

# THE PACT

EXPERIENCE

Our Personalized  
Achievement  
Contract With You.



*Recognized by the National Association of Colleges  
and Employers as a best practice for retention.*

Beyond mere words, we offer you real action: a commitment to your college experience, your life, and your future unmatched by any other college. From the moment you are accepted to Mercy College to the moment you graduate and begin your career, you'll be assigned a personal mentor to advise you, guide you, and inspire you to reach your full potential. This mentor will be the key to your future, helping you figure out financial aid, secure an internship, and make your way into the brightest future possible.

**This is not just our promise to you. It's our PACT.**



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# What can I expect from my mentor

A PACT mentor is your single point person who helps you:

- understand financial aid
- choose the right major
- register for classes
- makes sure your paperwork is in order
- develop leadership skills
- land an internship
- track your academic progress
- participate in seminars, workshops and networking opportunities
- utilize an e-Portfolio
- reach your goals

## **PACT is Personal**

Average number of contacts between you and your mentor per semester:

national average.....2.68  
mercy college.....**16.51**



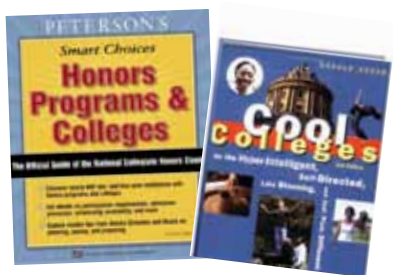
## The PACT Connection

“Because of my mentor, I was confident enough to apply to the Honors Program. It’s great to know I always have someone who is on my side, knows and cares about what I need to do in order to reach my goals.”

## The Power of PACT

PACT is a proven national model for student success that revolutionizes how a college prepares its students for their careers.

- PACT provides both an academic and extracurricular plan specific to the student.
- Each student is provided a personal mentor. Every mentor is highly experienced in academic advising, student life, career preparation, financial services, and leadership training.
- PACT provides unique access to cultural and networking opportunities in the New York metropolitan area.
- Every student benefits from thorough career preparation, including internships, workshops, resume development and an online portfolio.
- PACT provides lifetime access to career services and job placement opportunities.



Mercy College was featured in *Cool Colleges* as one of the most exciting schools in the U.S., and our Honors Program is featured as a smart choice by *Smart Choices: Peterson's Honors Programs and Colleges*.



This year's enrollment includes Mercy's highest number of full-time, first-time freshmen, as well as the largest number of Honors students—more than doubling last year's incoming Honors class.

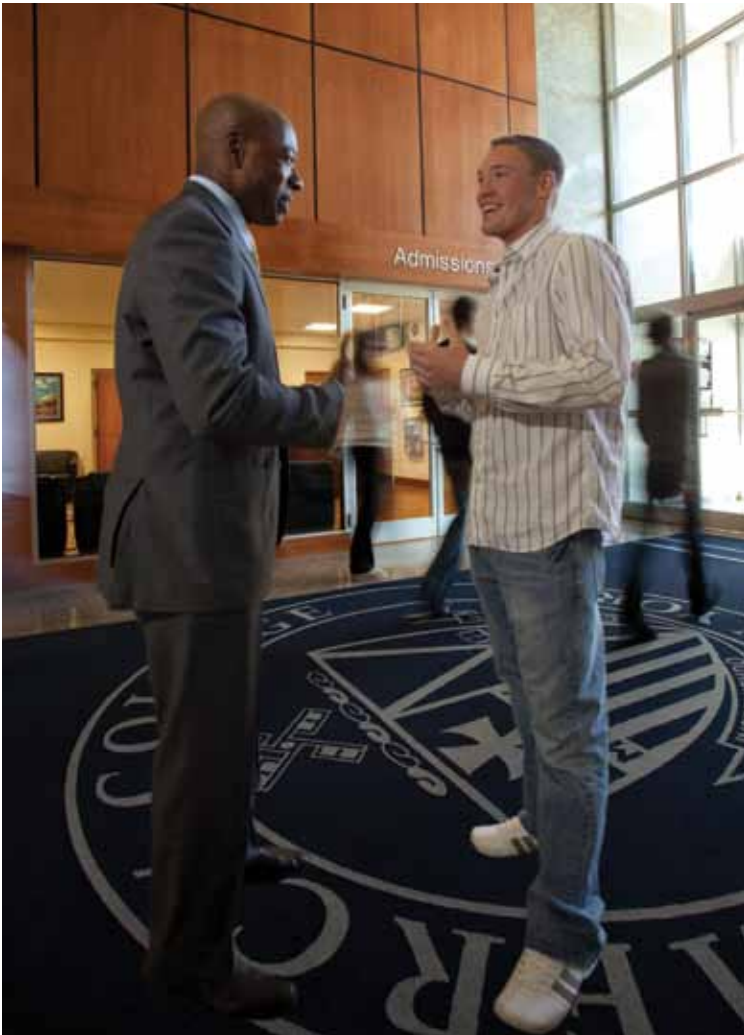
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## Mentor Moment

