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## Mission and History

### FDU Mission Statement

Fairleigh Dickinson University is a center of academic excellence dedicated to the preparation of world citizens through global education. The University strives to provide students with the multidisciplinary, intercultural and ethical understandings necessary to participate, lead and prosper in the global marketplace of ideas, commerce and culture.

### FDU Cares

**Community** We have an educational community that is diverse and demonstrates creativity, enthusiasm and responsibility.

**Advantage** We strive to provide the values of education and the opportunity for personal growth and enrichment.

**Respect** We care about one another and ourselves and are committed to treating all people with civility and consideration.

**Ethics** We believe everyone's rights and freedoms should be respected and that we must act with integrity and accountability.

**Support** We endeavor to provide an environment for success based on cooperation, communication and caring.

### Brief History

Founded in 1942 by Dr. Peter Sammartino and his wife, Sylvia (Sally), Fairleigh Dickinson University has grown into the largest private university in New Jersey. More than 12,000 students from 42 states in the nation and 87 other countries are enrolled on the University's two campuses in northern New Jersey and its overseas campuses in Wroxtton, England, and in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Beginning as a two-year junior college, Fairleigh Dickinson expanded to a four-year curriculum in 1948 to fill the need for higher education in northern New Jersey. In 1954, the first graduate program, a master's degree in business administration, was offered, and Bergen Junior College was purchased as a second campus in Teaneck (Metropolitan Campus). In 1956, Fairleigh Dickinson gained University status and, one year later, the 178-acre Vanderbilt-Twombly estate was acquired to serve as the Madison location (College at Florham).

FDU became the first American university to own a campus in England when it acquired Wroxtton College from Trinity College, Oxford University. Opened in 1965, Wroxtton College offers American students an array of graduate and undergraduate programs as well as an enriching cultural experience. Formerly a 13th-century abbey, Wroxtton College is now a beautifully restored and modernized Jacobean mansion.

Recognizing that the student profile on most U.S. campuses is changing dramatically, the University's New College of General and Continuing Studies, now known as Anthony J. Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies, was formed in April

1998 to address the special educational needs of nontraditional students, including adult learners.

In 2000, the Board of Trustees adopted a newly focused mission; to prepare students for world citizenship through global education.

FDU-Vancouver, which opened in 2007, offers undergraduate students one of the few opportunities to earn an American college degree while studying in Canada. Because more than 30 percent of Vancouver's residents hail from China and southeast Asia, FDU-Vancouver is particularly attractive to international students from China, southeast Asia and Pacific Rim countries, but it is open to students from around the world.

Each of the University campuses has developed a unique character and vitality. Students benefit from studying at a comprehensive University that offers a wide range of programs and courses, but they also enjoy an atmosphere of warmth and personal attention usually found at much smaller institutions.

Today, FDU offers nearly 100 degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. Its wide range of offerings, coupled with the depth and expertise of its faculty, has Fairleigh Dickinson University poised to serve the citizens of New Jersey and beyond.

### College at Florham

The College at Florham, located in Morris County, N.J., bridges the towns of Florham Park and Madison. The campus consists of 178 acres, part of Florham, the former country estate of early 20th-century socialites Florence Vanderbilt and Hamilton Twombly. Florham is a contraction of the first names of the couple. The campus has been in existence since 1958.

The College at Florham is primarily a residential campus, supported by a strong student-life program. The campus has active fraternities and sororities, diverse student activities and dynamic Division III and intramural athletics programs. Resident undergraduate students are joined in class by undergraduate commuter and adult and certificate students. Along with graduate students, they utilize first-class educational resources that are either retrofitted into the campus's distinctive and appealing original structures or set in state-of-the-art buildings, several constructed within the last decade.

### Historic Landscape and Architecture

Frederick Law Olmsted, renowned designer of New York City's Central Park, planned Florham's landscape. The surviving principal buildings, designed in the Georgian Revival style by the firm McKim, Mead and White in the 1890s, have been adapted for educational uses. The 100-room mansion (now Hennessy Hall), centerpiece of the campus, is the work of Stanford White and is similar in design to the 17th-century addition to King Henry VIII's Hampton Court Palace in England. Most of the interior decoration, such as the staircases and fireplaces, are of Italian marble, worked by craftsmen brought from the

same country. In addition to classrooms and offices, the mansion holds a chestnut-paneled billiard room (now Hartman Lounge) and the magnificent Lenfell Hall drawing room.

