential

College provides an opportunity for students to examine different dimensions of their lives from a variety of leadership roles inside and outside the classroom. And finally, the Creative Life Residential College guides students to a greater awareness of themselves as creative individuals, while embracing creativity as an essential element of learning and developing one’s worldview.

THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, AS A PART OF THE fall welcome to the Class of 2022, there was a grand opening ceremony for the new, aforementioned residence hall, 42 Langguth Hall, now home to the Ignatian Leadership Residential College program.

Offering all the comforts of home, the 63,169 square-foot facility features a spacious and light-filled atrium facing The Quad, expansive meeting spaces, student lounges, and suite-style living arrangements for more than 200 sophomores.

“This is an extremely exciting time, from an academic perspective, to be focusing on our sophomore Residential College program,” said Mark Ligas, PhD, vice provost for Undergraduate Excellence. “Given the opening of Langguth Hall coupled with bringing all three Residential Colleges together in The Quad, Fairfield continues to highlight the importance and relevance of providing true living and learning experiences.”

“It’s no secret that if you ask anyone involved with the Residential College program, each person believes that we have something unique and special here at Fairfield,” Dr. Ligas added.

Dr. Malone, before she transitions into retirement, offered her hope that the Residential College program will continue to inspire the creative imagination of all engaged in the Jesuit tradition.

“When you unpack what it means to be a modern, Jesuit Catholic University,” Dr. Malone continued. “I think what you’re saying is that the people educated and engaged with this mission are really looking to make systemic differences [in the world], and they have the intellectual and creative talent and training to do it. What Fairfield does and continues to do is exceedingly needed in this fractured world of ours.” **1**



Spiritual Direction

Finding ‘Joy, Sustenance, and a Place in the World’
at the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality

BY JEANNINE (CAROLAN) GRAF '87

HAVING GRADUATED from Fairfield 42 years ago, John Murray '76 returned to campus this past summer as Rev. John Murray, S.J. The past four decades of Fr. Murray's life have been filled with formational experiences and responsibilities within the Society of Jesus – at high schools, universities, provincial offices, and retreat houses – all of which have prepared him well for his new role as assistant director of the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality. In an evolution that perhaps mirrors his own, Fr. Murray said of Fairfield's modern campus, “It has changed radically since I graduated in 1976. It's nearly unrecognizable – in the most positive of ways!”

Grateful alumni are the source of many of Fairfield's transformations – both observable and foundational – including one that directly affects the University's Ignatian mission. Describing his journey through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola as “the most profound experience of my adult life,” University Trustee Bob Murphy '71 recently pledged a \$3.5 million gift to the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality, which was renamed in memory of his parents, Robert J. and Elizabeth K. Murphy, at a dedication ceremony on September 27.

Murphy's endowment ensures that for generations to come, Fairfield University will continue to offer the experience of Ignatian discernment through unique programs of prayer and reflection such as “Encountering

the Living God,” a ten-week personal exploration of spirituality – open to students, faculty and campus staff, and community members – which this semester is currently ministering to 238 people, 59 of them students.

“I don't know of any other Jesuit university where an undergraduate or graduate student can receive 10 weeks of one-on-one weekly spiritual direction,” noted Rev. Denis Donoghue, S.J., associate director of the Murphy Center.

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REV. JOHN MURRAY, S.J., '76

al questioning,” said Fr. Murray, “that it's no surprise they also engage in spiritual questioning: *‘Where do I find my joy? My sustenance? What is my place in the world?’*” Tucked into a quiet corner of campus on the ground level of a storybook stone cottage, he described the Murphy Center as “a wonderful place that's quiet and contemplative and safe for people to come and reflect more deeply on who they are and who they want to be.”

Another unique mission of the Murphy Center is its specific dedication to the training of lay spiritual directors. “As usual,”

remarked Fr. Murray, “the Jesuits are on the cutting edge of trying to be responsive to the 21st century of the Church, which is more and more in need of lay collaboration.”

Reflecting on the fact that he never has a problem matching anyone who seeks spiritual guidance at the Murphy Center with the right director, Fr. Donoghue praised the highly trained, diverse group of lay men and women – both Catholic and non-Catholic – who have completed the Spiritual Direction program, “I really have a lot of faith in them, they're all quality professionals in what they're doing.”

Perhaps the thing that most distinguishes Fairfield's Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality from other Jesuit university ministries is what Rev. Gerald Blaszcak, S.J., director of the Murphy Center and the University's vice president for mission and identity, described as “our very special and collaborative relationship with Bishop Caggiano and the Diocese of Bridgeport.”

Confirmed Fr. Donoghue, “I surveyed all the other Jesuit universities, and none of them had a relationship with their diocese.” In addition to opening the ten-week “Encountering the Living God,” the full-year “Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola,” and the Spiritual Direction Training programs to members of the diocesan community, the Murphy Center also offers Parish Ignatian Pilgrimages that include lectures, discussions, and faith-sharing. “Any time we are interacting with the diocese,” noted Fr. Donoghue, “we are promulgating Jesuit charism by sharing our core values with the greater community.”

For more information about the programs offered by the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality, please visit fairfield.edu/mcis.

Clockwise from top left: Fr. Gerry Blaszcak teaching at the Murphy Center; alumnus Jesuit, Fr. John Murray '76; Fr. John Murray in conversation with students; and Fr. Denis Donoghue meeting with a directee.

THE GAME



PLAN

NEW VISION AND RENEWED VIGOR FOR FAIRFIELD ATHLETICS UNDER A.D. PAUL SCHLICKMANN

BY JOHN TORSIELLO

The Walsh Athletic Center is near the heart of the campus, and it is there – day in and day out – that athletes from all sports can be found when they are not in class: working out, studying, preparing for the next meet or game.

In many ways, the Walsh is a second home for these athletes – and for the coaches, staff, and trainers who keep the operation running.

Everyone at the Athletic Center understands what Stags sports is all about; just as in the classrooms, Fairfield Athletics embraces a ‘values-based, student-centered, outcome-driven’ approach, according to Athletics Director Paul Schlickmann.

The victories on the courts and fields have been mounting, and Fairfield University Athletics has developed a growing national reputation as a school that “does it right,” never sacrificing the highest values of sportsmanship – or commitment to team and teammates – for victories.

In keeping with the University’s overall desire to solidify its core philosophy and take bold steps into the future, Schlickmann, who assumed the Athletics Director position in late summer 2017, recently shepherded a “Vision-Mission” statement through Fairfield University Athletics, based on a year of study and collaboration within the Athletics programs.

LEFT: Paul Schlickmann, Fairfield Athletics Director.

RIGHT: Wassef Methnani '20.

The “Vision” is to reinforce total human development through a distinctly Jesuit championship experience that cultivates the “most prepared and sought after graduates the world.”

The “Mission” is to create “a courageous and compassionate department-wide family culture – dedicated to personal and collective best, continuous improvement, and whole-person development.”

Combined, the “Vision-Mission” statement promises that student-athletes who attend Fairfield will be “built for life.”

The Stags’ “Culture Commitments” are also designed to last: *Stags Compete, Stags Care, Stags Lead, and Stags Grow.*

“What we want is for our student athletes to pursue their personal and collective best, and never quit and never settle,” said Schlickmann, reading from the Culture Commitment statement as he sat in a conference room adjacent to his office on a warm autumn afternoon. “We want to compete on every play, every day – honoring God, the game, teammates, and competitors – with no fear, no limits, and no excuses.”

