The Education Forum

Read-Aloud at the Life Center
Pace University Kappa Delta Pi members and children at the Life Center (members from left to right: Katrina Sapec; Dr. Kathryn De Lawter, Counselor; Melissa Kaufman; Jennifer Tudisco, President; and Diane Baker).

Kappa Delta Pi Read-Aloud
As a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education, I have had the opportunity to volunteer at the L.I.F.E center on Catherine Street. The L.I.F.E. Center is a homeless shelter for over ninety families, mostly mothers and their children. Volunteering at the L.I.F.E. Center as a representative of Kappa Delta Pi has been a joy and has shown me firsthand how much educators have to offer children and their parents.

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Advisement Notes and Contact Information for various university services.

Confused about where to go for help? Tired of being transferred between departments in search for an answer? We hope at the School of Education to alleviate some of those issues so that you reach the right department the first time around.

Counseling Services and Personal Development

The professional staff at the Counseling Center is available to assist students in the resolution of personal academic or vocational problems. Office hours and locations are as follows:

New York City Campus
156 William Street 12th Floor
(212) 346-1526
Rtabbita@pace.edu

Pleasantville Campus
Administration Center 2nd Floor
(914) 773-3710
Counctr_west@pace.edu

Please call counseling center for available office hours.

The Tutoring Center

The tutoring center offers free tutoring to all Pace University students in a range of courses. Hours and locations are as follows:

New York City Campus
41 Park Row 2nd Floor
(212) 346-1407

Pleasantville Campus
Mortola Library 3rd Floor
(914) 773-3510

Please call The Tutoring Center for available office hours.

Pforzheimer Honors College

The Honors College provides students with the opportunity to excel throughout their four years and to realize their greatest potential. Students enrolled in The Honors College should also seek advisement through the campus in which they are currently enrolled in. The Director of The Honors College in the New York City Campus is Dr. Bill Offutt. Dr. Offutt’s contact number is (212) 346-1697.

The Director of the Pleasantville Campus is Dr. Janetta Benton. The contact number for Dr. Benton’s office is (914) 773-3746.

SARS/Graduation Office

These offices can assist students with registration, payment, grades, insurance waivers, applying for graduation and much more. Office hours and locations are as follows:

New York City Campus
One Pace Plaza 1st Floor W107
(212) 346 - 1315

Pleasantville Campus
Administrative Center 1st Floor
(914) 773 - 3431

Please call Financial Aid for office hours.

Core Website

For information on the new university core requirements, please log on to the pace website or type: http://appserv.pace.edu/execute/page.cfm?doc_id=5203 directly into your browser.

Academic Resources

This department assists students who are searching for academic direction (e.g. major, minor, concentration, etc). Individualized counseling resources and tools are provided to help students establish a focus and plan of action. Contact information is as follows:

New York City Campus
Allyson King
41 Park Row 2nd Floor
(212) 346-1609
Aking@pace.edu

Pleasantville Campus
Sue Schmid

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Co-op and Career Services

This service is available to provide students with experiential learning opportunities, career advising and assessment, job searching and graduate student programs. Office hours and locations are as follows:

New York City Campus
41 Park Row 14th Floor
(212) 346-1950 (Co-op Number)

Pleasantville Campus
Gannett House
(914) 773-3415
Careers@pace.edu

Please call for office hours.

International Programs

Staff from this department encourage and support the enrollment of international students and provide advice on study abroad programs. Contact information and office locations are as follows:

New York City Campus
One Pace Plaza Suite W1000
(212) 346-1368
Intlnyc@pace.edu

Pleasantville Campus
Kessel Campus Center 2nd Floor
(914) 773-3477
Intlplv@pace.edu

Writing Center

In support of the Core Curriculum and the Writing Enhanced Course Program, writing centers are available for all students and faculty. In addition to tutorial services in writing, they will provide teachers of Writing Enhanced Courses (and teachers of all courses that require any amount of writing) with assistance and resources on using writing to foster student's communication and critical thinking skills. Contact and location information is as follows:

