10 Things I Have Learned from Living in Pace Housing
~Pace University NYC Resident

1. When living with many other students, you have to learn to work and get along with your neighbors. Failure to do so will just make your living situation much harder for you.

2. Who your roommate is may not be your first choice but being able to make it work and enjoyable is very important. This is very similar to how one day your co-workers may not be your favorite people to work with but you have to – and you have to be successful at it.

3. Living in a small confined area forces me to stay more organized and much neater. With such a small space to live and work with you are forced to keep it in order so you can live your life efficiently versus living in your own home where you have ample space to store things and live.

4. I learned that cleaning up after myself is very important. When you share a living space with many other people its important that everyone cleans up after one another to ensure that your living space is clean.

5. Safety is very important! When living at home, burning candles and what not a problem. But once you live in a residence hall you realize that things like burning candles can be very dangerous - and not just to you, but many other people too.

6. Following the rules is extremely important. Seeing others get kicked out for periods ranging from two weeks to permanently makes you understand that following the simple rules set by housing are not only important to follow but enforced on a serious level.

7. Take the opportunity to meet lots of people while you can. Maria’s Towers is a wonderful opportunity to meet lots of new friends and fun people. Not all living situations offer this, and this is one of the major benefits of living on campus rather than getting an apartment.

8. Roaches do exist!! I always thought roaches were a huge myth but for the first time, I experienced the unthinkable. Roaches do exist and if you do not keep clean, they will come. Fortunately, I did not experience them first hand but I did see them from time to time when people were not being neat and it was gross.

9. Not everyone is meant to be best friends. There are some people you are just not meant to be best friends with but this does not mean people can’t get along like normal people and be courteous to one another. Avoid the people you think are going to create problems for you.

10. Have a positive outlook on things and show a smile and it will rub off on others around you. It seems that when living with others, it is important to have a positive attitude about things and when you do others around you will too.