Schlickmann continued, “If we do this, we know that positive results will happen. If we stay true to our core Jesuit values and

principles, and to our ‘Vision-Mission’ statement, then the wins and titles will take care of themselves.”

It is a fact of life at the NCAA Division I level, that a robust Athletics program takes money. Thus, the renewed culture commitment is being buttressed by enhanced financial resources for Athletics.

During the 2017-18 fiscal year, \$710,000 was committed to new or existing facilities.



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– PAUL SCHLICKMANN, *Athletics Director*



Roughly \$975,000 in new commitments were made to the Athletics Annual Fund, to support the 20 varsity Athletics programs. Slightly over \$2 million was pumped into Athletics scholarships, and \$3.7 million was pledged in new multi-year gifts to either support a varsity program or to be designated for other Athletics priorities. Financial commitments in total were up 100 percent from the previous year, and cash was up 50 percent from 2016-17. These trends are likely to continue.

The path to the Athletics Department’s “Vision-Mission” statement began soon after Schlickmann assumed his leadership role. There were meetings with students and coaches, surveys taken of both groups, and attendance at what Schlickmann good naturedly called “Jesuit boot camp,” where he came to “completely understand and appreciate” the Ignatian values that underscore what Fairfield University is all about – an emphasis on service to others, and the development of the mind, body, and spirit of the individual.

“This is a powerful message – for our student-athletes and for those we recruit to attend Fairfield,” Schlickmann emphasized.

During the development of the “Vision-Mission” statement for Athletics, Schlickmann had a serendipitous meeting with Mary Frances Malone, PhD, associate academic vice president. Dr. Malone told him of Matt Davidson, PhD, president of the Institute for Excellence and Ethics, and his work with schools such as LeMoyne, Drake, and Rutgers, in the development of similar plans for athletic and academic excellence.

“I felt that what we were doing was right in Matt’s wheelhouse,” said Schlickmann. “He is incredibly smart and a true scholar. We set up a conference call and began a process where he came to meet with the Athletics Department’s staff and coaches, as well as our athletes and senior leadership teams. His guidance in this process was invaluable.”

“We believe this resets our culture and further defines who and what we are as a school,” he continued. “It was a long process, but I believe we have something that will



ABOVE LEFT: Men’s Soccer team celebrates 2018 MAAC regular season title. Their Head Coach Carl Rees was named Coach of the Year for the second time.

ABOVE: Lacrosse player Spencer Noonan ’18 in game vs. Yale.

RIGHT: Fueling station signage at the Walsh Athletic Center, which in partnership with Whole Foods, will provide post-workout nutrition for student-athletes.

serve us well and that fits in the course set by President Mark Nemec for Fairfield to be the modern, Jesuit Catholic University.”

Schlickmann referenced Dr. Nemec’s challenge to staff and students to be “unbounded” in their approach to “chart a course” for Fairfield that embraces the school’s long-standing core values, while establishing a “mantra of modern excellence.”

“In regards to Athletics, that means a few things. First and foremost, we endeavor to provide each and every student-athlete with a championship caliber experience in every



LEFT: Kathleen Hulseman '19 and Fairfield Women's Lacrosse celebrate their 2018 MAAC Championship win; and Scott Daly '19.

BELOW: Fairfield Volleyball celebrates its 2017 MAAC Championship win.



aspect of their Fairfield education. I believe we have the opportunity to create a holistic student-athlete development model that is second to none. As we strive for that primary objective, we must be mindful of maximizing Athletics as an integral component of campus culture, and as a vehicle to enhance our spirit and pride among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the surrounding community. If we are successful in achieving these objectives, then we will serve as a driver to enhance our national scope and brand identity."

"There are a lot of growth opportunities in the near future at Fairfield," he continued. "After being immersed in the community and in the culture for a year, I believe that now, more than ever. There is truly no better time to be a Stag, and we have an opportunity to create something special with our Athletics program. Ultimately, our success will be a by-product of our cultural commitment to shared values, a focus on our common purpose, and an unyielding desire to improve and achieve." 📍



A WINNING SEASON

IN THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR ALONE, Fairfield won Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships in men's soccer, women's lacrosse, volleyball, women's swimming and diving, and field hockey. The Stags also advanced to NCAA tournament play in a number of sports, and volleyball standout Megan Theiller '18 was named the 2018 MAAC Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

Here are some astounding numbers: 88 percent of Fairfield University student-athletes posted a 3.0 GPA or higher in one or both semesters in 2017-18, and 50 percent of student-athletes were on the Dean's List (3.5 GPA or higher) for the year. 31 student-athletes had a 4.0 semester GPA in either fall 2017 or spring 2018, including nine who earned a 4.0 in both semesters. 154 Stags were MAAC All-Academic Team honorees, three student-athletes were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and the school received seven NCAA public recognition awards for attaining perfect 1,000 APR scores. This is certainly a record any college or university would be proud to hold up to the world. 📍



IMAGINING THE COAST

*Fairfield's Humanities
Institute Holds a
Public Symposium
on Our Relationship
with the Sea*

BY ALISTAIR HIGHET

If you were to walk into the Starr Burying Ground Cemetery in Groton, Conn., you would come across the memorials of six Inuit – men, women, and children. Among them are memorials for an Inuit couple – “Hannah” and “Joe,” or Ipiirviq and Taqulittiq – from Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic. The fate of these native people was entwined with the Groton-based whaling industry, back when hunting ships sailed from Connecticut to the Arctic.

The Inuit served as Arctic guides and translators to the whalers, and in the case of “Hannah” and “Joe,” they came to Connecticut having assisted the Groton-based explorer Charles Francis Hall in his search for what had become of the Franklin expedition of 1845 – a famously doomed attempt to find the Northwest Passage in which all hands were lost. “Hannah” and “Joe” were briefly displayed as human curiosities by Bridgeport’s PT Barnum in 1863, in between their travels from Connecticut to the North.

“Hannah,” who also once traveled to Britain to meet with Queen Victoria, died in Groton in 1876 at the age of 38. There is a space on her stone in Groton to record the death of her husband “Joe,” but his grave is empty. He returned to the Arctic after the death of his wife and died on an unknown date in the Kivalliq Region.

This story of “Hannah” and “Joe,” as told by Penn State University Professor Hester Blum, PhD, was one of more than 20 presentations offered during “Imagining the Coast: A Public Symposium on the Humanities and the Sea,” hosted by Fairfield University’s Humanities Institute at Mystic Seaport in September.

John Frederick Kensett,
(American, 1816-1872)
Coast Scene with Figures
(*Beverly Shore*), 1869
Wadsworth Atheneum
Museum of Art,
Hartford, Conn.





The papers explored a dimension of our economic, cultural, and ecological interdependence on the sea. In many cases the stories they told – like that of “Hannah” and “Joe” – exposed the often forgotten or disavowed stories of our antagonism with the sea – how it undermines our effort to master it, and how the sea has created strange bedfellows across cultures as we have followed the trade winds and made our homes wherever the tides have taken us.

“We learn a great deal about human history, society, and experience when we put water rather than land at the center of the conversation,” said Nels Pearson, PhD, professor of English and the director of the Humanities Institute. The Institute, founded in 1984 through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports

the humanistic disciplines, funding faculty and student research as well as public programming in the humanities.

“Land leads us to think about nations and borders, the urban and rural, as the governing units of history, while water requires us to think about the mobility, migration, and exchange that created our modern world,” Dr. Pearson continued.

