



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

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Leah Roue
Board Chair

Leah C. Roue, Ph.D. brings her passion for providing opportunities to tomorrow's constructors to her role as ACE-SM Board Chair. As a Construction Management Faculty member at Minnesota State University Mankato, she shares her passion with college students. Her role with ACE-SM allows her to inform an even greater audience to the career possibilities available in the Built Environment. Leah holds a doctorate from the University of Minnesota and years of varied experiences within the construction industry. Leah first became involved with ACE as a mentor for the twin-cities affiliate where she was instantly enamored with the thirst for knowledge displayed by the students. Leah is excited to be part of ACE-SM and the network of professionals dedicated to promoting opportunities to the next generation.

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Collin Bennett brings his passion for building to the ACE Mentoring program as a board member and classroom mentor. Collin has gained valuable experience over the last 4 years working in the commercial construction industry for a new area contractor, Knutson Construction. Collin is a recent graduate of the Construction Management department at MNSU. He has been able to showcase his more recent experiences with the students and has been able to provide some great insight for the students as they make their next steps towards their future careers. Experienced in local school renovation projects, Collin has a demonstrated interest in building better futures for today's youth.



Collin Bennett
Board Member

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Katie Wendt
Board Member

Katie Wendt is an Employment Outreach Coordinator for the MN Department of Transportation where she works closely with civil engineers to build lasting relationships that help bring awareness for students about the opportunities they can experience in the engineering field. Katie graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a degree in Human Resources and Communication Studies. The ACE Mentor program aligns closely with Katie's passion to help build relationships and help guide students in finding their passion.

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Karina Clennon, Ed.D., serves as Assistant Director of the Career Development Center at Minnesota State Mankato. She is a Mankato native and is active and engaged in volunteer opportunities in the greater Mankato community to assist students' exposure to college and career readiness. Karina is excited to be a part of ACE-SM to further connect current professionals in architecture, construction, and engineering with students, faculty, and teachers with this important free opportunity for high school students to gain real world experience in science, engineering, technology, and mathematics professions.



Karina Clennon
Board Member

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Heather Clark – Fisher
Board Member

Heather Clark – Fisher earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design and Construction Management from Minnesota State University in Mankato and is a commercial Interior Designer at Oleson + Hobbie Architects. Heather works alongside Architects, Engineers and Construction Managers assisting in the building process from conceptual design through construction administration. She understands the importance of investing her time creating unique opportunities for young people in the area of STEM to get students excited about possible careers in the vast field of Architecture, Engineering and Construction.

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Julie Steinke holds a BS degree in Interior Design from Minnesota State University - Mankato and AAS degree in Architectural Drafting and Design from South Central College - North Mankato. Having accumulated a solid reputation in her 25 years of commercial and residential architecture experience, she is currently the owner/designer of Blueprint Home Design, a residential drafting service serving the southern Minnesota region. Looking to expand her role in the industry, Julie looked to her alma mater, South Central College, to teach the next generation of architectural technicians. It is this new outlook that led her to the ACE program where she hopes to introduce students to the spectrum of career roles in the fields of architecture, construction and engineering. As an ACE-SM board member Julie is excited to help build the bridge between education and industry on the local and regional level.



Julie Steinke
Board Member

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More information coming soon!



Alison Troidahl
Board Member

Hunter Morsching is a project manager specializing in commercial construction projects with APX Construction Group in Mankato. Hunter has a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, in Construction Management. He values the collaborative effort required between Architects, Engineers, and General Contractors for projects to be constructed effectively. He finds the construction process most rewarding when a project is completed, and he can reflect on his role in creating that project. Hunter is passionate to engage students in the ACE program and provide them with an opportunity to build tangible projects in the Built Environment.



Hunter Morsching
Board Member

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