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**PACE UNIVERSITY, WESTCHESTER NOT-FOR-PROFIT TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
TO CONTINUE SUPPORT TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY NOT-FOR-PROFITS
WITH \$5,000 VERIZON GRANT**

White Plains, NY – September 20, 2007 – Westchester County’s not-for-profit organizations will continue to receive support that helps them learn and use technology tools to meet their goals.

Pace University’s Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems announced today that the Verizon Foundation is providing a \$5,000 grant to the University and the Westchester Not-for-Profit Technology Council (WNPTC) to continue its project titled Providing Technology Information and Assistance to Westchester County Not-for-Profits.

“The Seidenberg School is strongly committed to civic engagement and community service,” said David Sachs, Ph.D., professor and associate dean of the School. “This generous grant from Verizon enables us to extend our outreach in information technology to not-for-profit organizations throughout the county.”

"This Verizon Foundation grant reflects our commitment to support programs that help to nurture and build strong communities," said John Butler, director of community affairs for Verizon.

WNPTC is a collaborative partnership of local not-for-profits, community and government leaders, and various areas of Pace. Its mission is to support the effective use of information technologies by Westchester not-for-profit and community organizations.

Based on the results of a survey of Westchester County non-profits made possible with previous Verizon funding, the WNPTC has focused on two initiatives that address the most pressing technology needs the not-for-profit community faces – for low cost technology training and no-cost assistance with Web site development.

In addition, the WNPTC’s Web site, www.wnptc.org, serves as a portal for Westchester not-for-profits to learn about one another, share technology information and needs, and learn about opportunities for funding technology activities.

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The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, is committed to improving literacy and K-12 education; fostering awareness and prevention of domestic violence; and promoting the use of technology in health-care delivery. In 2006, the foundation awarded more than \$69 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the United States and abroad. The foundation also matched charitable donations from Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in \$29 million in combined contributions. Under the foundation’s Verizon Volunteer initiative, one of the nation’s largest employee-volunteer programs, company employees and retirees have also contributed nearly 3 million hours of community service since Verizon’s inception in 2000. For more information on the foundation, visit www.verizon.com/foundation.