## Nature

The campus lies on a picturesque ridge; the terminal moraine of the last major glaciation of 10,000 years ago. A diverse collection of specimen trees adds interest and beauty to the scenery. Many large white oaks, some more than 150 years old, shade some areas, and "Fossil Tree Hill" has fine specimens of the ginkgo and the dawn redwood (*Metasequoia*). Wildlife is protected on the grounds and deer, wild turkey and particularly groundhogs are frequently seen. More than 100 species of birds have been listed for the campus. The Periodical Cicada (*magicicada septendecim*) makes a spectacular appearance every 17 years, but is not due again until the summer of 2013.

## In Brief

- There are more than 2,600 undergraduate and 1,500 graduate students attending the College at Florham. Minority students comprise about 10 percent of the student population.
- Sports include men's Division III programs in baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and tennis; women's Division III programs in basketball, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball; and intramural sports in aerobics, basketball, bowling, flag football, golf, karate, racquetball, softball, street hockey, tennis, Timex fitness week and volleyball.
- Three out of every four freshmen live in campus housing. First-year students generally are assigned housing in the Twomblies, two traditional-style residence halls with double rooms and a common bath. Upper-division students live in The Village, Park Avenue Residence Hall, featuring apartment-style suites, and the Rutherford Residence Hall.
- Campus activities include an active Greek community with national social fraternities and sororities, as well as a national service fraternity. The campus theater produces student-written and directed plays, as well as student productions of major plays.
- The Academic Support Center is housed in the residence hall complex, offering easy access to free tutoring, word-processing support and special seminars.

## Graceful Buildings Old and New

Hennessy Hall (Mansion) is the centerpiece of the campus. This 100-room Georgian-style masterpiece was designed in the 1890s by Stanford White, and replicates a wing in Henry VIII's Hampton Court. Most of its interior decorations (such as staircases and fireplaces) are in Italian marble, worked by craftsmen brought from the same country. The Mansion also holds the chestnut-paneled Hartman Lounge (the former billiard room) and Lenfell Hall, then a ballroom and drawing room, now used for meetings and special events.

Today, Hennessy Hall (Mansion) contains classrooms and administrative offices. Visitors to campus also won't want to miss the Italian and Clowney Gardens located along the sides and back of Hennessy Hall (Mansion).

The Roberta Chiavello Ferguson and Thomas George Ferguson Recreation Center includes a gymnasium with three full-size basketball courts and seating for 2,000 spectators, an elevated jogging track, eight-lane competition swimming pool, racquetball courts, weight rooms and fitness center.

The campus library includes the sunny Orang erie, which originally provided the Florham estate with fresh citrus fruit through much of the year. The library has extensive holdings supportive of the campus academic mission and interlibrary loan arrangements with the other FDU New Jersey campus, and with library resources nationwide. The Science Building was adapted from the former garage and stables of the estate.

Rutherford Hall, named for the University's first campus and the newest College at Florham residence hall, opened in September 2003. Nearly 300 upperclassmen enjoy spacious double bedrooms with private bathrooms.

The Stadler, Zenner, Hoffmann-La Roche Academic Building features 20 state-of-the-art classrooms wired for computers and offering interactive-television capabilities, seminar and conference rooms, a psychology laboratory and a student/faculty lounge which includes a Nathan's snack bar.

## Alma Mater

*Goodhart-Davis*

Praise to thee, O Alma Mater, faithfully we sing,  
Hear our joyful voices ringing, Fairleigh Dickinson.  
Campus halls, that oft recall us, memories will bring,  
Campus lights will ever guide us, when the day is done.

### Chorus

Alma Mater, we will cherish, each day of the years,  
We were privileged to spend here, tho' our parting nears.

## Student Affairs

### Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office provides administrative leadership, supervision and coordination for the division of student affairs on the campus and includes campus ministries, counseling services, health services, residence life and student life.

Through leadership, program development and policy development, the dean of students contributes to the overall intellectual, social and personal development of the students.