It was protected harbors like New Haven, Bridgeport, and New London that were particularly valuable to the New World settlers in Connecticut.

The land itself was geologically well-suited to timber and livestock, while the Sound provided good fishing, and thus the native peoples were pushed aside as the Sound became the major artery for the

growth of the colonies.

By the time of the American Revolution in 1775, the native peoples had been pushed into 30,000 acres of territory. One way that these native communities adapted was to find work in shipbuilding, whaling, and fishing. Many of them became global mariners themselves, said Jason R Mancini, PhD, executive director of the Connecticut Humanities Council, in his presentation at the conference.

Also pulled into the sweeping seafaring economy of New England were people of African origin. Enslaved Africans became skilled craftspeople – rope, rum, candle and barrel makers, carpenters, stone masons and boat builders. Because “maritime industry was a meritocracy” said Keith Stokes of the 1696 Heritage Group, crews for ships were hired for what they could do, not by their



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race. And so the sea became a significant occupation for free and enslaved African heritage men in the 18th and 19th centuries. Their trades gave them a measure of status, as well as an escape route from slavery for those who could hide “in plain sight” in places like New Bedford, Newport, and Providence, where they could live relatively free lives.

One of the themes of the symposium was the intersection of European colonists with the oceanographic realities of the New World – epitomized forcefully in the phenomenon of the hurricane, argued Steve Mentz, PhD, of St. John’s University.

“Storms happen all over the globe, but the Atlantic hurricane system is distinctive,” he said. Hurricanes form off the African coast and gather force from the tropical waters, rotating counter clockwise with increasing force before landfall, between July and October. For the Europeans arriving in the 17th century, the hurricane was so awesome they had no proper language for it. The word ‘hurricane’ comes from a Taino indigenous language through the Spanish – and the hurricane itself came to symbolize the wildness

of this New World.

After one of the ships trying to resupply Jamestown in 1609 was wrecked off Bermuda, the survivors lived for nine months on the island before making it to the mainland in makeshift boats. “What shall I say,” wrote the memoirist William Strachey, “Winds and seas were as mad, as fury and rage could make them.” Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*, first performed in 1611, drew description and inspiration from this terrible, new kind of storm.

To speak now of the sea is to be aware of the ecological implications of how we engage with it. John Brannigan, PhD, of University College Dublin, presented on the environmental impact of two nuclear plants that are located on the coast – Sellafield, on the British Cumbrian coast across from Ireland, and Millstone, in Waterford, Connecticut.

Sellafield has been linked to a host of health and environmental problems over the years and is currently being decommissioned. What Sellafield and Millstone share



From upper left:
Antonio Jacobsen (American, born in Denmark, 1850-1921) *The Ship George Hurlbut*, 1915, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Conn;
Nels Pearson, PhD, director of the Humanities Institute, at the Mystic, Conn. harbor; and Rockwell Kent (American, 1882-1971), Illustration for *Moby Dick*, Chapter CXXXV (*Whaleboat and Crew Tossed into the Sea*), c. 1929 Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Conn.

Top 50 nonprofit private “Colleges with the Greatest Research-and-Development Spending in the Humanities”

– *The Chronicle of Higher Education* ranked Fairfield University #34 among top 50 private nonprofit institutions.



are histories of communities tied to the sea for their livelihood, and a legacy now of hosting nuclear contamination for the foreseeable future.

Closer to home and on a more modest scale is the town of Fairfield itself. A presentation by Elizabeth Rose of the Fairfield Museum highlighted how Southport, Westport, and Black Rock were used to transport produce from Connecticut into New York. Their salt marshes were drained to allow development, so that now only 70 acres of the original 1,100 acres of salt marsh remain.

By 1890, the beach itself had become an attraction – bathing was healthy apparently – and the first beach houses and cottages began to appear. All of this was accompanied by beach and resource management efforts.

The preservation of the beach is an ongoing work of restoration, and as the effects of Superstorm Sandy in 2012 can attest – with floodwaters overcoming the barrier beaches

and flooding the neighboring houses – the hurricanes that were a shock to the first settlers from the New World continue to overwhelm us.

“With rising sea levels,” Rose said, “Fairfield is at risk of more frequent and heaving flooding. The town’s vulnerabilities include the homes closest to the shoreline.”

“Without a doubt, this kind of programming is essential for Fairfield to engage in,” said Dr. Pearson of the symposium. “Any university that seeks to be a respected voice in its society must draw upon and emphasize the critical perspectives... that the intellectual and creative richness of the humanistic disciplines bring to bear on the issues confronting our world.”





Clockwise, from upper left:
The Tarlton Family on Fairfield Beach, 1914, courtesy Fairfield Museum;
Frederick Stiles Jewett (American, 1819-1864) *Seaside View*, 1858, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Conn.; *The 1938 Hurricane in Fairfield*, courtesy Fairfield Museum; *Walking Around in Fairfield after the 1953 Hurricane*, courtesy Fairfield Museum; and Fairfield Beach postcard, circa 1932.



Civil Servants

Fairfield's Master of Public Administration is molding the nonprofit and governmental leaders of the future.

BY AUDRA BOUFFARD

It's been said that great leaders don't set out to become leaders. They simply set out to make a difference.

For the past five years, Fairfield University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program has specialized in cultivating this unique brand of leader – nonprofit and government professionals equipped with the skills and experience to lead with integrity and a fierce resolve.

“The nature of public administration is selfless. It's about putting the needs of others before your own,” said assistant politics and MPA professor Gayle Alberda, PhD. “At Fairfield, we educate our MPA students to lead heroically, to create change without compromising values, and to work for the cause, not the applause.”

In only a short period of time, the impact of the relatively new program has been felt very quickly, with growing enrollment and a renewed level of political and cultural debate taking place on campus, both directly and indirectly driven by the program. Just this fall, the University hosted two

LEFT: Assistant Politics Professor Gayle Alberda, PhD, and MPA Program Director Mark LeClair, PhD, continue to raise the profile of Fairfield's MPA program while establishing the University's reputation as a leading voice in state and local politics.



LEFT: ABC commentator and former N.J. Governor Chris Christie spoke at the Quick Center on November 7.

BELOW: Connecticut gubernatorial candidates (l-r) Tim Herbst, Steve Obsitnik, Bob Stefanowski, and David Sterman participated in a Republican debate on campus in August 2018.

high profile debates between Republican gubernatorial contestants during the primary season, and on Nov. 7, former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie came to Fairfield's Open VISIONS Forum to discuss the national and state implications of the midterm elections.

"We are really excited to be able to offer this type of platform for political discussion, intergovernmental collaboration, and community engagement," said Mark LeClair, PhD, economic professor and director of the MPA program. "Democracy works when we can gather as a collective – Republican, Democrat, elected official, citizen – and exchange ideas, ask tough questions, and most importantly, listen."

Launched in the fall of 2013 under Dr. LeClair's leadership, Fairfield's MPA program offers a unique mix of theoretical and practical training for professionals interested in pursuing leadership positions within the nonprofit and public sectors. Students chose from one of three tracks available in nonprofit management, city and state government, and the newly approved public healthcare management track, and combine their studies with organizational theory and experiential practices to advance their careers in public service.

"There are a lot of theoretical MPA programs out there, but one of the things that makes Fairfield's program unique is that it is very much skills-based," Dr. LeClair said. "We offer courses in grant writing, project management, and research methods – skills nonprofits want to see in their leadership and that give our students a competitive edge."

