



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

ARCHITECTURE ▪ CONSTRUCTION ▪ ENGINEERING

"ACE expanded my view of engineering and architecture, and opened my eyes to a whole new array of potential careers."

Who are we: The ACE Mentor Program was started in 1991 in New York City. The purpose of this program was to pro-actively tackle issues concerning workforce shortage and industry demand trends, which are divergent in nature. There are currently over 60 affiliates across the United States. The ACE Mentor Program of Indiana was established in 2005 to assist with these issues by awarding scholarships to deserving high school students, who are pursuing a career in Architecture, Construction or Engineering. These students are selected from a group that participates and excels in our "after-school" program.

What do we do: The ACE Mentor Program is a unique partnership between local high schools and construction industry professionals, who reach out and encourage interested high school students. Through mentoring and awarding scholarships, these students can confidentially pursue potential careers in the construction industry.

How do we do it: Interested students sign up to participate in their high school's after-hours, year long program; consisting of 15-18, two hour sessions. In these sessions, the students meet with building industry professionals who fulfill the role of mentors. These mentors guide the students through the facets of the design and construction process. The objective of the sessions is for the students to learn basic concepts about the planning and design of the built environment. Every year, there is a Team Project among the schools, in which the ACE Board selects. The mentors guide the students through the entire design process. Projects are intended to simulate real-life situations, resulting in visits to construction sites, governmental agencies, and meetings at the mentor firm's offices. These opportunities give a better understanding of what each professional's job entails. At the conclusion of the program, each team presents their projects at an awards dinner, where scholarships are also granted.

ACE Mentor Program of Indiana Facts:

- Since 2005, over 105 scholarships have been awarded, totaling almost \$300,000
- Last year over 90 students participated in the program, with 20 of those students receiving scholarships totaling \$51,000
- Last year over 70 mentors from 35 local design, construction, and engineering firms, donated over 2,500 hours of their time, at an in-kind cost of over \$125,000
- Last year's students came from five separate local high schools
- On average, two-thirds of the students are minority, while about two-thirds are young women

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By providing financial and other resources, sponsors support our programs and our growth. Most importantly, they enable us to offer our programs to students at no cost, so we can attract the best and most highly motivated talent from all levels of our society.

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