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Sacred Heart University currently has 13 buildings on its 56-acre campus in the northeast corner of Fairfield, Connecticut. The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center opened in September 1997, as did significant enhancements of the main academic facilities. Plans also call for expansion of the library and other improvements.

Academic Center

The Academic Center contains most classrooms and faculty, administrative and academic departmental offices. The Academic Center is divided into three wings: Science Center, Humanities Center and Student Union.

The Science Center includes offices of the Dean and Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Education and Health Professions, Registrar, Student Accounts, and Academic Advising. Also included are the faculty offices for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. The Science Center houses the science and health science laboratories.

The Humanities Center includes the Academic and Administrative Computing Center, Bookstore, Faculty Lounge and Language Laboratory. Also included are the faculty offices for Communication Studies, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Education, English, Information Technology, Modern Foreign Language, Psychology, Sociology and Social Work.

The Student Union includes the faculty offices for Campus Ministry, Music, Public Safety, Student Affairs and Student Government, as well as a multipurpose activity center, housing, chapel, dining

halls, Mahogany Room, Gallery of Contemporary Art, Hawley Lounge, mailroom/print shop and Center for the Performing Arts.

Administration Building

The Administration Building houses the Media Studies Center; Office of the President; Offices of the Vice President and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs; the Center for Christian Jewish Understanding; the offices of University College; faculty offices for Political Science, History, Media Studies, Philosophy and Religious Studies; the Department of Human Resources; and Payroll.

Curtis Hall

Curtis Hall, named after the University founder, the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, houses the offices of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Student Financial Assistance, Career Development, and the Center for Irish Cultural Studies. The Community Room also is located in Curtis Hall.

Jandrisevits Learning Center (JLC)

The Jandrisevits Learning Center is located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library. An Adaptive Technology Lab is available for students with visual, auditory, physical or learning disabilities. The JLC also provides specialized tutoring for students with learning disabilities (LDs) as well as for students who are linguistically diverse (ESL). Staffed by highly experienced faculty tutors and well-trained peer tutors, the JLC provides a warm, friendly learning environment where the needs of individual students are the primary concern. Appointments: Call 203-371-7820, or come to the JLC, located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library.

Oakview Drive

Located off campus in neighboring Trumbull, Connecticut, the building at 101 Oakview Drive

houses the Business Office; Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration; Office of the Director of Facilities Management and Construction; Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry; Institutional Advancement; Art Department and faculty offices; Motion Analysis Laboratory; and administrative offices of WSHU Radio.

Park Avenue House

The offices of the Center for Mission Education and Reflection, the Wellness Center which includes Personal Counseling Services and Health Services are located in the Park Avenue House at the southeast corner of the campus.

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center

The William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center is home to the Pioneer men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and wrestling programs, as well as many intramural programs. The three-level, 141,000 square foot complex features four multi-purpose basketball courts, which can be easily converted for indoor tennis or convention use, and seats 2,100 for basketball.

The main level of the Pitt Center also houses the Sacred Heart University Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, a joint private practice/University venture offering many specialized clinical rehabilitation and wellness services in conjunction with academic-based faculty therapists, in a facility that features state-of-the-art physical therapy equipment.

The Health and Fitness Center is located on the lower level of the Pitt Center. Offering a wide range of fitness equipment and classes, the 5,000 square foot facility features an enclosed aerobics studio and main fitness area, where the latest generation of cardiovascular exercise machines and free weight equipment can be used. Locker rooms for both the Pioneer athletic teams and Health and

Fitness Center members are adjacent to the fitness area. The upper level of the Pitt Center houses the Department of Athletics suite of offices and the Board Room, which serves as a meeting/reception room for the Board of Trustees and other on-campus organizations.