Unlike many MPA faculties, which Dr. LeClair describes as being "stuck together with glue and tape," Fairfield's faculty members are not only full-time professors, but seasoned professionals with more than 40 years of combined experience serving in both the public and nonprofit sectors. Dr. LeClair himself has served three elected terms on Trumbull's Town Council, while faculty member Tom Sobocinski is a principal grant writer at CT Grants, and Dr. Alberda's work in the political arena has included lobbying, party, and campaign experience.

"By bringing our professional experiences into the classroom, we offer students real world examples of public administration challenges that they can apply theories to and see how they work," Dr. Alberda explained. "And as professionals, we come with a built-in network. So when our students are job searching or looking for internships, we have the capability to connect them with something they're passionate about by using our personal contacts."

One of the ways the program does just that is by engaging students in valuable networking opportunities like the University's annual MPA Summit, a yearly public forum that brings together members of the community with business leaders, economists, and elected officials to participate in a constructive dialogue about public administration challenges directly affecting the community. Discussions have ranged from the state's budget crisis to the economic impact of General Electric's move to Massachusetts.

"The greatest value of the MPA Summit is the pre-event networking reception," Dr. Alberda said. "Students gain access to some of the most influential names in local public administration and as result, many of our students graduate with the advantage of having a full network of contacts already in place."



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GAYLE ALBERDA, PhD, *Assistant Politics and MPA Professor*

While the primary goal of Fairfield’s MPA program is to develop the next generation of leaders in public administration, it has simultaneously positioned the University as a leading voice on critical issues affecting state and local politics.

In the fall of 2017, Dr. Alberda spearheaded an initiative to establish Fairfield University as the home of Connecticut’s first and only chapter of “Ready to Run,” a national network of nonpartisan campaign-training programs dedicated to getting more women elected to public office. The annual conference employs the expertise of campaign strategists and elected officials, like kick-off speaker and former Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell, to advance women’s political aspirations and equip them with the tools to effectively pursue leadership positions in state and local government.

“Ready to Run addresses both the historic and contemporary underrepresentation of women in American politics by getting more women on the campaign trail and teaching them to become activists for their community,” Dr. Alberda said. “Our presenters have decades of experience under their belts, and we are excited to provide our participants with successful strategies to make a difference in

their local government.”

Ready to Run is just a start. This past summer, the University partnered with WICC 600, Connecticut Public Radio, and the *Connecticut Mirror* to host two, high-profile gubernatorial debates in advance of the state’s primary election, and later welcomed former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie to present a post-Election Day wrap-up and analysis of the high-stakes U.S. midterms on campus at the Quick Center for the Arts.


“The debates brought the University a lot of visibility this year and have essentially established our reputation as the place to go for state and local politics,” Dr. LeClair reflected.

As a result of that reputation, Fairfield’s MPA program applications have increased by 50 percent over the past year, and enrollment numbers have nearly quadrupled since the program’s launch in 2013. And according to Dr. LeClair, both prospective and current students couldn’t have picked a better time to pursue their degree.

“As resources become tighter in Washington, nonprofits are going to be expected to pick up the slack, creating a greater demand for public administrators on both a state and national level,” he said.

In the past year alone, Fairfield’s MPA program has experienced a tremendous amount of growth, including the addition of a third track in public healthcare management, and the launch of a nonprofit management graduate certificate program for working professionals.

As for the future of the program, administrators are already in the process of developing new tracks in cybersecurity as well as emergency management and preparedness. The program’s four-plus-one option, which offers undergraduate students an accelerated pathway to earn their MPA within a year of finishing their bachelor’s degree, is also being expanded.

“Fairfield’s MPA program is at the point where it’s moving out of its infancy and establishing itself as a leader in public administration,” Dr. Alberda said. “When our students graduate, we want them to be familiar with the current challenges public administrators are facing and make sure they are equipped with the skills and competencies to tackle those challenges head on. That’s the beauty of our program. We don’t just graduate you and put you through the program, we mentor you for success beyond the classroom.” 



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KATHERINE GILLETTE '15

While a student at Fairfield, Katherine Gillette '15 took the opportunity to study abroad during a winter intersession in Italy. The trip, led by Philip Eliasoph, PhD, professor of visual and performing arts, and his wife Yael Eliasoph, instructor of Italian at Fairfield, was “truly an amazing experience” for Gillette where she felt like she was “walking through an art history textbook.”

Gillette, an art history major, recalls many details from her journey to Florence and Rome, but specifically she remembers the joy and mystery of experiencing the work of Renaissance masters in person.

“Fairfield taught me how to step out of my comfort zone,” Gillette said. “I was challenged academically, learned to balance my studies and activities, explored my spirituality, and gained many valuable connections among peers, faculty, and alumni.”

Three years after graduation, Gillette has been busy building her career, starting out in the marketing department at First Republic Bank and now in higher education as a leadership gifts officer at Cardozo Law School in New York City. Now a N.J. resident who still frequents museums, Gillette currently serves as president for the Manhattan regional chapter of

the Fairfield University Alumni Association.

“I find it rewarding to assist in creating and producing opportunities for alumni to reconnect, network, and engage,” Gillette said, having recently assumed the two-year volunteer role that includes monthly conference calls, planning events, and regularly reporting to the Alumni Association Board.

Gillette, a legacy alumna of the University who fell in love with the town of Fairfield after her first tour, said that the most important thing alumni can do is stay connected.

“Even though we may be far from campus, the Alumni Association is not geographically restricted,” Gillette said. “We have strong networks of outstanding alumni who are proud to call themselves Stags, and you never know who might help you with a connection, a



“I give back because it’s my way of saying ‘thank you’ for all that Fairfield gave me,” Gillette continued. “As young alumni we have student loans or are in grad school or are just starting out and that can be a sensitive time. But, alumni need to keep in touch regardless.”

job opportunity, or a business partnership. It’s a small world, and we are continuing to make our mark.”

On giving back to the University through the Fairfield Fund, Gillette said it’s important to her to show support as an alumna so Fairfield can continue to grow and to equip current and future students with the tools and resources to succeed.

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that Fairfield gave me,” Gillette continued. “As young alumni we have student loans or are in grad school or are just starting out and that can be a sensitive time. But, alumni need to keep in touch regardless.”

“Share the passion and help support each other,” Gillette said in regards to challenging the participation of young alumni. “Help us improve. Propel and excel... any donation will help us to do that.”

Grants & Gifts

A Selection of Grants and Gifts Received from Private and Public Foundations, Corporations, and Individuals

College of Arts & Sciences

The National Science Foundation

(NSF) has awarded the School of Natural and Behavioral Sciences and Mathematics, within the College of Arts and Sciences, more than \$450,000 in research funding. Professors Angela Biselli, PhD, and John Miecznikowski, PhD, will each spearhead new initiatives to engage undergraduate students in cutting-edge research experiences in the fields of chemistry, biochemistry, and physics.

Physics professor Dr. Biselli was recently awarded a \$148,413 grant for a three-year research study on the fundamental structure of protons and neutrons. The study, which will be conducted in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Virginia, will examine how quarks, the sub-particles of protons and neutrons, directly affect the particles' macroscopic properties.

Throughout the study, Dr. Biselli will travel to Jefferson Lab, where she and her fellow researchers will take shifts running experiments and analyzing findings that will impact scientists' fundamental knowledge of what matter is made of.