I'll never forget the look on one student's face when she and her father pulled up in the residence hall parking lot with a loaded car, and I greeted them with a dolly in hand. While I helped her unpack the car, we talked about the exciting days that lay ahead. As the last of the boxes went into her room, her father tapped me on the shoulder. "I'm really glad you're my little girl's mentor," he said. "I know she's in good hands." At that moment, with his faith and gratitude written clearly on his face, I knew being a mentor wasn't just going to be meaningful for her, but for her family, too.

— Ali Dibona, PACT Mentor





## PACT Facts

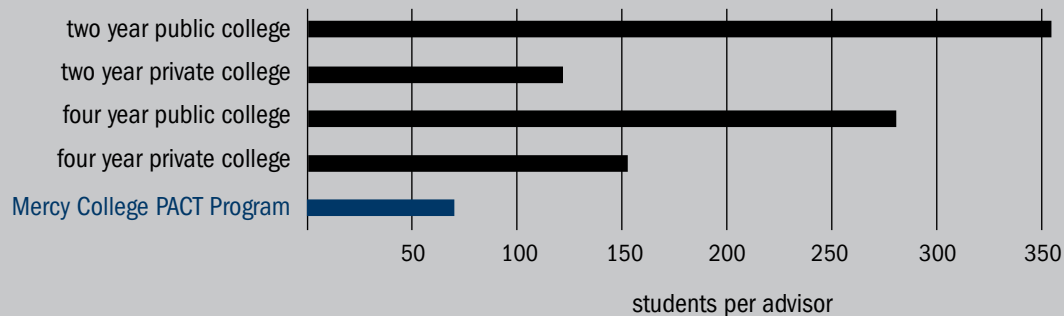
- Qualified students will automatically be selected for PACT upon their application to Mercy College.
- There is no additional tuition or fee to become a PACT student.
- The Mercy PACT is designed to enhance all academic programs and majors including the Honors track.
- Mentors make themselves available throughout the day via phone, e-mail, text message, or instant messenger.
- PACT students have a 20% higher retention rate than non-PACT students.

Nearly 1,500 students are enrolled in the Mercy College PACT Program, and that number is projected to cover 100% of all students within a few years.

Find more PACT facts at [www.mercy.edu/pact](http://www.mercy.edu/pact)



## PACT Mentors Have More Time to Spend With You





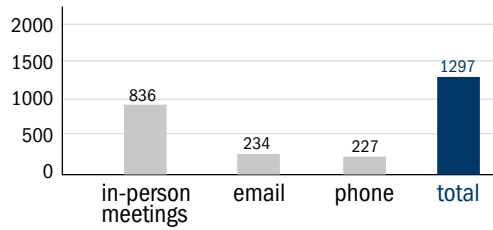
## Right to the Point

Before I transferred to Mercy, I had to run around campus to get anything done – a different contact for registration, financial aid, housing, everything. As a Mercy College PACT student, not only do I have one point of contact for everything, he also meets me for coffee once a week.

