

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Centers For Student Development And Campus Activities

While much of the college experience takes place inside the classroom, the Centers for Student Development and Campus Activities promote the integral part that occurs outside the classroom through co-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to define their campus experience by creating new organizations, participating in programs, creating new events, and reflecting on their experience. Known as SDCA on the Pleasantville campus and SDACA on the NYC campus, the SD(A)CA team strives to support students by providing opportunities for the enhancement of academic, cultural, social, and recreational aspects of student life. Every student has the opportunity to become involved on campus. From student organizations to events, social justice programs to leadership opportunities and programs, we are always searching for new ways to support our students as they define their campus and community. The Annual Leadership Conference and other workshops and programs provide opportunities for students to hone their skills and learn with peers.

As advocates of student empowerment, SD(A)CA provides resources, guidance, and support to enhance student achievement and personal development. Opportunities to participate in student governance, leadership training, cultural events, and a wide array of diverse student organizations abound for all interested Pace University students.

The Centers for Student Development and Campus Activities can be found in Pleasantville on the upper level of the Kessel Student Center, and in New York City on the 8th floor of 41 Park Row.

Counseling Services

The mission of Counseling Services complements the University's mission. Counseling aims to help students cope more effectively with developmental, vocational, familial, emotional, and relational aspects of their lives. The intention is to support students in directing energies toward fulfillment of their academic, professional, and personal goals. In order to achieve these goals, the Counseling Center provides the following services:

- Individual and group counseling
- Community wellness consultation and outreach
- Prevention programming
- Crisis intervention
- Services for students with disabilities
- Educational programming
- Workshops and outreach programming
- Diversity consultation and outreach
- Organizational consultation to student organizations
- Consultation and referral services All Counseling Center services are confidential and free of charge for Pace University students.

Dean for Students Office

The Dean for Students has a key role in shaping the personality and environment of the University by engaging the entire Pace community in collaborative opportunities and strategic planning. In addition, the office plays an important role in communicating the interests and concerns of the students to the academic and administrative leadership. The Office of the Dean for Students is responsible for many areas of Student Affairs life including residential life and housing, student development and campus activities, counseling services, student accessibility services, wellbeing programs, student conduct, OASIS, and more. The Office also oversees administration of the University's Guiding Principles of Conduct which outline the community standards, policies, and community values that have been established for the well-being of our campus community. Students may arrange to meet with the Dean for Students by calling to make an appointment in advance. Students who have questions pertaining to any academic issues should first contact their academic advisor, followed by the academic Dean of the particular program of study in which they are enrolled.

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The Jeanette and Morris Kessel Student Center

The Jeanette and Morris Kessel Student Center in Pleasantville is the living room of the campus providing relaxation and social interaction, opportunities for education and exchange of thought, and services for Pace University students, staff, faculty, and our community.

The Kessel Student Center creates an environment that fosters and expands the feeling of community on the Pace University Pleasantville campus. The Kessel Student Center is a core component of student life and activity on campus as a popular spot for a variety of entertainment, dining, and student conference rooms. The Gottesman Room on the ground floor level, the Butcher Suite and Multipurpose on the upper level, are multi-use rooms for dining, lectures, and special events. A wide terrace with a lawn sloping to the Choate Pond is the setting for barbecues, rallies, receptions, and other special events.

The multi-level structure, supervised and managed in the area of policy and operations by Student Development and Campus Activities, offers dining, lounges, event spaces, bookstore, and several offices whose mission includes supporting and educating students.

What's in The Kessel Student Center?

- Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean for Students
- Community Standards & Compliance
- Chartwells Dining Services
- Fern Dining Room – Main Dining Area
- Campus Bookstore
- ATM – Located in “The Well”
- Student Development & Campus Activities (SDCA)
- Campus Chaplain
- Student Government Association (PLV SGA)
- Setters Leadership Initiatives
- Boudreau Lounge
- “The Well” Common Area
- Meeting Rooms
- Conference Rooms A&B / C&D (Video Conference Capable)
- Butcher Suite
- Gottesman Room (Video Conference capable)
- Honor’s Program
- Study Abroad Office
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- LGBTQIA Center

Want to reserve a Space in The Kessel Student Center?

Please go to our Request tab on our Online Events Calendar!

Residential Life

The Office for Residential Life and Housing are committed to providing facilities, programs, and services that complement your academic development and promote your personal and social development. Each member of the Residential Life and Housing staff is trained in areas of student development and crisis management, as well as the daily management of their facility. As adults, students are expected to accept the responsibilities of community membership while enjoying its privileges.

Living on campus, whether in New York City or suburban Westchester county, can be the most exciting experience of a young person’s life -- and having a place to call “home” adds a sense of safety and belonging. Our residential facilities give Pace students that satisfaction. All rooms are furnished with a standard twin bed, desk, chair, dresser, wardrobe or closet, and window blinds. Suites (in Pleasantville) have living room furniture and townhouses will have dining room furniture as well as a variety of appliances. Residence halls are equipped with cable TV, and high-speed wired and limited wireless Internet access, at no additional cost.

General Facts:

- At Pace University, approximately 2,500 students live on campus in New York City, with another 1,300 residing on campus in Pleasantville.
- Most first-year undergraduate students will be placed in 182 Broadway or Maria’s Tower on the city campus, although some first year students may reside in other halls. In Pleasantville most first year students will be placed in Alumni Hall. In Alumni hall some students will be placed in temporary doubles as triples to start off the year.

- Students who apply for the Fall semester by the priority deadline (May 1st) are asked to complete an online request process to indicate their preferred building and to request each other as roommates (building requests cannot be guaranteed, but reciprocal roommate requests among students who are guaranteed housing will be honored).
- In Westchester all first year students will be a part of a living learning community in their residence hall. New York City students can opt into the living learning communities.
- To apply for housing, student need to complete and submit a Housing Application along with a \$400 housing deposit and a \$100 security deposit to Student Accounts.
- We offer housing for graduate students on both campuses. Our graduate population will be placed with our returning and transfer students.

THE OFFICE FOR RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND HOUSING STAFF

Community living is a valuable experience that provides opportunities and rewards that will last a lifetime. Exposure to new people, ideas, cultures and ways of thinking create an environment ripe for growth and learning. At Pace, our residential life program is centered in the belief that community living is an integral part of the total educational experience. The staff is committed to providing facilities, programs, and services that complement your academic development and promote your personal and social development.

Students are viewed as whole individuals working toward integration with others and enjoying the privileges of community membership, while accepting its inherent responsibilities. Our program, policies, expectations, and guidelines are designed with your safety and welfare in mind. Your involvement in the community as self-regulating adults is the key to making the residence halls places where you:

- Meet other students and establish relationships that will enhance your Pace experience
- Successfully live together through peer interaction and learning, complementing your academic program
- Assume responsibility and accountability for your own lives and living environments
- Develop friendships and relationships that are respectful, civil and mutually satisfying
- Participate in educational, social, and cultural programs
- Develop skills through participation that will enhance your Pace experience and prepare you to contribute as members of outside communities. The Office for Residential Life and Housing is led by a team of dedicated individuals whose commitment is to support the academic endeavors of each of our residents while offering meaningful challenges that encourage their personal growth. Please visit your RA or your Residence Director should you need any assistance during your stay in Housing.