



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

ACE Students, Alumni and Mentors Describe the Program's Impact

[The following unedited comments are drawn from recent anonymous surveys.]

ACE really sparked my commitment to architecture and got my creative mind flowing when I was not able to do so during school hours. It also got me in contact with real architects. Coming from **a first generation immigrant family** who doesn't have access to people in that type of work field really let me have something to aspire to and work towards. Even aside from the normal ACE program time, the mentors and I would have meaningful conversation about the career and how architecture school is. Also **I made great connections with my mentors** and because of that I was able to have **my first Architecture Internship** this past summer as a freshman in college.

-- 2016 alumnus now enrolled at Norwich University School of Architecture

When I was first applying for internships as a freshman, **having ACE on my resume definitely set me apart** and helped me feel prepared for my engineering internships.

– 2013 alumna, now enrolled in University of Texas at Austin, civil engineering

ACE is a **great opportunity to give back** and let kids (girls especially) know that engineering is a valid career option.

– Structural engineer mentor, Seattle

ACE **kick started my architecture career** and has allowed me to be years ahead of all my peers through the connections I have made.

– 2015 alumnus, Illinois Institute of Technology School of Architecture

The impact ACE has played in my life both professional and personal are monumental. I've gained so much from the students and in turn **I've helped students with their future and also have saved lives.**

– Construction manager mentor, Washington, DC

ACE got me interested in Construction Management as a freshman and I've had great interactions with my mentors and the program. They've helped me with college planning and **assisted with job shadowing opportunities and future internships.**

– 2017 student, Central Iowa Affiliate

I am a civil engineering major working on an international construction project now, and **many of the skills I learned in ACE** (scheduling, budget development, construction sequencing, structural analysis) **have greatly helped me excel on this project.**

-- 2013 alumna, now enrolled in University of Texas, civil engineering

Every interview I have had with major firms, they have **asked me about my ACE experience and been very impressed.**

– 2014 alumnus, now enrolled in Pennsylvania State University, construction management

ACE Mentor Program has given me more **knowledge to fulfill my goal to be a trades man.**

– 2017 student, Boston Affiliate

As an African-American female architect, **I am determined to expose students, especially African-American females**, to the field of design and architecture.

– Architect mentor, Cleveland Affiliate

ACE really helped me feel like I chose the right major for college and **taught me skills that I'm currently using in my engineering classes.** ACE gave me an advantage over others.

– 2016 alumna, University of Connecticut, mechanical engineering

ACE is an incredible program that **strengthens connections** among professionals, **empowers new students to take on amazing challenges**, and **promotes collaboration** within our diverse fields.

– Landscape architect mentor, Denver Affiliate

ACE has ignited my passion for architecture. Thanks to ACE, **I have developed an appreciation of how architects work.** The help I have received from my mentors is irreplaceable.

– 2017 student, Raleigh, NC Affiliate

ACE teaches students what to expect when they get out of school and begin working. **Wish I had had access to a program like this.**

– Mechanical engineer mentor, Nashville Affiliate