

Pace offers new scholarships to attract 'best and brightest'

As part of a continuing effort to attract the "best and brightest" students to Pace University, the university has announced it is offering new donor-funded scholarships that will benefit incoming honors students.

The "Opportunity Scholarship" will support new students in the Pforzheimer Honors College who would be eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship if they attended a public institution in New York. Scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded to qualifying students.

"This new scholarship helps keep the doors of opportunity open for students of all backgrounds," said Pace President Marvin Krislov. "We are so grateful that our friends and donors are making these dreams a reality for these driven and deserving students who will add vibrancy and tenacity to the

classroom."

This new scholarship will be an addition to the Honors Scholarships currently awarded to students at Pace. Pace will offer the additional \$5,000 Opportunity Scholarship to students who meet the financial criteria that would make them eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship if they attended a State University of New York (SUNY) college.

Pace reports that it already provides substantial financial aid to students, with 92% receiving aid, and nearly half are the first in their families to attend college. As well, Pace participates in the New York State Enhanced Tuition Awards program that provides tuition awards to students who are New York State residents attending a private college or university in New York. Recipients receive \$6,000 through a combination of their TAP (Tuition Assistance Program) award, ETA (Enhanced Tuition Award) and a match from their institution.

Approximately 20% of the new students admitted to the Honors College are candidates for this award. To be eligible for an Opportunity Scholarship, students need to be enrolled in the Honors College at Pace in their freshman year, be a New York State resident, and have a family adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less. Students can renew the \$5,000 award for their four years at Pace assuming they remain in good standing and maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

Those interested in applying to the Pforzheimer Honors College can get more information on-line at pace.edu.