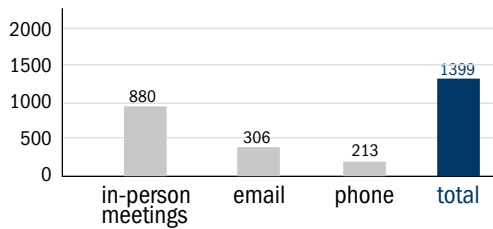
# Building relationships that make a difference

Unlike traditional student advisor relations that grow less frequent as the semester advances, PACT mentors and students actually reach out to each other more.

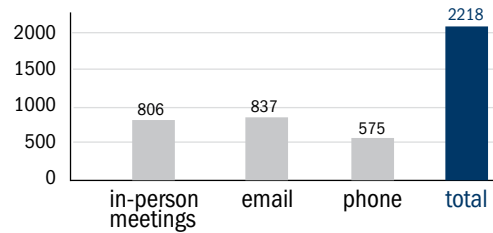
## September



## October

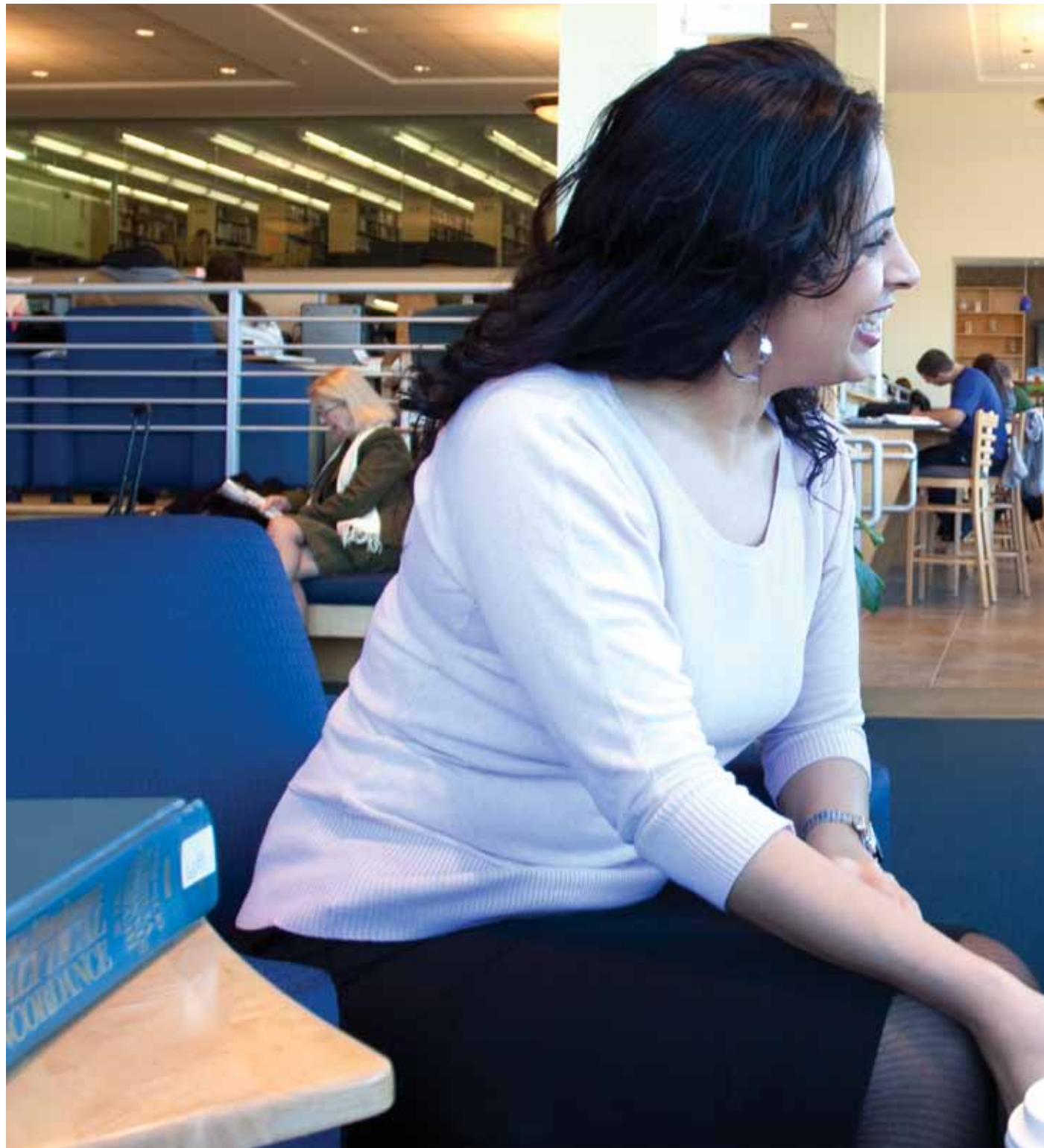


## November



## 3 month total contacts

September .....	1,297
October .....	1,399
November .....	2,218
<b>total.....</b>	<b>4,914</b>





## More than just good grades

- PACT enhances self-management, character development, and leadership skills.
- PACT encourages participation in sports, clubs, intramurals and special events.
- PACT students, in their second year, serve as a student mentor to an incoming freshman and eventually lead student mentor groups.
- PACT prepares students for a professional career through unique seminars on emotional intelligence, interview skills, and executive etiquette.
- PACT students are strongly encouraged to volunteer and participate in community service events.

PACT gives students the experiences they need for the careers they want by providing lifetime access to professional skills development, networking opportunities, and ongoing job placement services.

To browse our online career database go to  
**[www.mercy.edu/pact](http://www.mercy.edu/pact)**

# Mentor Moment

It's nice to have a job where my primary responsibility is to make a person's dreams come true. A student of mine who came to Mercy for our proximity to Manhattan and New York City's television studios, told me that his dream internship would be at NBC or CBS. We worked together to get him on the Dean's List, I attended career fairs with him, and coached him on his interviewing skills. This summer he will be interning on the set of *The Tonight Show*.

– Hakeem Rahim, PACT Mentor



It's easy to stay in touch with your mentor. PACT mentors are available via meetings, phone calls, e-mails, text messages, social networks, and even instant messenger.

