



**Project: Pace University | Location: New York, NY**

When Pace University renovated its Lower Manhattan campus there was a great need to transform it to include many areas allowing students and faculty to meet-up and collaborate. The design of all spaces as opportunities for learning was critical.

The project included a focus on the lower floors of the university’s signature building, One Pace Plaza, built in 1969. The university partnered with architectural firm, FX Collaborative, to create a unique first floor environment with common spaces located along a long corridor. The vision called for a series of monolithic ceiling clouds gradually changing in scale. Designing high-traffic areas can cause challenges balancing aesthetics and sound-absorption. That’s where USG Ensemble™ Acoustical Drywall Ceiling was an ideal choice to help realize the vision while achieving comfort for students, staff and visitors.

The ceiling system married seamlessly with USG’s standard drywall components to deliver a stunning visual with excellent noise control. It installs similar to drywall and at a significantly lower cost than acoustical plaster, an initial consideration for the project.

USG Ensemble offers a new standard for high-performing acoustics and gives design professionals greater flexibility unlocking new possibilities for what a ceiling can do.

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“It looks amazing. The clouds look great and even though there are always students milling about, the noise doesn’t travel.”

Austin Sakong, Senior Associate  
FX Collaborative