"I am deeply honored to receive this grant and am happy I can share this opportunity to conduct research in a nuclear physics lab with our undergraduate students," Dr. Biselli said. "Not all undergraduate institutions can offer this type of research to their students, and the skill sets they gain will be very valuable for any science or technology related job they have in the future."

Associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry John Miecznikowski, PhD, with the support of his colleagues Matthew Kubasik, PhD, Jillian Smith-Carpenter, PhD, Aaron Van Dyke, PhD, and Lawrence K. Steffen, PhD, received a \$306,950 Major

Research Instrumentation grant from the NSF to acquire a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer for the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

One of the most powerful tools available to chemists carrying out frontier research, the NMR spectrometer will be used by Fairfield chemistry and biochemistry faculty and students to identify unknown substances, characterize the arrangements of atoms within molecules, and study the dynamics of interactions between molecules in solution. The ability to carry out these experiments is essential to the study of biologically relevant species, as well as research studies that require the acceleration of chemical reactions.

H.W. Wilson Foundation has awarded \$50,000 to Fairfield University in support of a Veteran's Scholarship Fund to support the education of five veteran students in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Lawrence I. & Blanche H. Rhodes Memorial Fund has renewed its support of the Mathematics Department, with a \$3,500 scholarship for a student in financial need.

Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing & Health Studies

The Health Resources Services

Administration has given \$51,394 in support of the Nurse Anesthetics Traineeship Program led by Nancy Moriber, PhD, CRNA, to provide educational support for eligible Fairfield University and Bridgeport Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program students through financial assistance. This assistance will help support the full-time status of nurse anesthesia students and allow them to enroll,

participate, progress, and successfully graduate from the Egan School graduate program. Through the partnership with Bridgeport Anesthesia Associates and Bridgeport Hospital, students have the opportunity to serve in workforce areas with populations that are medically underserved and classified as low-income population zones.

The Southwestern CT Agency on Aging has given \$15,956 in support of *A Matter of Balance* ©, an evidence-based program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among community-dwelling seniors. The program will be given at 12 community-partner sites to 10-12 participants at each site; three programs will be given in Spanish. 24 nursing students will be trained as program coaches and six Spanish majors will be trained as coaches and interpreters. Outreach will be targeted toward seniors of greatest social and economic need, particularly those in Bridgeport. One faculty member and one Spanish-speaking community member will be educated as master trainers.

The C.R. Bard Foundation has given \$25,000 to support the C. R. Bard Nursing Scholars Initiative, which provides financial assistance for nursing students, enabling them to reach their greatest potential as they acquire the knowledge and skills that will shape the future of healthcare in sustainable ways.

The CVS Health Foundation has awarded a \$3,000 scholarship for a student in financial need.

Charles F. Dolan School of Business

The Smith Richardson Foundation has awarded \$20,000 to Fairfield University in support of Bloomberg Terminals in the B.E.S.T (Business Education Simulation and Trading) Classroom, enabling students to

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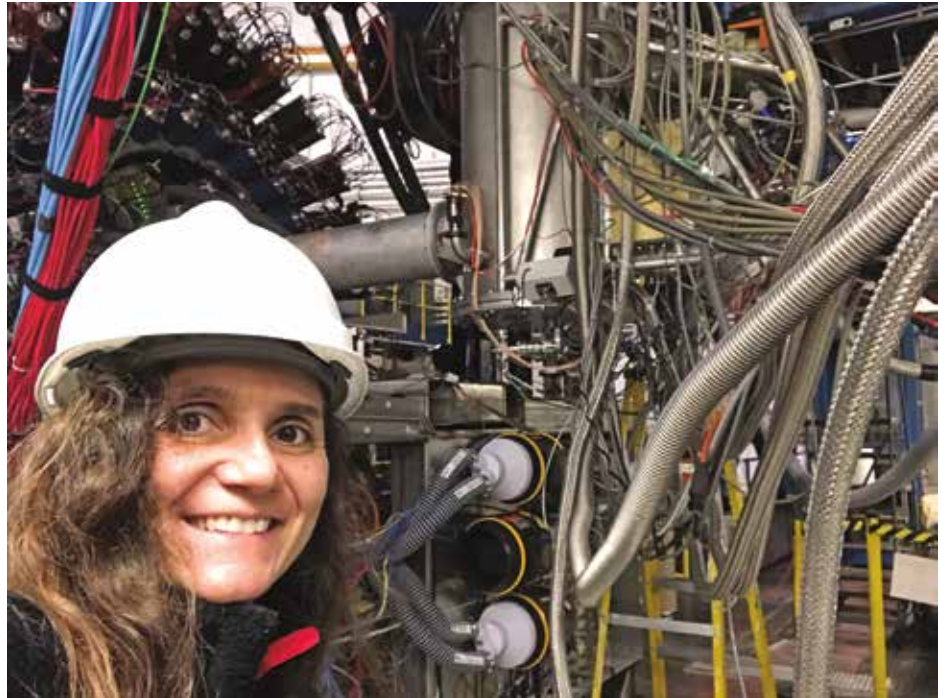
— ANGELA BISELLI, PhD, *Professor of Physics*

stay current in the area of finance.

Symmetry Partners, co-founded by Patrick Sweeny '83, made a gift of \$10,000 to the Finance Department in support of academic programming.

School of Engineering

The Earl W. and Hildagunda A. Brinkman Private Charitable Foundation has renewed its generous support of the School of Engineering with a \$75,000 grant that will further the cutting-edge research of Sriharsha Sundarram, PhD; guarantee student involvement in the Baja Buggy design competition; and provide necessary equipment for both the “Statics-Dynamics-Strength of Materials” course and the robotics laboratory.



Angela Biselli, PhD, wears a hard hat in the experimental hall at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Virginia.

The Arts

The **Daniel Edward Offutt III Private Foundation Trust** awarded \$215,000 in support of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Performing Arts 2018-19 season, ensuring that our students and patrons continue to experience world-class cultural programming.

The Robert & Mercedes Eichholz Foundation has renewed its support of the Fairfield University Art Museum with a \$10,000 grant towards the museum's 2018-19 exhibition programming and arts education initiatives for children and youth.

Scholarships

The Morrison Family Foundation, at the recommendation of Katherine Morrison '90, and James '93 and Jennifer (Lipari '97) Morrison, made a \$20,000 gift in support of the Fairfield Fund. Their contribution will

go towards scholarships to benefit students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

The Wade Family Foundation gave a generous \$250,000 grant in support of the James and Margaret '86 Wade Scholarship, which enables students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds to benefit from a Fairfield University education.

Graduate School of Education & Allied Professions

The Connecticut Writing Project (CWP) has given \$20,250 in support of the Fairfield University chapter led by Bryan Ripley Crandall, PhD. The CWP at Fairfield University is a member of the CWP³ - a trio of National Writing Project (NWP) sites in

Connecticut, which promote and enhance literacy instruction in K-16 classrooms. CWP-Fairfield provides professional development in schools, hosts writing workshops for youth, and offers summer institutes for building teacher leadership. Each site works in partnership with area school districts to offer high-quality professional development programs for educators. NWP continues to add new sites each year, with the goal of placing a writing project site within reach of every teacher in America. ①

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1970

'76 | **James P. Vail**, a lifelong Catholic with 40 years' experience in Catholic education, has been appointed the first president of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Penn. The announcement was made June 18 by Fr. Edward J. Quinlan, Diocesan Secretary for Education, and the Board of Directors and Pastoral Members of Bishop McDevitt.

