Dear Pace Students,

I am pleased to provide you with this Directory of Fellowships, Scholarships, Prizes and Other Awards for Undergraduate Students. Your academic performance has been commendable. I hope that you will continue to excel during your college career and beyond. Indeed Pace expects great things of you.

It is because we know that you are a capable individual that we want to make sure that opportunities for which you might be qualified do not pass you by. One such group of opportunities consists of scholarships-some to support you during your years at Pace and others that fund graduate school or other post-graduate activities.

We have compiled this booklet for Pace students. It highlights several funded opportunities that you should consider. Some of the scholarships are prestigious and highly competitive while others represent lesser-known but equally rewarding opportunities. I invite you to study this booklet carefully and then spring into action. Go for those options that seem right to you. You have nothing to lose….and quite a bit to gain.

What follow are some bits of advice to help you through the process.

- You can't get a scholarship, fellowship or other awards without asking for it. In other words, you need to decide that “yes, “ you would like to investigate such options. Make investigation- and then application- part of your normal “workload” at college.

- Plan ahead and pace yourself. Almost all applications have specific deadlines. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to prepare the application, assemble letters of support, etc.

- Deadlines have a seasonal cycle that is similar to the academic year. In other words, most deadlines fall between October and April. That means that (1) summer offers a great time for you to identify opportunities and (2) you should be prepared to juggle scholarship application with your academic workload. Of course, the more you can get done over the summer the better.

- The application process for some of the more prestigious scholarships is like preparing a good term paper. You will need to set aside time to collect your thoughts, gather information, and write several drafts before you have a “finished” product.

- You’ve got help. Pace faculty, staff, and administrators want you to succeed- and we are ready to assist you. We can offer advice and guidance at any point in the search and application process. We’re available to identify opportunities, comment on drafts of your essays, assist you on your resume, write letters of recommendation, etc. Don’t go it alone! There is an entire support network of people and services that can help. In particular, the Associate Provost’s Office, your faculty, and the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services offer expertise available to you right here on campus. Be sure to take advantage of that help.

- Letters of support from faculty are very important. Most competitions ask for three letters from faculty who know you well and who discuss your academic achievements, interests, etc. So don’t be shy. Get to know your professors-talk in class, meet during office hours,
ask for guidance on careers, internships, research opportunities, etc. When you are ready to apply for a scholarship, it would be considerate to provide your professor with advance notice that you will ask for their assistance.

- You will notice that some awards require Pace University nomination or endorsement. If you think you might want to pursue one of those awards, you should contact the Pace faculty or administrative coordinator for a particular competition as identified in this booklet. When in doubt, please contact me at the Associate Provost’s Office in Pleasantville where I will be glad to provide you with further information and guidance.

- Many of the competitions are very similar and require basically the same information. Once you have prepared one application, you should consider how you might revise and recycle it for another competition.

- Success breeds success. Once you have captured one award (perhaps as a sophomore or junior), your chances of succeeding in a subsequent competition are likely to increase. So, with careful planning, you might be able to parlay an early award and continued academic excellence into a second award during your days at Pace.

Let me conclude by suggesting that applying for fellowships and other awards can be extremely beneficial learning experience. You may be asked to craft a coherent statement in which you highlight your achievements and experiences and set forth your goals for the future plans. If taken seriously, such projects are more than “exercises” that, once completed, are forgotten. Quite the contrary. Previous Pace students who have sought awards attest to the value of the application process itself. Even if one is not successful in the scholarship competition, the process of self-evaluation, planning, and presentation, can be valuable—giving direction to one’s life and preparing one for future opportunities.

I encourage you to make the most of your Pace education by seizing opportunities such as those highlighted in this booklet.

Sincerely,

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