



**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM**  
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## **ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa Awards Scholarships to Local High School Students**

The ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to 6 metro area students at the March 12, 2013 end of the year awards banquet.

ACE was created to address the growing need for skilled professionals in the architecture, construction and engineering industries - a shortage that could become a crisis if current trends continue. The mentors are professionals from leading design and construction firms who volunteer their time and energy to engage, inform, and challenge youth. Scholarships are funded through the generous support of local design and construction firms and industry organizations.

2013 Scholarship Winners:

- **Ross Nickey, DM Lincoln HS**  
ACE C-IA Board of Directors Scholarship--\$2,000  
*Presented by David Unick, Brooks Borg Skiles*
- **Grace Ansah, DM Roosevelt HS**  
Des Moines Construction Breakfast Club--\$2,000  
*Presented by Scott Bleich, Heartland Finishes*
- **Morgan North, Ankeny HS**  
Neumann Bros/Waldinger Corporation Scholarship--\$2,000  
*Presented by Josh Braby, Neumann Bros. and Ryan Clausen, Waldinger Corp.*
- **Nicole Bramow, Ankeny HS**  
PDM Precast/ACE C-IA Scholarship--\$2,000  
*Presented by Monica Worheide, Saxton, Inc.*
- **Joseph Bahnsen, DM East HS**  
American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter/ACE C-IA Scholarship--\$2,000  
*Presented by Linda Schemmel, City of West Des Moines*
- **Andrew Peterson, WDM Valley HS**  
Luke Altmix Simmons Foundation/Master Builders of Iowa Scholarship--\$2,000  
*Presented by David Unick, Brooks Borg Skiles*

**About ACE:** The ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa is an affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program of America. Since 2006, over 375 Des Moines-area high school students have been introduced to the integrated construction industry. Further, through the generous donations by local architecture, construction, and engineering firms, The ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa has awarded 40 students a total of \$79,000 in scholarships to further their ACE-related education.

The ACE Mentor Program of America, established in 1995 in New York, currently has a presence in over 200 cities across the US, including affiliates in Des Moines and in Mason City, IA. This year alone over 8,000 students and almost 5,000 mentors are participating in the program; 70% are minorities and 40% are young women. For more information on the ACE Mentor Program of America visit <http://www.acementor.org/>

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