The Dean of Students Office represents students' needs to the University administration, faculty and departments and also transmits needs from these groups to the students.

The office also oversees areas such as the emergency student loan program, student government advising and student leaves of absence.

The dean of students assists in carrying out the overall objectives of the student affairs division. Among the responsibilities of the dean are the overall coordination and preliminary investigation of disciplinary matters, new student orientation programs, commencement exercises, honor society induction programs, commuter student services and researching student needs. Students should view the Dean of Students Office as a viable source when faced with situations in need of resolution.

To contact the Dean of Students Office please call (973) 443-8935.

## Campus Life

The Office of Campus Life exists for the purpose of helping students develop and grow as members of the FDU community. To accomplish this goal, a variety of student organizations and activities is sponsored in which student involvement is

imperative. Students take the lead role in event planning, implementation and evaluation.

The Office of Campus Life is located on the first floor of the Student Center. Also located on the first floor of the Student Center are the FDU Bookstore, Career Development Office, Florham Perk Coffeehouse, Wroxton Room, Florham Room, Sammartino Room and the Bottle Hill Room and Pub. The Dining Hall and The Grill are located on the second floor of the Student Center.

The Office of Campus Life provides an environment for new organizations to form new activities to be explored and new ideas to be tested. The elements of just plain fun and personal satisfaction come naturally with being part of a group. Students also need an outlet from the rigors of academic life from time to time. All these factors are kept in mind as programs are developed.

Students often go through life without challenging themselves and without trying new adventures. Getting involved in clubs and organizations is easy!

The Office of Campus Life is also responsible for all aspects of on-campus living. This office ensures that on-campus students are comfortable in their room assignments and have the opportunity to experience life on a college campus. To enhance this experience, resident assistants are assigned to each complex for advice and assistance. They are available to help students in all matters pertaining to on-campus living. For more information please refer to the Living on Campus section in this handbook.

To contact the Office of Campus Life please call (973) 443-8586.

## Campus Ministry

The objective of the campus ministry program is threefold: to provide spiritual and religious resources to the University community through sharing various philosophies of life and theologies; to provide for the coordination of formal and informal religious services for a diverse student, faculty, staff and administrative community; and to coordinate all religious activities on campus including, but not limited to, the education of the University community about various religious heritages.

As members of the division of student affairs, the chaplains are available for consultation on all matters, incidental or serious. Working with their colleagues in the division, the chaplains facilitate students' continued matriculation at the University.

For further information please call (973) 443-8651 or (973) 443-8935.

## International Student Services

The Office of International Student Services serves the international community at the Metropolitan Campus and at the College at Florham. The department offers a wide array of services and programs to nearly 1,000 international students from more than 80 countries. The primary focus of the department is to ensure that all students maintain their non-immigration status in compliance with United States immigration regulations as well as assist students in applying for immigration benefits, when eligible.

Advisers also assist students with their cultural transition to living in a new culture. The orientation program at the beginning of each semester is set up to facilitate international students' adjustment and to offer insight into Ameri-

can society and the educational system. Cultural programs such as the Global Fair are held, encouraging the FDU community to learn about the backgrounds and traditions of the diverse student population on our campuses.

To contact the Office of International Student Services call (973) 443-8672 at the College at Florham, or (201) 692-2743 at the Metropolitan Campus.

## Special Needs, Office for Students with

Fairleigh Dickinson University adheres to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students who are qualified to participate in academic programs and who have disabilities such as, but not limited to, the following may be covered by these laws:

- Blindness or visual impairments;
- Cerebral palsy;
- Chronic illnesses such as AIDS, arthritis, cancer, cardiac diseases, diabetes, multiply sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, psychiatric disorders;
- Deafness or hearing impairments;
- Drug or alcohol addiction (Section 504 covers former users and those in recovery programs and not currently using drugs or alcohol);
- Epilepsy or seizure disorders;
- Orthopedic handicaps;
- Specific learning disabilities;
- Speech disorders; and
- Spinal cord or traumatic brain injuries.

Students with documented disabilities may request support services by contacting the director of special student services.

The Office of Special Student Services coordinates, through appropriate campus offices, services that would provide reasonable accommodations for students with special needs. If special accommodations are required, contact the director of special student services prior to or as early as the beginning of a semester.