Campus Field

Campus Field is the home of the Pioneer football, men's and women's soccer, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's and women's outdoor track and field. Built in 1993, Campus Field features a newly installed, \$750,000 state-of-the-art FieldTurf synthetic-surface, multi-purpose field with inlaid lines for the sports listed above. The field is surrounded by an eight-lane synthetic-surface running track available for competition and recreational use. With a seating capacity of 3,500, Campus Field is an ideal location for large-scale events and has been host to athletic tournaments, graduations and outdoor fairs. Adjacent to Campus Field are six state-of-the-art tennis courts constructed in 1995 and scheduled for resurfacing in 2003. Rounding out the outdoor athletic facilities, and adjacent to the Sacred Heart tennis courts, is Pioneer Park softball field, most recently updated in 2001.

Ryan-Matura Library

The Ryan-Matura Library is the source for information, whether it is the answer to a factual question or research for a term paper. Librarians are available to answer questions and assist students with extended research projects. Instruction sessions are conducted for class groups to make them familiar with the library, with subject-specific research and the research process. Librarians will also assist students with finding information in other libraries, in commercial databases or on the Internet.

Periodicals and periodical indexes, including newspapers are found in print, film and electron-

ic format. Any book or periodical not found in the library can be obtained from another library through interlibrary loan. Materials can usually be obtained within 10 days.

At present the Ryan-Matura Library holds approximately 125,000 print volumes and 50,000 nonprint items and more than 15,000 periodical subscriptions. These include a significant number of full-text journals available on more than 50 online index and abstracting databases. These can be reached 24 hours a day/7 days a week from links on the library home page. Databases are available from campus and home.

The library's web site is located at <http://library.sacredheart.edu>. It provides access to the library catalog, information about the library, electronic reserve reading, links to research databases and other related information.

The library also houses the Jandrisevits Learning Center.

Residence Halls

The University currently houses students in seven different areas: Angelo Roncalli Hall, Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall, Thomas Merton Hall, Christian Witness Commons, Scholars Commons, Park Ridge Apartments and Taft Commons. These offer distinct residential lifestyles, from traditional high-rise resident halls to on-campus apartments to off-campus apartments.

Schine Auditorium

The Schine Auditorium, located in the lower level of the Ryan-Matura Library, provides an appropriate setting for lectures, workshops, academic convocations and other special programs. To reserve the 220-seat auditorium, call 203-371-7846 between 8:30 AM and noon, Monday through Friday.

Community Resources

Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding (CCJU)

The CCJU is an educational and research division of Sacred Heart University. The center draws together clergy, laity, scholars, theologians and educators in various modes of interaction to focus on current religious thinking within Christianity and Judaism.

As each tradition reevaluates attitudes toward the other, the center fosters the exploration of the major philosophical and theological issues on the frontier of the Christian-Jewish dialogue, as these are formulated by scholars at the international and national levels.

The center's mission is to develop programs and publications to overcome deep-seated antagonisms, based on centuries of hostility and mutual estrangement, that recent progress has not yet healed. It hopes to foster greater knowledge and understanding of the religious traditions of Christianity and Judaism and the history of their relationship, and to provide a forum for dialogue. It promotes independent research and serves as a vehicle for processing and circulating its findings to appropriate institutions around the world.

For further information about the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, call 203-365-7592 or visit its website at www.ccju.org.

Center for Mission Education and Reflection

The Center for Mission Education and Reflection was established in 1998 to further advance a mission-focused ethos throughout the University by providing varied opportunities for reflection and conversation on the University's mission and Catholic identity. Serving faculty, administrators, staff and students, the center provides orientation programs, resource materials and opportunities

for professional development. The office and resource library of the center are located on the first floor of the Park Avenue House.

Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts

The Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts enjoys a well-deserved reputation as a valuable resource for southwestern Connecticut's cultural life, attracting thousands of guests annually to its program of performances and public forums.

Since its renovation in 2003, the Center has continued to produce musical and theatrical performances by the talented students in the University's musical and drama programs as well as to host exciting professional productions of plays, musical theater, and an array of legendary solo artists such as Arlo Guthrie, Julie Harris, James Earl Jones, Dave Mason and James Naughton. In addition, tens of thousands of local schoolchildren have also had the opportunity to share in educational programming and to be entertained at special shows and events. Hundreds more participate each summer in the Edgerton Center's growing and successful Summer Cabaret Workshop camp.

