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ACE NEW HAVEN AWARDED CONNECTICUT GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S STUDENT PROJECT AWARD OF HONOR

Bloomfield, CT – At the annual Green Building Awards Celebration of the Connecticut Green Building Council (CTGBC) on September 22, 2016, the New Haven chapter of the ACE Mentor Program of Connecticut received the **Student Project Award of Honor** for their project, River Street Resiliency District. This project addresses rising sea levels and increased storm frequency, two aspects of climate change that are affecting Connecticut's shoreline directly.

As part of the annual CIRT-ACE National Design Competition, the students worked with mentors to respond to a "Shoreline Design Challenge" and master-planned 10 blocks of the Fair Haven neighborhood which sits at the convergence of Long Island Sound, the Mill River, and the Quinnipiac River. The students chose this historic site due to its history of flooding and erosion damage. Additionally, the students addressed the social aspects of revitalizing this culturally significant neighborhood. By developing diagrams, visiting the site, and researching historical data, the students were able to design solutions for three zones: the Historic District, Buffer Zone, and Flood Zone.

In addition to the CTGBC award, the ACE New Haven team placed as a second runner up at the CIRT-ACE National Design Competition in Washington, D.C., earlier this year, and also presented the project to the New Haven Office of Economic Development in May 2016.

Led by Jeremy Jamilkowski (GWG Architects), mentors include Alison Corriveau and Melissa Samaroo (Langan Engineering), Amy Daniels and Lynne Panagotopoulos (Newman Architects), Dennis Daniels and Jessica Lindenau (GWG Architects), and Robynne Orr (Yale University Planning). Students from Greater New Haven area high schools include Cassie Aiello, Brian Brigham, Samantha Coleman, Michael Comesanas, Ian Cooke, Sarah Gresham, Liam Hulihan, Joshua Palmer, Luke Slomba, Lauren Stanley and Ronal Vera.

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About the ACE Mentor Program

The ACE Mentor Program of Connecticut is an afterschool program for high school students interested in architecture, construction and engineering. A 501(c)(3) organization, the ACE Mentor Program of America currently operates in 64 affiliates covering 40 states, and over 200 cities. This year alone, over 8,000 students and almost 5,000 mentors participated in the program; 70% are minorities and 40% are young women. In Connecticut, approximately 200 students participate each year with chapters in Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, and Bridgeport.

About the CIRT-ACE National Competition

For the past decade, the Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT), in partnership with the ACE Mentor Program of America, has sponsored an annual National Design Competition, which is open to all ACE affiliates. Each year, student teams can respond to one of three different design challenges. Teams submit two presentation boards plus a brief narrative description of their project. This year, a record 55 entries from across the country competed for top honors in the design competition. The New Haven chapter of the ACE Mentor Program of Connecticut was selected as one of the three national finalists in the Shoreline Design Category of the 10th Annual CIRT-ACE National Design Competition. Sponsored by several Connecticut businesses, the team traveled to Washington, D.C., in May 2016 to present to the jury and placed third nationally.