**Instant message a mentor now!**  
**Screen Name: mercycollegepact**

## A proven model for success

- The PACT program is featured as a “Best Practice” for retention and career services with the NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers).
- In January of 2010, The American Council on Education shared PACT with the White House as a select example of innovation in higher education.
- The U.S. Department of Education funded Mercy College a \$2.5 million grant to create a graduate PACT program.




## e-Portfolio


You'll develop an e-Portfolio to track your academic and student life progress to highlight your work and skills to potential employers.

The Mercy e-Portfolio will help you:

- stay focused
- keep track of your achievements
- lay groundwork for a superior resume



My mentor encouraged me to play intramural volleyball, volunteer at the local children's hospital and network at career fairs. Now I'm not just a good student, I'm part of the Mercy College community.







**Start planning your future now. We're here to help!**

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## The PACT Plan

### First Year

#### Personal Development

- Resume development
- PACT leadership series
- Personality assessments
- Executive etiquette seminar
- e-Portfolio initiation

### Second Year

#### Interpersonal Development

- Internship or work study experience
- Community service participation
- Become mentor of first-year student
- Public speaking seminar
- Emotional intelligence seminar
- Service project participation
- e-Portfolio update

### Third Year

#### Organizational Development

- Internship or co-op experience
- Community service leader
- Student mentor team leader
- Organizational leadership seminar
- Interview skills seminar
- Service project leader
- Career fair attendance
- e-Portfolio update

### Fourth Year

#### Career/Grad School Transition

- Campus leadership role
- Resume workshop
- Mock interview
- Networking workshop
- Public speaking workshop
- Career fair attendance
- Job/school search, offers, placement

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