New York City Campus
The Henry Birnbaum Library
(212) 346-1085

Pleasantville Campus
Mortola Library
(914) 773-3942

Directory of Advising Offices within Pace University

School of Education
(212) 346-1338 (NYC)
(914) 773-3571 (PLV)

Dyson College of Arts & Science
(212) 346-1518 (NYC)
(914) 773-3781 (PLV)

Lubin School of Business
(212) 346-1984 (NYC)
(914) 773-3531 (PLV)

School of Computer Science
(212) 346-1789 (NYC)
(914) 773-3592 (PLV)

Lienhard School of Nursing
(212) 346-1439 (NYC)
(914) 773-3373 (PLV)

World Trade Institute
(888) 722-3984 (Toll Free)
(212) 346-1177 (NYC)

General Pace University Numbers

New York City Campus
One Pace Plaza
(212) 346-1200

Pleasantville/Briarcliff Campus
861 Bedford Road
(914) 773-3200

White Plains Campus
78 North Broadway
(914) 422-4000

Hudson Valley Center
33 Airport Center Drive
(845) 567-9284

Other campus locations and phone numbers are listed on the Pace University website; www.pace.edu

United Nations as a Resource

Here's a puzzle for you: Where can you find a valuable NYC teaching and learning resource location that's technically not in NYC? Get on the M15 bus at the bus stop in front of Pace, and get off at First and 46th St. Where are you? At the United Nations; it's international territory. Have you ever been? Ever thought of taking students one day? Check it out. Pat Orvis, a Center for Urban Education colleague-volunteer, currently a UN correspondent, graciously invited me to

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take a special tour, sit-in on a briefing and have lunch in the Delegates’ Dining Room. Since I was researching a paper on Internet piracy for an international publication and conference, I wanted to learn what the UN was doing on this subject, anyway. So, off I went with my notebook in hand.

Upon arrival, I entered a white tent: the security clearance area. She kindly guided me through open areas of global exhibits and museum quality gift displays, very generous presents from various countries to the UN. The collection was astounding, a must go-and-see-for-yourself.

But the UN is more than a collection of exhibits and thank you gift museum; it is current events in action. You’re viewing living history. You might be able to observe policy making discussions in large committee rooms with seats for the 191 Member States. Five thousand meetings are held annually. Go alone or find a friend and book a tour. Tours are offered daily Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Call 212-963-TOUR. For $7.00 with your Pace ID, your guide escorts you on a 45-minute tour. Tours are offered in at least 14 languages.

Do you like to shop? Looking for classroom material or research information for a Pace paper? Check out the multinational gift shop and bookstore. Children’s books, with cultural and environmental themes, such as Tip and Top: The Adventure of Two Water Drops by Nane Annan or African Folktales by Roger D. Abrahams, can be reviewed and purchased. Posters, music CDs and travel books also line the shelves.

If you prefer to do a little cyber-surfing, you can purchase some items online. Check out the: www.un.org where I found many UN facts and figures for this article. While you’re here, check out two great locations, designed especially for teachers: Cyber School Bus and The Teacher’s Link. Cyber School Bus includes curriculum units on Poverty, Cities of the World and Indigenous People, among others. You can find interactive online games and quizzes as well. And here’s something you don’t see too often: As I surfed the UN site, I found an ad seeking teachers who want “free stuff” for their classrooms. And who doesn’t want free stuff? All you have to do is review their unit content and test activities in your classroom. Give it a try. It might be well worth your while. In addition, if you’re clueless about how to develop and conduct a class trip, then check out The Teacher’s Link. Not only does it tell you how to plan a UN trip, but also, student rules to follow and after-tour suggestions.

So, take an afternoon and visit the UN. Have a snack in the cafeteria. Great view of the East River. If you’re in a hurry, and it’s a nice Spring day, take the 4 or 5 Train to Grand Central Station and walk the few blocks from 42nd to 46th Streets.

