

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

STUDENT CIRCLES

FELLOWSHIP

Fostering Community and Community Leaders

Pace's semester-long Fellowship program fosters community leaders. Fellows devote 6-10 hours/week to receiving training in strengths-based community development practices. Through listening surveys, Fellows discover the dreams, passions, and gifts of other VCU students. They work with students to develop programs that bring those gifts to life, including open-mic night, mindful art projects, serving at food pantries, and a student-run weekly Cafe, where different students cook from their own cultural background and students enjoy the meal for \$1.

Promoting Career-Readiness

By leading student teams, Fellows learn communication skills, problem-solving, project management, how to delegate based on strengths, time management, and working with people from diverse backgrounds. Pace's Fellows are primed to enter the professional workforce and have the tools necessary to build community in Richmond and beyond.

Connecting with Caring Adults

Student Circles provide an intentional space for holistic care and an opportunity for students to develop a relationship with a non-student adult to rely upon for guidance and support as they navigate college life. Qualified adult volunteers, with prior training in working with students and diverse populations, lead a Circle for one hour each week with a small group of dedicated Pace students.

Many VCU students fail to develop a connection with a VCU professor or advisor .

In 2020, more than 30% of VCU students were the first in their families to attend college. Academic and socioeconomic factors, exacerbated by the pandemic, can plague students from this demographic and lead to increased dropout rates. By introducing students to a welcoming, experienced adult and a supportive peer group, Pace provides an intentional community that can be called upon for help and advice.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Building Students Networks

As Pace has grown in numbers and diversity over the years, we have seen that students without local networks are at a significant disadvantage. They struggle to connect with internships for experience and required shadow hours. Students work hard to get a degree, but without support, they struggle to make the next step.

The Pace Mentorship Program helps VCU students build their network by connecting them to professionals in the greater Richmond community who can help guide their civic and professional aspirations. The Mentorship Program is all about developing relationships and helping students have more opportunity to live into their gifts beyond VCU.

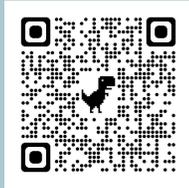
WHAT IS THE PACE CENTER?

The Pace Center is VCU's Methodist Campus Ministry. Pace works with students to build diverse community on VCU's campus. We do this by empowering student leaders to discover and uplift the gifts of other VCU students. We believe each person has unique gifts and that people and communities are at their best when they are given an opportunity to share them.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

visit thepacecenter.com to learn more



Prepare a meal for students during Pace's Stories + Lunch event on Wednesdays.

COOK

Sign up to become a mentor - a six-hour commitment per semester.



MENTOR



Your contribution in any amount will help keep Pace programs going!

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"Pace has been the biggest support system I've had this semester, and is the reason why I made it so far."

- Pace Fellow

Equipping and Empowering Servant Leaders



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