

Program Overview

The ACE Mentor Program of Austin is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) that educates, engages, and excites high school students about the wide range of career opportunities available in Architecture, Construction, Engineering, and related areas of the building design and construction industry.

Founded in 2015, the ACE Mentor Program of Austin is powered by the volunteer activities of a Board of Directors and mentors from local A/E/C firms and universities. These professionals generously donate their time and resources to the events and mission of ACE.

For students, ACE is a unique chance to discover and develop new skills, explore their future goals, and get on track to exciting, rewarding careers. In addition, many students form positive relationships with industry professionals who can provide important references for obtaining college admissions, scholarships, internships, and full-time employment.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- High school students are introduced to careers in the architecture, engineering, and construction fields through a design-focused curriculum.
- Students are grouped into teams with mentors from local A/E/C firms who lead students through architecture, engineering, and construction exercises.
- Guest speakers present industy overviews that guide students through the development of their design project.
- During the final presentation, students present their design to a panel of industry experts.
- Students have the opportunity to apply for scholarships at the end of the program. Scholarships are awarded annually at the Final Presentation Night.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in the CIRT National Competition by submitting their design.

MAKE AN IMPACT!

- Hundreds of students supported in their effort to enter ACE careers that otherwise
 would not have had the opportunity.
- Tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships provided annually to students to assist their college and skilled trade studies.
- **Hundreds of volunteer mentors** have offered time and expertise to further the growth of future AEC professionals.
- Join other industry groups to support career growth for young professionals.







ACE Austin by the Numbers

\$103,000

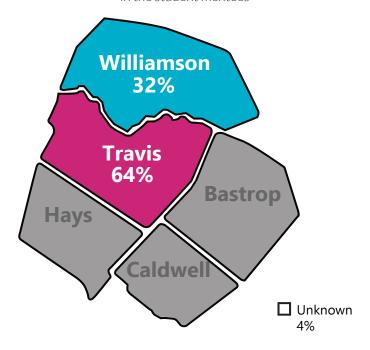
scholarship dollars awarded since program inception

444

Austin-area high schoolers mentored since 2015

30

Austin-area high schools represented in the student mentees



Percentage of students from Central Texas counties served in 2019 3,500

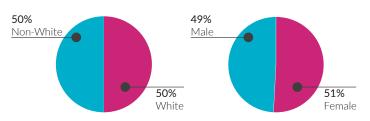
approximate number of volunteer hours logged by the Board of Directors and mentors annually

30

Austin-area companies represented in the 2020-2021 mentor class

400%

student enrollment growth since 2015



percentage of white & non-white **mentors** since program inception

percentage of male & female **mentors** since program Inception



percentage of white & non-white **students** since program inception

percentage of male & female **students** since program inception

Join us in being part of the ACE Mentor Program of Austin today.

Corporate Sponsorship Levels



Your support:

- Provides career mentorship to high school students in the Austin area.
- Subsidizes the costs of higher education through scholarships for students intending to study architecture, construction, and engineering.
- Pays it forward, inspiring the next generation of the AEC industry.

Platinum

\$5,000 + with \$2,000 dedicated to a named scholarship.

Support 6 students through a year of curriculum.

One student will receive \$2,000 toward a scholarship in your company's name.

Gold

\$3,000 + with \$1,500 dedicated to a named scholarship.

Support 3 students through a year of curriculum.

One student will receive \$1,500 toward a scholarship in your company's name.

Silver

\$1,500 + Expand our reach. Support 3 students through a year of curriculum.

Bronze

\$500 + Make a difference. Every \$500 supports 1 student through a year of curriculum.

Non-Profit Pass-Through Scholarships



If your organization is a non-profit entity or foundation interested in providing a scholarship through the ACE Mentor Program of Austin, please contact our Fundraising Chair, Justin Brodnax - fundraising@acementoraustin.org.

Non-profit pass-through scholarships can be made in any denomination and are recognized as sponsors at the same thresholds established for corporate sponsorships. The ACE Mentor Program of Austin assesses a \$500 fee on all pass-through scholarships in recognition of the costs associated with delivering the mentorship program to a winning student and the administrative costs of its scholarship program.

All donations at one of the above listed sponsorship levels will have their company logo featured on the ACE Mentor Program of Austin website: http://www.acementor.org/affiliates/texas/austin-tx/sponsors/

If paying by check or money order, please return Donation Form with method of payment. To pay Online, please visit the following link: https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTE5NzQ1

The ACE Mentor Program of Austin reserves all rights with regard to the scholarship application and winner selection and may, at its sole discretion, award multiple named scholarships to the same recipient in the same program year.

If you have any questions about sponsorship after reviewing this information, please contact our Fundraising Chair, Justin Brodnax - fundraising@acementoraustin.org.

Donation Form

Donation Type

☐ This is a personal donation



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Student Testimonials

I LOVED being in ACE this year. I am really interested in pursuing a career in construction and this program deepened my interest in this field. The mentors were awesome, kind, and very qualified. It's cool to know that I now have a network of people in the professional world. In fact, in an interview for an internship, the interviewer noticed I had ACE on my resume and was very impressed with my work. My favorite part of ACE was the field trips, most specifically the job site trip to the Independent and Third+Shoal. It was really cool to be on a real life construction site and that's an opportunity I had never gotten before. Thank you so much for putting on ACE this year and I can't wait till next year.

ACE Student, 2018 ACE National Survey

Being apart of the ACE Mentor Program of Austin has been immensely beneficial in exploring and refining my path to become a licensed architect. ACE has given me a clearer, more in-depth understanding of all the components related to architecture, construction, and engineering.... Being capable of conceptualizing a livable, workable space that is eye-catheing and unique, and then witnessing its construction to completion is definitely rewarding.

Dalton Gibbons, Junior

In engineering, every day offers a new problem to be solved or a new obstacle to overcome. For me, the ACE mentorship program has epitomized that cycle. At each stage, my group has been challenged to make critical desicions about the design, construction, and uses of our building, before being offered a new problem to resolve.

Avi Distler, Junior

Thanks to the ACE program and the Architecture lessions, I learned how to not be afraid to let my creativity flow. Thanks to these lessions, I will already have an idea of what Architecture is about when I begin my studies.

Veronica Rebollar, Senior

Not only did my view on the architecture and engineering portions of ACE change, but I also got to see a new light on the construction side of things through our visit to the Iron Workers Union and our field trip to the job site at 3rd and Shoal. At the Iron Workers Union, I got to see who builds the cores of buildings and what kind of conditions they have to work through...building all of the creations that we design.

Noah Gershoff, Junior