



PACE PROGRAM

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PACE (Partnership for Accessing College Education) is Salt Lake Community College's answer to the need for a college-readiness program that concentrates on empowering and supporting underserved youth.

HOW IT WORKS

PACE high school students and their families commit to:

- 90% attendance record
- achieving and maintaining more than a 2.5 GPA
- participating in advanced coursework

PACE high school students are supported with:

- high school, college-access and career advisors
- job shadowing, SLCC campus visits, tours of local companies and internships

Upon successful completion of the PACE program in high school, the student receives a **full two-year tuition scholarship** to Salt Lake Community College.

While at SLCC, PACE students participate in high-impact resources such as Summer Bridge, TRIO, Bruin Scholars and the Honors Program that result in greater retention and completion.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST:
\$245,000 (one-time)

Provides 20 students with a six-semester scholarship to SLCC

PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS

- Cottonwood High School
- East High School
- Highland High School
- Kearns High School (new this year)
- West High School



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GRADUATION RATES, COHORT YEARS 2015 TO 2020

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cottonwood High School	72%	75%	79%	80%	79%	80%
East High School	81%	91%	90%	89%	87%	84%
Highland High School	88%	90%	88%	90%	89%	86%
West High School	80%	83%	84%	83%	84%	78%
Average (all students)	80%	85%	85%	86%	85%	82%
Average (PACE students)	100%	97%	100%	89%	90%	92%

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

- 92% of PACE students identify as ethnically and/or racially diverse
- 82% are first-generation college students and come from working-class households
- 67% female; 33% male

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

- 311 students have successfully completed the program and graduated from high school
- 272 students currently participate in the program across the five area high schools, with 70 more students enrolling in Spring 2022
- 41% of PACE seniors graduated high school with honors (3.5 GPA or higher)
- PACE high school students' average cumulative GPA is 3.4

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

PACE students at SLCC outperform their peers in retention and graduation rates.

- 24% higher one-year retention rate
- 27% higher degree attainment (includes certificate and degrees)
- 23% higher associate degree attainment
- 21% higher graduation rate in six semesters (two-year time frame)

FUNDING FOR PACE

\$3.3 million has been raised for PACE scholarships