'77 | **Tim Finnegan** founded Aisling Executive Coaching Ltd. in 2018, following 40 years' experience with AT&T and Deloitte in sales, operations, marketing management, and leadership development. Finnegan was also the keynote speaker at the Dolan School of Business' 40th Annual Student and Faculty Recognition Ceremony this past spring. In recognition of his professional achievement, Finnegan was selected for honorary membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for collegiate schools of business, Fairfield University chapter.

'78 | **Maureen Griffin** won the titles of Ms. New York Senior America and Ms. N.Y. Congeniality Senior America 2018 at a pageant held in The Madison Theatre at Molloy College on July 29th. She will represent the State of New York at the Senior America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. this fall. This win occurred on the eve of the release of Griffin's third album of original biker songs (her fourth album to date). Griffin's three albums of original biker songs are based on her experiences riding her motorcycle around the U.S.A. (She was the first biker to ever enter the pageant.) Her prior albums are



KIMBERLY (CZARNECKI) '06, MBA'16 AND MARK KREMHELLER '11, MS'12 were married on June 16, 2018 at the Stamford Yacht Club in Stamford, Conn. They had 30 Stags in attendance, spanning the Classes of 1980 to 2013.

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Biker Girl and *XOXO*, as well as an album of old-time Gospel favorites, *How Can I Keep from Singing*.

1980

'80 | **Pierre Georges Bonnefil, MA'82** has joined Duane Morris LLP's New York office as partner in the firm's employment, labor, benefits, and immigration practice group. He was most recently a partner at Epstein Becker & Green in New York.

'81 | **Allen Berman**, an expert in medieval and world coins, recently concluded teaching a course on Papal Coins and Medals as a guest instructor for the American

Numismatic Association (ANA) in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Congressionally chartered ANA is the world's largest organization devoted to the study of coins and related artifacts.

'83 | **Richard P. Zipoli Jr.** was recently awarded the 2018 Connecticut State Universities Board of Regents Systems-Wide Teaching Award. He is an associate professor and clinical instructor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Southern Connecticut State University.

'87 | **Mary (Field) Fricke** is teaching business writing courses as an adjunct faculty member at Southern Connecticut State University.

1990

'99 | **Nichole (Mancone) Fisher** has recently accepted the position of University Registrar at UT Arlington.

2000

'00 | **James M. Chesbro MA '04, MFA '11**, an English teacher at Fairfield Prep, has written a debut collection, *A Lion in the Snow: Essays on a Father's Journey Home*. Released this year on October 1, the book is published by Woodhall Press, which was founded by three Fairfield University MFA graduates.

'01 | **Jason Cisneros-Steinert** obtained his PhD in industrial organizational psychology from Florida International University in 2015.

'02 | **William Chin** was recently appointed to the national committee of Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society). He will serve on the Unit, Chapter, and Lodge Support subcommittee, with focus in the Inductions and Ceremonies area.

'04 | **Keith A. Maczkiewicz** became Rev. Keith A. Maczkiewicz, S.J., on June 9, 2018, one of six East Coast Jesuit ordinands.

'05 | **Ryan Magner** has joined CSC Leasing Company, a Virginia-based company that provides equipment and technology options, as a regional director for the company's Northeast expansion.

'06 | **Brian Douglas** published his first children's book in a series entitled, *The Marbleheads*. It is about his sister who was born with severe cerebral palsy. The book's adorable

JAMES BURNS '07

Taking the Scenic Route: From Theatre Fairfield to Broadway's *Hamilton*

BY JOHN TORSIELLO

JAMES BURNS '07 HAD BEEN active in theater since the third grade, when he was cast as Noah in his school's production of *A Technicolor Promise*. But by the time he arrived as a first-year student at Fairfield University, he'd decided that he preferred to be backstage rather than in front of an audience. His decision paid off.

It was at Fairfield that Burns, 33, received the initial direction and guidance he needed to attain his present career as an associate at the acclaimed firm of David Korins Design in New York City.

"I was fortunate to be part of a very talented cohort during the time I was involved in Theatre Fairfield – both in terms of faculty and students, Burns said. "My stagecraft professor, Susan Haggstrom, took so much

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joy in building sets for student productions at Fairfield, and all the faculty members I came into contact with were willing to stretch themselves to better educate us."

Burns conceded that he chose to enroll at Fairfield "mostly because my sister (Elizabeth Burns '05) attended," adding, "I didn't really know what I wanted to study going in, but I liked Fairfield's size and Jesuit background."

After he received his BA from Fairfield with a theater and German double major, Burns worked as a stage technician at the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts for several years, and designed sets on the side.

He eventually decided to pursue his master of fine arts in scenic design at the North Carolina School of the Arts, and received his degree in 2012. He joined David Korins Design in 2014.

David Korins Design, founded in 2004, is a multidisciplinary design and experience firm that specializes in creating spectacularly detailed, 360-degree worlds. The 2007 Fairfield graduate has worked with Korins on Broadway and Off-Broadway shows, on hospitality projects, and on numerous other events and experiences.

David Korins Design contrived the tech-heavy set for the Broadway hit *Dear Evan Hansen*, the playhouse for *The Pee-Wee Herman Show*'s stage run, and the complicated maze that comprised the television set for *Grease: Live*.

The company has done concert sets for everyone from Kanye West to Mariah Carey. However, David Korins Design's most noted work – and what Korins personally hangs his hat on – is the set for one of the most successful musicals of all time, *Hamilton*. The Tony Award-winning show has played to sellout crowds in New York City, Chicago, and London, since it opened three years ago.

"I unfortunately didn't have much involvement in the original production, though I did build the staircase for the scale set model," Burns related. He did later work on the set for the touring version that opened in San Francisco in 2017.

Through work, Burns remains immersed in all things *Hamilton*. He is currently working on The Hamilton Exhibition, scheduled to open in Chicago in the spring of 2019. "It's a historical exhibition, exploring early American history through the lens of Alexander Hamilton, using narration by Lin Manuel Miranda and music from the show."

Burns described working on *Love U, Teresa* with Korins as his "most exotic" undertaking since joining the design firm. The play pays musical homage to Taiwanese pop star Teresa Tang, who passed away in 1995 but



James Burns '07 (left) and his wife Anna (Stabile) Burns '07, MBA'10 and their daughters Juliette (standing) and Arianna in Times Square.

remains one of the most popular Asian musical artists of all time. For *Love U, Teresa*, "The producer wanted a Western staff to apply the Broadway treatment to a Chinese story, a Chinese musical," said Burns. "It was a jukebox musical on steroids. We had to do a lot of research about China's history in the last 30 years, and how it affected everyday people."

Burns, who lives in Westchester, N.Y. with his wife Anna (Stabile)'07, MBA'10, and the couple's two daughters, predicts that Broadway will see a resurgence of original works. "That might be hopeful," he admitted, "but shows like *Hamilton* and *Dear Evan Hansen* demonstrate that a good story does not need to be released in movie theaters before it can make it on Broadway."

While Fairfield is in his past, Burns' connections with the University remain strong. 15 years after first setting foot on campus as a student, "I still keep in touch with the group of friends I met in Campion during my freshman year." **F**

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cartoon characters deliver the ultimate message that we are all perfect and beautiful in our very own ways. You can purchase the book on amazon.com by visiting the website, Themarbleheads.com.

'07 | **Melissa Landin, DMD**, recently joined Fairfield Orthodontic Associates, which is located in Fairfield, Conn. Primarily serving the communities of Fairfield, Westport, Easton, and Weston, Fairfield Orthodontic Associates has patients from throughout Fairfield County.