The Center's 800-seat auditorium is available for use by outside organizations for public events and meetings. For up-to-date information on current offerings, call the Edgerton Center box office at 203-374-2777 or visit the Center's website at <http://edgertoncpa.sacredheart.edu>.

The Gallery of Contemporary Art

The Gallery of Contemporary Art presents exhibits of contemporary works of art in a wide variety of approaches and media. The gallery offers exhibits annually, which include a Student Exhibit, an exhibit of the Art Faculty's work and exhibits by professional artists. Most exhibits have associated lectures.

The gallery also administers the University's

Collection, the Sculpture on the Grounds program and the Voluntary Percent for Art program. For further information and exhibit hours, call the gallery at 203-365-7650.

Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics

Established in 1993, the Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics serves both the University community and the wider Fairfield County community by addressing issues of major ethical concern. The institute assists Sacred Heart University faculty from all disciplines to raise and examine broad ethical concerns and issues specific to their respective disciplines.

The Hersher Institute brings speakers to campus to address the faculty and provides training for integrating ethical viewpoints into the University curriculum. The institute supports the University's wider mission by cosponsoring, with other departments and institutes, colloquia and conferences that raise important ethical questions for the University scholarly community and the general public. For further information, call 203-365-7657.

The Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry

The Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry provides educational and pastoral programs addressing needs and concerns of laity. A special emphasis of the center is to contribute to the spiritual, educational and professional formation of lay leaders for Church and society in the spirit of *Gaudium et Spes*. Programs sponsored through the center include a certificate in spiritual direction; a certificate in religion for Catholic school educators; and a graduate certificate in pastoral and Catholic school administration, also offered in conjunction with a Master of Teaching degree through the University's College of Education and Health Professions.

The Center for Spirituality and Lay Ministry sponsors programs at multiple sites throughout Connecticut, as well as annual programs in Florida and Pennsylvania. The center's offices are located at the Oakview campus and may be reached by phone at 203-396-8005.

Radio Stations

The professionally operated WSHU-FM, located on the Fairfield campus, is a 20,000-watt station at 91.1 (FM). The station is Public Broadcasting qualified and a full member of National Public Radio, one of only two such stations in Connecticut and 312 nationwide. WSHU-FM offers classical music, news and public affairs to listeners of Southern Connecticut and Long Island, New York. WSHU operates six translators: 90.1 FM serving Stamford, Connecticut; 93.3 FM in Northford, Connecticut; 105.7 FM serving central Suffolk County, Long Island, New York; 91.3 FM in Huntington Station, New York; and 103.3 FM in Noyack, New York. The University also operates two News Talk Stations: WSUF at 89.9 FM, a 12,000-watt station with transmitting facilities in Greenport, New York and WSHU (AM) at 1260, a 1,000-watt standard broadcast station in Westport, Connecticut.

Student-run WHRT offers rock music, news and public affairs programs, and WHRT is the student, on-campus-only, radio station programmed by and for students.

The production and on-air studios, record library and newsrooms of radio station WSHU FM serve as learning laboratories for Media Studies and other disciplines.

Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Clinic

The University operates two physical therapy and hand therapy clinic facilities, one on campus affiliated with the academic program in Physical Therapy, and one in Shelton, Connecticut. The on-campus clinic is located in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center. The clinics provide physical therapy and hand therapy services to students, employees and the public. Clinic staff includes several members of the Physical Therapy program faculty as well as several staff members who are advanced clinicians in orthopedic, sports physical therapy and hand therapy. All are licensed physical therapists. The clinics operate five days per week, 12 hours per day. This clinic service is also closely affiliated with the University's athletic training program to serve the rehabilitation needs of our student-athletes.

The clinical facility features the latest technological equipment in isokinetic testing with a new Biodex II system, a full range of orthopedic and sports physical therapy evaluation resources, a therapeutic pool and a full hand rehabilitation center. Patients of the clinic may take advantage of the comprehensive fitness facilities of the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center under the supervision of a Physical Therapy staff member. The clinics are authorized providers for most major medical insurance carriers. For further information, call 203-396-8181.