

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Past Athletes Concerned about Education (PACE) was co-founded in 1995 by a group of former athletes from the University of Minnesota utilizing a mentoring format with special focus on African American male student athletes experiencing academic and relevant social issues. Over the years we have expanded our services to mentor and tutor elementary, middle and high school students in the suburban St. Paul and Minneapolis public school system and surrounding areas. The program's design and concept is unique in that it serves a multi-cultural group of at-risk preteens and teens.

"We know the difference a responsible, caring adult can make in a child's life"

– President Barack Obama

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*"Transforming Tomorrows' Student's Futures
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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

– Frederick Douglass

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About PACE

Our Mission Past Athletes Concerned about Education (PACE) provides comprehensive mentoring programs for “at risk” youth in grades 6-11 utilizing empowering methods that result in enhancing and embracing their social, emotional and academic success.

Our Vision: PACE is committed to providing “at risk” youth with successful mentoring opportunities resulting in productive outcomes for their current and future personal, social/emotional and intellectual development.



Programs Mentoring

Mentors assist students in examining their behavioral choices in an innate process, which allows the participants to be cognizant of their behavior. One on one and group mentoring activities improve skills for youth to discern the difference between behaviors that result in positive outcomes as opposed to negative outcomes.

Tutorial Assistance

Provided to improve the academic performance of participating students.

Motivational Speakers

Guest speakers approach and address relevant teen issues with the focus on POSITIVE results of good decision-making.

Parent/Caregiver Engagement

Special information sessions are held for parents/caregivers with focus on the importance of their involvement with respect to student success.

Basketball Camps (summer and winter programming)

This is a week long run & shoot basketball camp & tournament. Our motto is play hard, work hard, study hard, excel in life and beat the odds. In addition to working hard and having fun, participants engage in activities that address issues involving diversity, teamwork, confidence building, academics, and accountability.

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Saturday Basketball Academy

PACE offers a year-round Saturday Basketball Academy, which offers students flexibility that accommodates their busy school week schedule. This academy provides skill building in the areas of reading and writing along with fun physical activity while developing basketball fundamentals, sportsmanship and team competition. Motivational guest speakers are scheduled each Saturday; inspiring our campers to be the best they can be. Nutritional information is provided along with a lunch that represents healthy food choices.



Program Goals

- To improve academic motivation and performance.
- To develop appropriate interpersonal and relationship building skills.
- To develop a positive sense of self, values and decision-making.
- To cultivate a trusting and cultivating connection with mentors.