

Colleges Strike Admission Deal

Last week, officials from Suffolk County Community College and Pace University announced a new agreement allowing students who have finished their studies at SUNY Suffolk to matriculate into Pace as juniors.

The admission agreement was signed in a virtual meeting on December 14.

The agreement gives SUNY Suffolk students who graduate with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 guaranteed acceptance to Pace University, which has a main campus in New York City and additional campus space in Westchester. Students graduating from SUNY Suffolk will have their lower level general education/core requirements waived if they transfer to Pace.

For the transfer students, a maximum of 68 credits will be applied toward the completion of the relevant Pace bachelor's degree programs. According to a press release issued by SUNY Suffolk early this week, Pace will also offer scholarships of up to \$25,000 to eligible transfer students who graduate Suffolk with a GPA of 3.2 or higher on either the New York or Westchester campuses. The schools are also part of the The New York State Presidential Transfer

Scholarship program, which offers full scholarships to eligible students.

"We are excited to join with SUNY Suffolk to provide the opportunity for their students to pursue dual admission and start on a path to a four-year degree," said Pace President Marvin Krislov. "This agreement builds on and strengthens our longstanding partnership with Suffolk, and we're looking forward to welcoming their hard-working, ambitious graduates to Pace."

"Suffolk County Community College is about creating opportunities for its students. With this important Joint Admissions Program, Suffolk students will be guaranteed admission to Pace University upon meeting the qualifications," said Suffolk County Community College Interim President Louis J. Petrizzo. "This initiative is about providing Suffolk students with all the possibilities an outstanding University has to offer and we could not be more pleased that Pace University has agreed to allow our students this opportunity."

Suffolk County Community College is the largest community college in the SUNY system, with about 25,000 students at its Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead campuses, offering more than 100 degree and certificate options.

