Pathways to College Experiences

University of Richmond

Bonner Center for Civic Engagement
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PACE (Pathways to a College Experience) is a program that aims to expose middle and elementary school students to the possibility of a college education by offering a holistic experience at UR’s campus.

We leverage our creative confidence thanks to our expansive network of educators, volunteers, and mentors around the great area of Richmond. We believe it has tremendous potential to help students envision academic opportunities post K–12 education.
To expose middle and elementary school students to college and to broaden their horizons on how life can be post K-12 education.

To create a resourceful and supportive space for students facing barriers accessing post-secondary opportunities.
Elementary & middle school students

In the Greater Richmond Region.

Interested in exploring
* education post K-12
* college degree
* career and networking

**Priority is given to first-generation college students.

Who is involved?

Bonner Center for Civic Engagement
Volunteers from University of Richmond
Schools in the Greater Richmond region
The **PACE** program has two signature programs

*PACE Campus Tours & PACE Workshop*
PACE Campus Tours

Usually run from 12:00 - 01:30 PM

- 90-minute program
- A campus tour facilitated by university volunteers
- Executed in large groups

**Snacks and college merchandise might be provided

** Special need

Students who need special assistance during the tour may notify the program organizers so the necessary accommodations can be made.
Usually runs from 10:00 AM - 12:45 PM

- 3 hour program
- Holistic college experience
- Executed in smaller groups

Program includes:

Campus tours
Career exploration sessions
Seminars about college life, college application and education.
Group discussion
Dining with college students

Snacks and College merchandise might be provided
**PACE Workshop** is a 3 hour program. It includes several tailored activities that aim to create a rewarding experience for the participating students.

The schedule below might be subject to change if certain circumstances are to occur.

### Sample Schedule

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<th>Time</th>
<th>Activity</th>
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<td>10:00 AM - 10:15 AM</td>
<td>Arrival and check-in/ Attendance</td>
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<td>10:15 AM - 11:00 AM</td>
<td>*Introduction about PACE, UR, college</td>
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<td>*College experience shared by a College student</td>
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<td>*Breaking up into small groups + group discussion with Volunteers</td>
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<td>11:00 AM - 11:40 AM</td>
<td>*Mini campus visit within groups (Fron THC)</td>
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<td>11:40 AM - 12:30 PM</td>
<td>*Picnic set up + yard games</td>
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<td>*Lunch with another small group</td>
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<td>*Wrapping up + distributing UR Swags</td>
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<td>*Last event activity + Last attendance</td>
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<td>12:30 PM - 12:45 PM</td>
<td>Heading back to the school buses</td>
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A 90-minute program

A campus tour facilitated in large groups

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Increase our community bonding
Create a safe space for these students
Share their college/high school experience
Offer mentorship for the students

To ensure the quality and safety of our programs, there will be at least 7 trained volunteers who will be facilitating tours of different small groups of students for PACE campus tours.

Volunteers

Parental consent form

Our PACE Team will be sending consent prior forms to the schools and their parents or guardians prior to the campus visit to ensure that the students have received permission to engage in the activities of our program.
Key Dates

These are the proposed dates for PACE Campus tours and/or PACE Workshop for 2022. If there are any alterations with dates will be communicated ahead of time.

February 25
March 25
April 15

Cost of the Program

PACE programs are cost-free thanks to our generous partnership with Bonners Center for Civic Engagement at the University of Richmond. Schools are only expected to arrange their own transportation to and from campus.
What to do next?

If you are interested in participating your school or students in either of the PACE Program, you can fill in an interest form below, and our team will reach out to you as soon as possible.

Insert this link on your browser

or

Scan the QR Code
If you have any questions concerning PACE programs, feel free to contact us via the following means:

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