For further information call (973) 443-8079.

## Student Organizations

Through participation in student organizations, students can apply ideas and theories learned in the classroom, share common interests and develop friendships with many people. Students must maintain an overall grade point ratio (GPR) of 2.00 to participate in any organization and an overall GPR of 2.30 to hold a major office. Greek life members must maintain a minimum overall GPR of 2.15 for general membership and a minimum 2.30 to hold a major office. All members of the Student Government Association must maintain an overall GPR of 2.50. All clubs and organizations must go through the Office of Campus Life to schedule events and meetings. The following are some of the student organizations at the College at Florham.

### Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is under the auspices of the Dean of Students Office. SGA consists of an elected body of student leaders who are responsible for reviewing all student opinions and representing the student body by communicating with faculty and administration.

SGA is responsible for funding student organizations. The following is a list of the SGA positions:

### **Executive Board**

President  
Speaker of the House  
Chief of Staff\*  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Vice President for Communication Affairs  
Vice President for Student Affairs  
Vice President for Financial Affairs\*  
Secretary\*

### **Senators**

Academic Affairs (3)  
Communication Affairs (2)  
Financial (2)  
Student Affairs (3)  
Senior Class\*

SGA meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and are open to the entire student body. Elections are held in early December.

The SGA office is located on the first floor of the Student Center. The phone number is (973) 443-8581.

### **Student Media**

#### **The Metro**

The biweekly campus newspaper published by students for students is called *The Metro*. It provides opportunities to develop journalistic skills as well as leadership experience in this form of media.

The office is located in the Student Center, and its phone number is (973) 443-8580.

#### **Yearbook**

Students can go online and create their own yearbooks. Photographers are also available for senior portraits. See the Office of Student Life in the Student Center for details.

#### **WFDM**

WFDM is the student-run campus radio station. Members gain valuable experience in broadcasting as well as a technical background in radio production.

Call (973) 443-8585 to request a favorite song.

### **Academic Interest Organizations**

These groups are sponsored by their respective academic departments.

#### **Religious Organizations**

Campus Crusade for Christ  
Hillel  
Interfaith Ministries

#### **Special Interest Organizations**

Association of Black Collegians (ABC)  
Chemistry Club  
Colleges Against Cancer  
Commuter Student Association (CSA)  
Devils Dance Team  
Gay and Straight People (GASP)  
Green Club

\*Appointed positions

*(Special Interest Organizations continued)*

Latin-American Student Organization  
Marketing Mix  
Melodies of Heaven  
PISA Italian-American Club  
Psychology Club  
Resident Student Association (RSA)  
Student Volunteer Association  
UNFDU

### **Social Greek Letter Organizations**

To initially associate with any social fraternity or sorority, a student must have earned at least 12 credits and an overall GPR of 2.35.

#### **Fraternities**

Alpha Kappa Lambda  
Iota Phi Theta  
Lambda Theta Phi  
Phi Sigma Kappa  
Sigma Chi  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Zeta Beta Tau

#### **Sororities**

Chi Upsilon Sigma  
Delta Phi Epsilon  
Phi Sigma Sigma  
Theta Phi Alpha  
Zeta Tau Alpha

### **Governing Greek Organizations**

Interfraternity Council  
Inter-Greek Council  
Multi-Cultural Greek Council  
Panhellenic Council

### **Florham Programming Committee**

The Florham Programming Committee (FPC) provides entertainment for the entire campus. The committee is open to all full-time, undergraduate students. The students annually organize events such as Homecoming, Haunted Mansion and Florham Fest. Most events are free.

The FPC office is located on the first floor of the Student Center. The FPC phone number is (973) 443-8806.

### **Wellness Center**

The Wellness Center houses both student health services and counseling services.

The center is dedicated to the issue of wellness from the "whole person" perspective. Rather than focus merely on the physical, services are available to help students evaluate their overall lifestyle by addressing physical, emotional, mental and relational aspects of their lives. In addition, the center recognizes the importance of the spiritual dimension of life and maintains a close connection with campus ministry.

