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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE AT NATIONAL LEVEL FOR COVETED PRIZE

Chicago ACE Team 6 Wins 1st Place in CIRT National Design & Construction Competition



*The three presenters representing their ACE Teams for the 11th Annual CIRT National Design & Construction Competition are from L to R: **Erickson Calungsod**, ACE NYC Team 30 – 2nd place; **Jonathan Kaye**, ACE Chicago Team 6 – 1st place National Champion; and **Jacob Kim**, ACE Rhode Island – Team PVD Creative – 3rd place. The competition was held at the Dupont Circle Hotel in Washington, DC.*

WASHINGTON, DC – April 27, 2017 – Three teams of high school students from Chicago, IL; New York City; and Providence, Rhode Island faced off in Washington, DC before a jury of construction and design industry CEOs at the finals of the 11th Annual CIRT National Design & Construction Competition sponsored by the Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT) with the ACE Mentor Program of America.

The final presentation phase of competition among three well-prepared teams was a spirited, highly-anticipated event taking place on the afternoon of Monday, April 24th in Washington, D.C. While all three teams did an excellent job in presenting their entries, only one could claim the title of “National Champion” which went to **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago: Team 6** for their entry: “*Cultural Museum of Chicago at the Old Post Office*”.

The winning team received a \$5,000 prize for their Affiliate, but more importantly bragging rights for a year as the preeminent mentor team in the country. Second and third place received \$3,000 and \$2,000 prizes respectively for their Affiliates as well, which were: **ACE of Greater New York City: Team 30** for their entry: “*Queens Quarters*”; and **ACE Mentor Program of Rhode Island: PVD Creative** for their entry: “*Presidential Library & Museum*”.

In addition to the three finalists, six other teams were recognized as either **1st Runner-Up** (\$1,000 prize) or **2nd Runner-Up** (\$500 prize) in each of the three different design challenges or options:

Upgrade Structure Challenge (which had 23 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor of Frederick, MD/Team Factory Upscale** for “*Cola Gardens*”; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago/Team 1** for “*Saint Gallery*”



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Open Spaces Challenge (which had 16 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE NE Florida/Gateway Design-Orange Park H.S. Team** for "*Hogan's Creek Community Plaza*"; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE of Hartford, CT/Team 1** for "*Riker's Redemption*"

Presidential Library & Museum Challenge (which had 10 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago/Team Five**; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA/Team 10**

"The energy, enthusiasm, and passion the three national finalist teams brought to the program made it a very special and memorable event; one we were very pleased to host on behalf of the entire design and construction community. If this is any indication of the kind of character and diversity we are attracting to our ranks, then the future of our industry will be in good hands!" stated Mark A. Casso, Esq., NAC, President of CIRT.

Visit CIRT's National Design & Construction Competition site: <http://www.cirt.org>

About CIRT

The Construction Industry Round Table is a national business association comprised of approximately 115 CEOs from leading design/construction companies doing business in the U.S. CIRT's mission is to be a force for positive change in the design/construction industry.

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