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ACE Mentor Program Celebrates Year-End Event with \$76,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Outstanding Students

Jacksonville, FL, May 22, 2024– The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida proudly announces the successful conclusion of its program, celebrating the achievements of its students and awarding \$76,000 in scholarships to deserving young talents pursuing careers in architecture, construction, and engineering.

The event, held on April 30th at the Schultz Center, brought together students, mentors, sponsors, and community leaders to honor the hard work and dedication of the program participants. The ACE Mentor Program, which stands for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering, aims to inspire high school students to pursue careers in these fields by providing mentorship and hands-on experience.



Key Highlights of the Event:

- **Scholarship Awards:** A total of \$76,250 in scholarships was announced to 23 outstanding students and junior mentors, recognizing their exceptional achievements and commitment to their future careers in the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. These scholarships will support their education and professional development as they move on to colleges and universities across the country.
- **Student Projects:** Attendees had the opportunity to view innovative projects developed by the students over the past year. These projects showcased the creativity, technical skills, and collaborative spirit fostered by the ACE Mentor Program.



- **Student Team Awards:**
 - **Best Overall Team:** Bartram Trail High School for Shoreline Design
 - **Best Highway Interchange Proposal:** Atlantic Coast High School
 - **Best Highway Interchange Presentation:** Pedro Menendez High School
 - **Best Olympic Stadium Proposal:** Home School Team
 - **Best Olympic Stadium Presentation A:** Creekside High School
 - **Best Olympic Stadium Presentation C:** Bishop Kenny High School
 - **Best Shoreline Proposal:** Creekside High School
 - **Best Shoreline Presentation:** Bartram Trail High School



- **Special Recognitions:** Mrs. Monique Bell was honored nationally as the Exemplary School Champion, a testament to her unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions to the program. Additionally, Tom Grogan received regional recognition as the Outstanding Mentor, highlighting his exceptional leadership and impactful guidance to the students.
- **Retirement Acknowledgements:** The event also marked the transition of two key figures in the program: Home School Lead Mentor Wayne Petrone and Creekside High School Champion Mr. Kevin Davenport. Their years of dedication and service have profoundly impacted countless students and the ACE community.
- **Volunteer Recognition:** The program also honored its dedicated mentors, teachers and volunteers, whose guidance and support have been instrumental in the students' success. Volunteers were acknowledged for their efforts and commitment to nurturing young talent.

"Today, we celebrate not just the culmination of a year's hard work, but the bright futures of our students who are poised to become the next leaders in the architecture, construction, and engineering fields," said Nicole Eubanks, Affiliate Director of the ACE Mentor Program. "These presentations and scholarships are a testament to their talent and dedication, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements."

The ACE Mentor Program continues to make a significant impact by bridging the gap between education and the professional world, providing students with invaluable experiences and opportunities. With the support of industry partners, the program is



committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce that will shape the built environment of tomorrow.

About ACE Mentor Program:

The ACE Mentor Program is a national non-profit organization that engages, excites, and inspires high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering. Through mentorship and real-world experiences, the program aims to address the growing need for skilled professionals in these fields and to create a more diverse and inclusive industry.

For more information about the ACE Mentor Program and how to get involved, please visit acementor.org/northeast-fl.

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