The center's staff can help students address medical concerns, make healthy lifestyle choices, change behavioral patterns that have a negative impact on their lives and select the goals that will enhance their overall well being. In-house referrals between student health services and counseling services help to ensure that the student receives these comprehensive services in a confidential setting. It is important to note, however, that if any medical or psychological illness and/or condition severely compromises the health of a student, it will be necessary for the student to be evaluated by a health care provider. Written documentation and recommendations must be provided and followed in order for the student to continue matriculation and/or maintain campus residency.

## Counseling Services

Counseling services are available to all full-time and part-time students at no charge. The Office of Counseling Services maintains a staff of professional counselors to help students with educational, career and personal concerns. Within this confidential setting, students are free to discuss concerns relating to their personal and academic success, relationships and other problems arising from college living.

The office offers workshops to the campus community on a variety of interest areas such as stress management, study skills, time management, drug abuse, etc.

For further information or for an appointment please call (973) 443-8504.

## Health Insurance

It is the policy of the University to require all full-time students, undergraduates, graduate students, Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) and international students to be protected under a University-wide accident insurance program. As accident benefits are mandatory, the premium is included in college fees with tuition bills mailed prior to each semester. International and EOF students also are required to be covered by a sickness and major medical expense plan. The additional premium for this coverage also is included in the college fees and may not be waived.

In January 1989, a New Jersey Senate bill (S-2981) was signed into law requiring all full-time students to present evidence that they are maintaining basic hospitalization insurance. Those students who do not satisfactorily complete and return the insurance waiver form included in their tuition package will be automatically enrolled for the sickness and major medical portion of the plan. The additional premium will remain in each student's college fees.

All students, including part-time students who have not waived the sickness and major medical benefits, may also purchase coverage for their spouses and unmarried children under 19 years of age.

Full description of coverage and premium rates is made available to all students prior to the fall semester with their tuition package mailed by the University. Enrollment forms for optional coverage are attached to the program description brochures mailed to students each semester. Additional coverage brochures, enrollment forms and claim forms may be picked up by students at the Student Health Services Center on each FDU campus. Insurance coordinators are available to respond to student inquiries that cannot be addressed by student health services personnel or the athletic trainer staff and are identified on the back of each coverage brochure.

## Health Services

Student health services are provided at the College at Florham. FDU's goal is to keep students well, to provide care when they're not well and to empower students to make informed decisions about their health. Nurse practitioners, physicians and professional nurses can assist students with any health concerns.

As both a resource and wellness center, health services provides students with information regarding available medical and health-related services. On-campus programs on wellness and health topics are a part of students' learning experiences while at FDU's College at Florham.

Health records are required for all matriculating students: graduate, undergraduate, full time and part time. These records must include a complete health history and recent physical examination, a tuberculin skin test (Mantoux) and a complete immunization record. Requirements for health and immunization records vary, depending on the academic program in which the student is enrolled and the age of the student. Personalized requirements and details are available at the College at Florham Wellness Center Web site <http://www.fdu.edu/studentsvcs/fmshs.html>.

Care provided at student health services is strictly confidential, and students' records are not part of their academic records.

Appointments are recommended in order to decrease student waiting time and for better utilization of services provided.

To contact health services please call (973) 443-8535.

## Athletics

Athletics are an integral component of the educational process at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The athletics program seeks to promote and stimulate interest and participation in intercollegiate, intramural and recreational programs for men and women at each campus.

The state-of-the-art Roberta Chiaviello Ferguson and Thomas G. Ferguson Recreation Center at the College at Florham features an eight-lane, 25-yard competition swimming pool in addition to three basketball courts, electronically driven bleachers, an elevated jogging track, racquetball courts, weight-training rooms, a fitness center and more.

The College at Florham competes in Division III athletics and is a member of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, the Freedom Conference and the MASCA. Competitive sports include basketball, baseball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball. Students may compete in athletics only on the campus on which they are registered.

The campus offers a full intramural program open to all students. Organized intramural competition includes volleyball, basketball, softball, touch football, aerobics and karate.

The University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the East Coast Athletic Conference. All of FDU's athletic teams compete in the Middle Atlantic Athletic Conference.

For information about varsity athletics and schedules of athletic events and intramural information please call (973) 443-8960.