

GOOD THINGS

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN WEB DESIGN



From left: project leaders Joanna Plakpitas, Xlo Chen, and Stephen Lasko; Elizabeth McCorvey of The Family Resource Center of Peekskill; Mary Ann Luna of United Way of Westchester and Putnam; Ojonugwa Oji, project leader; Pauline Mosley; Andrew Crawford and Jennifer Schwartz-Crawford of Westchester Government for Seniors; David Bavagnoli, project leader; Lori Stephens of G.O.O.D. for Girls; and Joseph Magro, project leader.

Six teams of Pace University students recently competed to create website designs that would be selected for use by three Westchester nonprofits.

The competition was part of a course developed and taught by **Pauline Mosley**, a professor of information technology at Pace's Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems. It highlight-

ed the process of designing websites to help nonprofits better serve their communities.

In addition to learning technical skills such as HTML coding, students were exposed to the need for teamwork, communication and proper project management. "For the students to be able to program these websites to have the functionality for donations is critical...not only in terms

of (the nonprofits) surviving and sustaining the next couple of years, but also thriving and being competitive long term," Mosley said.

The three participating nonprofits were G.O.O.D. for Girls Inc. in Tarrytown, The Family Resource Center in Peekskill and The Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services in Mount Vernon.