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Message from the Editors
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Welcome to the 1st issue of “We’ve Got Clout.” It is a pleasure to be working on this project and we hope you all enjoy it as much as we do.

Throughout the year we hope to capture some memories of the events we attend. Award ceremonies and graduation are something to look forward to.

We are interested in your stories and ideas. We’re always interested in new poems for the Poetry Corner. This year has been a great one and we hope everyone has enjoyed the program as much as we have. Our staff is open to any suggestions you may have so please feel welcome to participate in this newsletter with us.

It is a lot of work but also a lot of fun! Let’s keep our newsletter going for years to come! Our next issue will be out in the Spring of 2007.

Hope everyone has a good Fall Term and Holiday Season

Upcoming Events

We’d like to take this time out to congratulate the graduates. Good luck in your future and all that you set out to accomplish.

The graduation ceremony will take place on December 19, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. It will take place here, on the 2nd floor of the Graduate Center
CLOUT Events

Our trip to the Pleasantville Campus in August, 2006 was a good experience. Having all the kids playing together was a lot of fun.

It was interesting to see the animals and the kids seemed to really enjoy them. Watching the kids interact with one another gave us mothers things to converse about. It got us talking about our lives outside of Pace which was nice too.

Lunch was another time for talking and laughing with each other. We had a chance to talk to people we may not have spoken to before then. It was a nice environment and the weather was great. The day went smoothly and everyone got along well.

The kids blew bubbles on the grass. They played catch and used sidewalk chalk to draw pictures on the path.

The older kids had a chance to build things with Legos and then present their creations to the audience. They took pride in their work and did great jobs.

Spending time with our professors outside of our school environment was cool and relaxing. We got to communicate and just hang out like friends.

We hope to have more events like this. It was a great day and a fun time.

Poetry Corner

My Real Unwritten Words

People passing,
Faces last.
Sweetest memories from the past.
Different days remembered long.
It seems to rewind like a favorite song.
Simple dreams,
Gifted days.
Brand new plans in different ways,
Unfortunate events happened everyday.
Figuring out a different way,
Knowing your loved seems to last forever.
Seem so hard to forget the moment life seems so true.
But in the end it’s just a dream.
That just seems to happen to you.
It reveals the future.
From days so long.

To a reminisced moment,
To a gifted song.
Your favorite moment will last and last.
But an unknown heartbeat will beat fast and fast.

“People passing,
Faces last.
Sweetest memories
From the past.”

*J.A.*
Farewell Message from the Graduates

MY CLOUT EXPERIENCE

As I sat in my unit of a homeless shelter in White Plains one evening, I thought about my situation. I asked myself, what am I doing here if I have computer skills and a solid work history, although I was unemployed for nearly 2 years because I was home with my two babies (ages 2 and 1). That’s when I decided to join the Pace University CLOUT Program.

There were days when I would wake up anxious to get to school. Then there were many times when I felt like I wanted to quit, even up to recently, but here I am, at the very end of what seemed to have been a long difficult journey but a new beginning of another. I am now an employee of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce, where I chose to continue my internship, as the Administrative Assistant. I have gained a nice learning experience from CLOUT. I have established what hopefully will be life long friendships with some of the women that are graduating along my side. We have stuck it through and I am not only proud of myself but proud of them too because it has been tough.

The CLOUT Program has the most caring professors and staff. They not only help you learn and understand, but become better at overcoming personal situations.

I have enjoyed learning from each professor. I would like to thank all of the Professors and Staff for being so understanding when the world for me seemed to have no direction.

From my personal experience, I would recommend the CLOUT Program to those mothers who are looking to learn all aspects of the business field. This will be one unforgettable experience of my life. Thank you CLOUT for making me a better person than I was last year.

-Evelyn Perez