2010

'10 | **Caitlin (Scully) Ciallella** obtained her doctor of nursing practice degree in August 2018 from Columbia University School of Nursing, from which she also received her MSN with a specialty in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in February 2017. She is employed by Cardiothoracic Surgery at Westchester Medical Center.

Michelle (Morrison) Mattelson has been working for IBM in corporate communications. Recently, she worked on an international pro bono consulting project through IBM's Corporate Service Corps leadership development program. Corporate Service Corps is inspired by the Peace Corps, and deploys global teams of IBM's top talent to work with governments, non-profit organizations, and others to help solve tough problems in developing economies.

Julia Schuble received her master's degree in public policy from the University of Maryland, College Park in May of 2018. Her specialization was International Security and Economic Policy.

'12 | **Gregory Burke** is moving to Durham, North Carolina to begin a PhD in accounting at Duke's Fuqua School of Business.

'17 | **Christian T. Tucci** and his company Cinematic Aerospace recently completed the first commercial drone flight at JFK Airport, a mission for which he also functioned as the pilot.

Marriages

Nichole (Mancone) '99 and Phillip Fisher – Oct. 28, 2017.

Melissa Savage and **Michael Barber '05** – July 6, 2018.

Christie George '06 and Eric Windyka – May 5, 2018.

Lauren O'Hara '09 and **Joshua Jasinski '09** – Oct. 28, 2017.

Kelly O'Mealia '10 and William Donovan – Sept. 15, 2018.

Colleen Banks '11 and **Stephen McManus '11, MS'12** – July 28, 2018.

Emily (Fiorey) '11 and **Gregory Boornazian '11** – May 19, 2018.

Laura Galasso '11 and John Amico – Oct. 28, 2017.

Julia Telfer and **John O'Hara '11** – Sept. 7, 2018.

Alyssa Amarain '12 and **James Jessup '10** – July 21, 2018.

Emily Barrett '12 and **Mathew Bleam '07** – Sept. 1, 2018.

Kimberly Conrad '12 and **John Rocco '12** – Aug. 4, 2018.

Tara Hall '12, FNP'18 and **Samuel Robertson '12** – Sept. 8, 2018.

Jaclyn Lionetta '12 and **Andrew Cardone '12** – Sept. 15, 2018.

Bridgette Sliva '12 and Michael Christensen – Aug. 11, 2018.

SHARE YOUR NEWS



GRACE (MICELI) '09, MS'10 AND **JOSEPH FLANAGAN '09** welcomed daughter **Angelina Vincenza** on July 30, 2018.

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Remy Totten '12 and **Corie Hutter '12** – July 14, 2018.

Diane Carter '13 and John Paul Rinfret – Sept. 29, 2018.

Nicole (Milewski) '13 and **Stephen Walden '11** – Sept. 8, 2018.

Liz DiMartino and **Tommy Ponte '13** – July 7, 2018.

Laura Vetra '13, MS'14 and **Joseph Patalano '15** – Aug. 18, 2018.

Gabriel Carino '14 and **Rosa Fodera '16** – July 20, 2018.

Margaret Osmulski '14 and **Ryan Krebs '13** – July 14, 2018.

Rachel Schmid '14 and John Erickson – June 30, 2018.

Hannah Tanguay '14 and **Sean Dunphy '14** – Sept. 8, 2018.

Births

Meredith (Grant) '96 and Brendan Reynolds, son – Thomas Grant, April 26, 2017.

Gail Davidson '99, daughter – Harper Caroline, Oct. 28, 2017.

Lea (Raymond) '99 and Brian Welch, son – Anthony Reginal, March 6, 2018.

Kristin and **William Chin '02**, son – Luke Christopher, June 5, 2018.

Courtney (Baker) '03 and **Rick Briamonte '03, MBA'04**, son – Matthew, Dec. 4, 2017.

Ali and **Brian Ceglarski '06**, son – Charles "Charlie" Thurston, Sept. 3, 2018.

Grace (Miceli) '09, MS'10 and **Joseph Flanagan '09**, daughter – Angelina Vincenza, July 30, 2018.

Tricia (Moriarty) '10 and **Frank Pizzo '10**, daughter – Grace Harper, Aug. 1, 2018.

Alexandria (Hein) '11 and Anthony Sillo, daughter – Abigail Elizabeth, Dec. 19, 2017.

In Memoriam

Ralph J. Money Jr. '51, MA'57, CAS'61 – July 1, 2018

Christopher S. Barrett '53 – Aug. 20, 2018

Walter J. Zackrison '54 – July 29, 2018

Jose E. Gonzalez '59 – Sept. 13, 2018

Richard P. Boivin '60 – July 10, 2018

Francis L. Gybowski '60 – June 18, 2018

Gerard M. O'Leary '60 – July 5, 2018
Rev. William Scully '61 – July 15, 2018
Paul J. Maher '62 – July 1, 2018
John R. (Jack) Morrison '62 – Sept. 11, 2018
Bernardino M. (Ben) Nero '62 – July 27, 2018
John J. Corridon '63 – June 23, 2018
Robert T. Hannon '63 – June 28, 2018
Edward Luchansky '63 – Sept. 3, 2018
Gary D. Hotte B.E.I.'66 – July 20, 2018
James F. Leary Jr. '66 – Aug. 25, 2018
Stephen P. Raye '66 – July 18, 2018

Louis C. Haddad '70 – June 27, 2018
Paul D. Lysaght '70 – Sept. 1, 2013
George S. Marr Jr. '70 – July 17, 2018
David C. Prout '76 – July 6, 2018
Stephen A. Earl '77 – Aug. 1, 2018
Linda M. Meeker '79 – July 14, 2018
David G. Lombardo '85 – July 16, 2018
John P. Eustace '89 – Aug. 6, 2018
Maria A. (Orabona) Lapreay '89 – Sept. 14, 2018
Eugene H. Mauro '92 – Sept. 15, 2018
Kevin M. Higgins Jr. '01 – Aug. 3, 2018

FAIRFIELD *Legacy* ASSOCIATION



A Legacy family that boasts three Fairfield graduate degrees from the Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions (GSEAP) stand together at the 2018 Research and Creative Accomplishments Symposium. (l-r) Joan (Hackett) Winter '82, Marge Hackett '83, and Emily Winter '17, MA'19.

Visit fairfield.edu/FLA to learn more.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

MA'82 | Pierre Georges

Bonnefil has joined Duane Morris LLP's New York office as partner in the firm's Employment, Labor, Benefits and Immigration Practice Group. He was most recently a partner at Epstein Becker & Green in New York.

MA '04, MFA '11 | James M.

