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7 Local Students Receive ACE Scholarships

ACE students at the awards banquet







The Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Mentor Program of Southeast Tennessee and North Georgia held its annual awards banquet, giving student participants a chance to present the work they've done over their time in the program.

ACE is an after school mentoring program that gives high school students the opportunity to meet with architects, engineers, and builders to learn about careers in the design and construction industry. Students gain experience in working on a real-world project and compete for scholarships to pursue an ACE career beyond high school. This year's student project focused on the development of the old US Pipe and Wheland Foundry site on Chattanooga's southside.

Two area high schools - Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences and Howard High School – embraced the project and sent teams to work on the assignment. Two open teams, one meeting at EMJ Corporation and the other at DH&W, were made up of interested students from other local schools.

The winning team consisted of students from three area high schools that came together as one team, Team Chattanooga State. Their project included an outdoor amphitheater and park area. All projects were challenged to be ecofriendly.

Additionally, seven scholarships funded by EMJ Corporation, Lawson Electric and ACE Mentor Program totaling \$15,000 were given to these students. Scholarship winners were Caison Cavanaugh of CSAS, Given Daum of East Hamilton High School, Rylee Henderson of LaFayette High School, Natalie Holt of Soddy Daisy High School, Ryan Mattox of Heritage High School, Travis Ruff of Red Bank High School, and Carter Smith of Ooltewah High School.

ACE is also actively recruiting architect, engineer, and construction mentors for the 2018-2019 program. To become a mentor, please register at www.acementor.org. All mentors are required to complete a background check and mentor training prior to working with students. For more information, please contact Breanne Kintz at chattanooga@acementor.org