The objective of many students who arrive in America is to “make it” and become a part of the “American dream”. Its achievement could take many forms, primarily, a car, a house, and a job to funnel it. However, the present global economy has shifted this focus in the sense that the opportunity to achieve the classical “American dream” is available in many people’s own home country, especially in countries such as India and China. Even in this era of abundant choices, there are several students who want to remain in the United States – at least for a while. This urge to be a part of the US society is especially evident in Pace students. Students in both Manhattan and the Westchester campuses are bound to experience this strangely close allegiance to New York/America in several instances. If you are a student who has been here for a couple of years, you are probably nodding agreement. Well, if you do not agree, but continue to stay here, have you ever become a “New Yorker”? Hate it, curse the cramped space but remain an ardent addict! But for many who may still be out there “at large”, what is it that makes New York such a temptation to an international student?

Indeed every part of the world is represented in the five boroughs of New York, Chinatown to Little Italy to Korea town to the Indian markets in Jackson Heights. Almost every culture of the world values food and associates personal well-being with a particular spice or herb or type of bread or even vegetable. For all those coming from other parts of the world the ability to actually access any herb or food in New York provides a good base for that feeling of being at “home”. This is perhaps the most incredible aspect of New York, the ability to remind you constantly of “home”. Unwittingly, you fall a victim to the city’s gentle coaxing and luring to make it your home.

Then come all those people. Yes, New Yorkers have a reputation for being rude and having no time. Well, for people from many other parts of the world the behavior of a typical New Yorker is, well, the norm. Why would anyone stop in the road to say “hello” and smile anyway? Is it not sufficient that they help you and provide you direc-
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Getting Around

- Port Authority of NY and NJ—Airports, Bridges, Tunnels, PATH train: http://www.panynj.gov/
- Metro Transportation Authority (MTA) - Subways, Buses, Trains (Metro North): http://www.mta.info/
- New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (driver’s licenses): http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/

...tions to any subway when you really need it? What is more, the anonymity that this city offers is a liberating experience in itself. Yeah, run out in your PJs for milk from the Deli, who cares? Oh, and yes, the delis. What a wonderful thing! Just like the little store across the street back home. All in all, with an array of museums, cultural events from all over the world, galleries, outdoor events and a really hot “nightlife”, the Big Apple is Hell and Heaven in harmonious union.

The energy of New York is not only vibrant on a social level, but also on the professional side. Apart from being the financial capital of the United States, New York offers challenging learning opportunities for people in all professions. From health care to the arts, opportunities to excel in one’s chosen profession are abundant. However, the wide range of opportunities is matched by an equally high number of qualified applicants. Carving out a career path therefore, takes more than just filling out the job application. Marketing oneself and one’s potential is extremely important. This kind of approach may be alien to some students, whose cultural background demands a modest and reserved approach. However, where an employer has to pick one from a ten perfect cherries the one with a little more polish stands a better chance. The polish requires a good resume, which can be made interesting by a proper presentation of one’s qualification and experience. It also requires a strong cover letter that only explains why a job or internship is interesting to a student but also what the student can bring to the job. The career development center at Pace is the best place to carefully hone a resume and cover letter. Another important aspect of professional development is “net-working”. The concept of social networking is pretty common in most cultures of the world. Professional networking however, has special significance in the United States.

In New York there is at least a handful of associations in every profession to bring together interested professionals who not only further the substance of a field, but who also seek out new talents continuously. These associations are usually enjoyable and provide insights into the work culture of the field. They also offer opportunities to attend seminars, meetings, shows and other events that encourage interaction and innovative thinking. Most of the associations offer free or low rate membership to students. In fact, students enjoy numerous privileges in terms of cheap tickets to great performances and free membership – make use of it.

In order to maximize one’s experience as a student, it is safe to rely on the Pace community, which is composed of several friendly faces either teaching, offering administrative assistance, working in the background or studying. Participating in all the possible events organized within the University and meeting with peers is the best stepping stone to the United States. For those who prefer the quieter life, the Pace University’s Westchester campuses provide a calmer but equally stimulating Pace of life. Most of the campuses are located close to a Metro North Railway, making NYC a short train ride away. Pace University in all aspects offers a great stepping stone and continued path for an exciting and enriching experience of the “American dream”. I do know this, because I have been a “Pacee” and a “New Yorker” for five years now!

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Open House

The Office of International Programs and Services opens its doors to all students. Please stop by our office to meet the staff and to learn more about our international student services and study abroad opportunities. All are welcome!

Snacks and refreshments included.

Pleasantville Campus, Kessel Campus Center—Wednesday 09/07/2005—10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
NYC Campus, One Pace Plaza, Room W-207—Thursday 09/08/2005—2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Metro International: Throughout the academic year, Metro offers a variety of programs & services such as community visits & homestays, walking tours, Global Classroom school visits, foreign affairs conferences, Campus-to-Career programs, weekly social nights, and other special events.

Check Metro’s calendar of events at: http://www.metrointl.org/calendar/

Tea and Talk: FALL 2005 DATES: SEPTEMBER 12, 21, 27, OCTOBER 4, 19, 25, 31, NOVEMBER 8, 16, DECEMBER 1, 7, 3:30-4:30 P.M., ONE PACE PLAZA, Faculty Dining Room

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- The Late Show with David Letterman, call: (212) 975-5853
- Good Morning America (Times Square at 44th St. and Broadway, 212/580-5176) - Weekday mornings from 7am to 9am.


The Williamsburg Jazz Festival
September 8—10
http://www.wjazzfestival.com/

Washington Square Outdoor Art Exhibit
Saturday 09/03/05 thru Monday 09/05/05
& Saturday 09/10/05 thru Sunday 09/11/05

LaGuardia Place
between Bleecker & E 4th Streets

PS1 MOMA - Museum of Modern Art $2 for students.
Www.Ps1.org

Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all peoples cry, laugh, eat, worry, and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try and understand each other, we may even become friends.

~ Maya Angelou ~

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2005: Check-in deadline for all NEW International Students

If you were unable to attend International Student Orientation, you must check-in with the OIPS. All new F-1 students are required to report to the OIPS in order to comply with immigration regulations. Bring your I-20, passport, visa, and I-94 to the OIPS before September 21st.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2005: Enrollment deadline for ALL International Students

ALL International Students must have completed their fall semester registration by this date. Undergraduate students must be enrolled full time, with at least 12 credits and graduate students must have at least 9 credits. Inform an International Student Advisor immediately if you are experiencing problems registering full time.

*Deadline to submit Deviation Forms for Graduating Students. Students in their final semester who need less than a full course load to complete the degree requirements must submit a completed Deviation Form, signed by the Graduation Office, by this date. This requires an application for graduation to be submitted to the Graduation Office.

OCTOBER 7, 2005: Deadline to file Insurance Waiver form

If you already have your own comparable health insurance, and would like to waive the Mandatory Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan for international students, make sure to send a completed waiver form along with a copy of your current insurance plan (in English and US dollars) to The Allen J. Flood Companies at the address listed on the health insurance waiver form no later than October 7, 2005. For more information, see http://www.pace.edu/international/

Attention Fall 2005 Graduating Students:

If your post-graduation plans involve Optional Practical Training (“OPT”) work authorization, you can apply as early as September. Remember, it is important not to wait until the last minute, applications can take up to 12 weeks to process!

Reminder to ALL International Students:

Immigration regulations require you to report a change of address to the OIPS within 10 days of the change. Stop by and complete a change of address form if you have moved!