

I would like to thank you on behalf of The Ignatian Residential College for agreeing to participate in our weekly dinner gatherings. Below is information about our weekly dinner program.

Our weekly dinner program for students in the Ignatian Residential College is designed to invite faculty, alumni and/or friends of Fairfield University to come to dinner with about 5–25 students to talk about their life experiences, their work, lifestyle, and things that have been interesting and valuable to them. We also ask guests to reflect on how they see their work and life as their vocation.

The dinner will be held Sunday, March 28, at 12:00pm in The Ignatian Residential College Commons on the first floor of Loyola Hall. This is an informal relaxed get-together with the room set up to utilize comfortable dialogue. This environment will hopefully provide a more personal and intimate setting for meaningful dialogue. Dinners usually last approximately one and a half hours.

The goal is to provide student's opportunities to talk directly with adults who enjoy their life and provide ideas that student may not have considered before. While I'm sure students will want to know about your current work, we also want our guests to give students a "big picture" about what kind of life they may want to lead.

As a guideline you might consider speaking for about 15–20 minutes then allow for a simple question/answer format to occur. Some topics you might choose to talk about are listed below:

- Examples of personal insight as well as any obstacles you may have faced?
- How you first identified your gifts and talents?
- How you have identified your vocation in life?
- How do you integrate your work into your own sense of vocation?
- How you distinguished between your deepest desires and the expectations of those close to you, if they were ever in conflict?
- How you balance your life?
- Do you view your faith as one component of your life or as a thread that binds all aspects of who you are and what you do?

Again, I would like to thank you for being a guest. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 256– 4000 ext. 3325. I hope you are looking forward to the dinner as much as we are.