

**New College Support Program for Students who have
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Pace University
New York City**

The TARA Center at Pace University is accepting applications for a new program designed to support college students with Autism Spectrum Disorders/Asperger Syndrome.

In September 2009, a college support program for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) will open its doors. The Build on Special Strengths (BOSS) Program will admit a small group of students who have demonstrated academic potential to perform college level work. Students in the program will be matriculated undergraduates at Pace University. BOSS students will be fully integrated in their college classes and in all aspects of campus life. The program will provide ongoing support with coursework and with campus and community living.

The goal of the BOSS Program is to enable academically capable students with autism to succeed in college. The Center for Teaching and Research in Autism (TARA Center) at the Pace NYC campus will oversee and coordinate the overall operation and management of the BOSS Program.

Services include (1) special admission process and criteria; (2) individualized advisement and supervision for course selection; (3) academic support, such as daily tutoring and guidance; (4) residential support; (5) support with campus involvement and social activities; and (6) career development internships. The BOSS support team includes a coordinator for academic development, campus-life coordinator and staff, facilitator for social communication and self-advocacy, coordinator for psychological support, and program director.

Applicants to the BOSS Program should have demonstrated ability to succeed in an academic program. A plan of study will be developed for each student in consideration of the student's strengths and program requirements.

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