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**Career Directions for Students in
Architecture, Construction and Engineering**

Press Release

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Omaha launches ACE Mentor Program Affiliate to engage students in building industry careers.

Omaha, NE – Sept. 28, 2016 – Omaha, Nebraska becomes the newest affiliate to the national ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program, launching in January 2017. Collaborating with Omaha Public Schools, ACE Mentor Omaha seeks to engage high school students in building industry careers through hands-on mentoring.

The ACE Mentor Program was founded in 1995 by the principals of leading design and construction firms. Since its founding, ACE has awarded \$10.5 million in scholarships.

“The construction industry offers great jobs with opportunity to contribute to meaningful community projects and we want OPS students to have the opportunity to learn about these careers,” says Mike McMeekin, chairman of the ACE Mentor Omaha board of directors. McMeekin is president of Lamp Rynearson, an engineering firm based in Omaha. Omaha Public Schools is the first district to adopt the program and work in tandem with ACE Mentor Omaha on curriculum.

“OPS’s participation in the newly piloted ACE Mentor Program should provide stability and vitality for the entire community. A community encompassing the students OPS serves, current and potential large and small business partners, and the broader City of Omaha, will all benefit from the program,” says Karlus Cozart of OPS, vice chairman of ACE Mentor Omaha board.

ACE Mentor Omaha will organize community outreach activities focused on creating student engagement opportunities. Building rapport with public and private sector businesses, community agencies and organizations, and other potential stakeholders interested in impacting the students' lives is a focus.

ACE Mentor Omaha will host an event to educate industry partners and prospective supporters on the program on Thursday, Oct. 27, 5-7pm at Spezia, 3125 S 72nd St, Omaha, NE.

For further information about the national ACE Mentor Program network and services, visit www.acementor.org.

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