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James Earl Lavery MA'59 (GSEAP) – Aug. 25, 2018

Sister Mary Caplice C.N.D. MA'64 (GSEAP) – July 4, 2018

Arthur J. Perschino CAS'69 (GSEAP) – June 14, 2018

Joseph P. Loretan MA'72 (GSEAP) – July 16, 2018

Helen (Brunk) Ueberbacher MA'72 (GSEAP) – Aug. 6, 2018

Ann (Walsh) Bove MA'73 (GSEAP) – July 2, 2018

Sister Patricia Meidhof MA'73 (GSEAP) – July 27, 2018

George Hickson CAS'75 (GSEAP) – Aug. 25, 2018

Sister Sylvia Lariviere MA'75 (GSEAP) – July 23, 2018

Ralph J. Money Jr. '51, MA'57, CAS'61 (GSEAP) – July 1, 2018

Theresa (LaBarge) Dugan MA'76 (GSEAP) – July 14, 2018

Patricia Ann (Sheehy) Lucas CAS'76 (GSEAP) – July 17, 2018

Mary Jane (Magnanimo) Iannucci MA'78 (GSEAP) – July 4, 2018

Sister Monica Socinski MA'79 (GSEAP) – June 25, 2018

Ursula K. (Muss) Burns MA'81, CAS'84 (GSEAP) – Sept. 4, 2018

Maryellen T. (Becker) Jonczyk MA'88 (GSC&PC) – Aug. 3, 2018

Belle (Simon) Tolor CAS'89 (GSEAP) – June 28, 2018

Joan (Youmans) Cozens MA'90 (GSEAP) – July 24, 2018

Keith F. Rafaniello MA'99 (GSEAP) – Sept. 1, 2018

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Births

Courtney (Baker) '03 and Rick Briamonte '03, MBA'04, son – Matthew, Dec. 4, 2017.

Grace (Miceli) '09, MS'10 and Joseph Flanagan '09, daughter – Angelina Vincenza, July 30, 2018.

Orsolya and John Pagano, MBA'04, MS'06, son – Oliver, Aug. 18, 2018.

In Memoriam

Anne S. Kelley MA'56, CAS'73 (GSEAP) – June 26, 2018

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DECEMBER 5, 8 P.M.
Soweto Gospel Choir
"Songs of the Free,"
a celebration of
Nelson Mandela
Direct from South Africa, the two-time Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir is an awe-inspiring 20-member ensemble that thrills audiences worldwide.
\$55, \$50 | Quick Member: \$35

DECEMBER 16, 3 P.M.
Billie & Blue Eyes
featuring John Pizzarelli &
Catherine Russell
Prepare yourself for jazz and blues of the highest caliber when Grammy Award-winning vocalist Catherine Russell teams up with jazz guitarist, vocalist, bandleader, and Quick favorite John Pizzarelli, in a stunning tribute to Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra.
\$65, \$55 | Quick Member: \$40

JANUARY 26, 8 P.M.
Campo Minado /
MINEFIELD written and
directed by Lola Arias
In Lola Arias' *MINEFIELD*, six Falklands/Malvinas war veterans who once faced each other across a battlefield now face

each other across a stage. Together they share memories, films, songs, and photos as they recall their collective war and embody the political figures that led them into it.
\$45, \$40 | Quick Member: \$25

JANUARY 31, 8 P.M.
Gravity & Other Myths in
A Simple Space
Live from the circus capitol of the world, Australia's Gravity & Other Myths offers the future of acrobatics. *A Simple Space*, is simultaneously raw, frantic, delicate, and presented so intimately that you can feel the heat, hear every breath, and be immersed in every moment.
Alumni Hall
\$40 | Quick Member: \$30

FEBRUARY 10, 7 P.M.
Sweet Honey in the Rock
Grammy Award-nominated female a cappella vocal quartet, Sweet Honey in the Rock, remains among the most vibrant, versatile, and ever-relevant musical collectives in music today.
\$50, \$45 | Quick Member: \$35

FEBRUARY 23, 8 P.M.
FEBRUARY 24, 3 P.M.
Radicals in Miniature
Join us as three-time Obie Award-winning writer, director, and actor, Ain Gordon, collaborates with musician and composer Josh Quillen to conjure the elegies of those who made an impact on the electric New York City of the 1970s and 80s but were sadly forgotten.
\$40 | Quick Member: \$30

MARCH 1, 8 P.M.
Farruquito
Farruquito has earned the hype as heir to one of the most renowned Gypsy flamenco dynasties in Spain. Farruquito celebrates and honors the origins of flamenco while keeping the art form very much alive through his intimate performances.
\$60, \$50 | Quick Member: \$40

MARCH 3, 3 P.M.
Orin Grossman &
Frederic Chiu
Emeritus Professor and Quick favorite Orin Grossman returns with world renowned pianist Frederic Chiu to present another afternoon of music featuring composers from Europe and America including Brahms, Saint-Saens, Gottschalk, and Gershwin.
\$35, \$30 | Quick Member: \$22



Soweto Gospel Choir



Mohamad Hafez

MARCH 8, 8 P.M.
MARCH 9, 2 P.M.
Kodo in Evolution
Emanating an ancient cavernous thunder, a group of disciplined musicians pound traditional Japanese drums with sticks the size of a forearm in a spectacle of sound, precision, and athleticism.
\$50, \$40 | Quick Member: \$30

Open VISIONS Forum

FEBRUARY 5, 7:30 P.M.
OVF Espresso
Ross Douthat *Crisis or Stasis?* The American Empire Under Donald Trump
Come join us for a truly provocative romp across the new barricades of the 'Culture wars' in the USA today.
\$15 | Quick Member: \$10

MARCH 6, 7:30 P.M.
OVF: Espresso
Commissioner Joette Katz
Listening to the Kids: Challenges for Youth in Connecticut
A community conversation with keynote speaker Joette Katz, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Children and Families.
\$15 | Quick Member: \$10

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Single Tickets: \$33 | \$28 seniors | \$5 children/students | Quick Member: \$23

DECEMBER 11, 4 P.M. (ENCORE)
HOLIDAY SCREENING
FOLLOWED BY DESSERT RECEPTION

The Magic Flute (Mozart)
\$40 | Quick Member: \$30

DECEMBER 18, 1 P.M. (ENCORE)
AND 6 P.M. (ENCORE)
La Traviata (Verdi)

JANUARY 12, 1 P.M. (LIVE)
AND 6 P.M. (ENCORE)
12:15 P.M. PRE-TALK
Adriana Lecouvreur (Cilea)

FEBRUARY 2, 1 P.M. (LIVE)
AND 6 P.M. (ENCORE)
12:15 P.M. PRE-TALK
Carmen (Bizet)

MARCH 2, 1 P.M. (LIVE)
AND 6 P.M. (ENCORE)
12:15 P.M. PRE-TALK
La Fille du Régiment (Donizetti)

National Theatre of London Live in HD

Single Tickets: \$25 | Quick Member: \$20 | \$20 seniors | \$10 children/students | Fairfield University students \$5 | Quick Member: \$20

DECEMBER 12, 2 P.M. & 7 P.M.
The Madness of George III (Bennett)

JANUARY 28, 7 P.M.
Antony & Cleopatra (Shakespeare)

FEBRUARY 19, 7 P.M.
I'm Not Running (Hare)

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Bellarmino Hall Galleries

TUES. - FRI., 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
AND SELECT SATURDAYS.

JANUARY 25 - MARCH 29, 2019
A French Affair
Drawings and Paintings from The Horvitz Collection
History, mythology, poetry, and portraiture provided a vast range of subject matter for French artists of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries. Drawn from the peerless holdings of The Horvitz Collection — one of the world's most comprehensive collections of early modern French art.

Walsh Gallery

WED. - SAT., 12 NOON - 4 P.M.

OCTOBER 26 -
DECEMBER 15, 2018
Mohamad Hafez
Collateral Damage
Born in Damascus, raised in Saudi Arabia, and educated in the Midwestern U.S., artist and architect Mohamad Hafez explores the impact of the political turmoil of the Middle East through hyper-realistic streetscapes crafted from found objects, paint, and scrap metal.



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