If you have any questions that I might be able to answer, just email me: pbrock@pace.edu. And, yes, I found great information for my paper on Internet piracy, so I’d better finish writing it.

Dr. Patricia Brock

Pace University mourns loss of student

On February 20, 2004, Michael G. Hoppy, a first-year student, fell to his death as a suicide. “The Pace University community extends its fullest sympathies to Michael’s family and friends. We are reaching out to his friends and other residents of Maria’s Tower (dorms) and providing appropriate counseling to the family and friends that knew him”.

If you or anyone you know is feeling depressed, or are having thoughts of suicide, please use the university resources aforementioned or call security 24 hours a day at (212) 346-1800 for further assistance.
In June of 2003, the members of the Psi Eta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Pace University organized a wonderful and successful book drive for all the children and adults at the L.I.F.E. center. The first step of the book drive was to collect children’s books from anyone who wanted to donate to this great cause. Next, members worked for many hours gathering, schlepping, and separating the books by topic and age appropriateness. We helped get their library in order. Reference books and extra books were placed in the L.I.F.E. Center library for all to enjoy. Finally, we organized a special “read-aloud” event at which we distributed books to the children. They provided refreshments and a good time was had by all.

On a week day and a Saturday, Kappa Delta Pi members distributed the new books, played games, and Read books aloud to the children. All of the children who attended these events went home with many new and used books to add to or build their own home libraries. This was such a rewarding experience because the children were very enthusiastic to be receiving classic and current best selling books.

As a future educator in the field of literacy I had a wonderful time promoting how much fun it is to read. I hope that the book drive will become an annual event for Kappa Delta Pi.

In December 2003, Kappa Delta Pi members returned to the L.I.F.E. center. This occasion was a Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanza celebration. We watched the movie, “Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer.” During the movie the children enjoyed snacks prepared by Kappa Delta Pi members. We also gave out candy canes and cookies, and wished each child happy holidays as they left.

Dates

Information sessions with President Caputo and Provost Morreale on the New York Campus will be held on:

Tuesday March 23, 2003  
Multipurpose Room 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 27, 2003  
Multipurpose Room 12:30-2:00 p.m.

*Refreshments will be served*

Pictured at left is Kappa Delta Pi president Jennifer Tudisco and Melissa Kaufman doing a read-aloud with children at the Life Center. Pictures taken by Professor Sharon Medow, co-counselor.
Poem:
The Tired Dreamer

The tired dreamer waking sleeps amongst graffitied concrete slabs. He gently sways as the train creeps past powerlines, encrusted shacks. How many fates have traversed here, traveling highways and the tracks? The meadows bury secrets deep beneath the icy water cracks.

Yana Kimelblat

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Editors’ Message

We would like to hear from you! Send us news of any dates, activities, events, personal publications, or ideas you would like to be a part of this Education Forum. E-mail us at roberto.santiago@pace.edu or at kdelawter@pace.edu. Please be sure to include SOE Newsletter on the subject/reference line.

Why would an education student want to join Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)?

KDP is an international honorary educational organization. If you are eligible, your membership signals everyone in the education field that you have demonstrated scholarly achievement in education. As a member you are recognized both for what you have already done and for what you are going to do. And, it is the “what you are going to do” that is important to consider before you join. The Psi Eta Chapter here at Pace University is seeking active members, people who want to take leadership positions and people who will back up these leaders at planning meetings so that community outreach activities, fund raising events, and professional gatherings will make a vital contribution to the life of our university and communities.

Should you join, recognition as a KDP member carries the expectation of excellence and professionalism. You commit to building a strong organization of members dedicated to service to others. Are you willing to carve out some time to carry out the mission of the organization? If you are, our chapter has several executive board positions open. Initiation invitations will be sent to eligible undergraduate and graduate students.

Dr. Kathryn De Lawter, Counselor

Children enjoying the Kappa Delta Pi Read-Aloud at the Life Center in June. In the background are Katrina Sapeg, Dr. Kathryn De Lawter, Psi Eta Chapter Counselor, and Frank Giglioli, former Vice President.