



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

ACE ADVANCES ARCHITECTURE WORKFORCE



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MOTIVATES STUDENTS

TO PURSUE DESIGN-RELATED CAREERS

96% SENIORS INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE
REPORT ACE STRENGTHENED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS CAREER OR PERSUADED THEM TO PURSUE IT

26% OF ALL ACE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENTER COLLEGE PLANNING TO MAJOR IN ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN, OR URBAN PLANNING.



CONTINUES TO BENEFIT

ACE PROGRAM ALUMNI



88% ALUMNI AGREE ACE GAVE THEM
▶ EDGE OVER THEIR COLLEGE PEERS
▶ PROFESSIONAL NETWORK USEFUL FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT

22% RECENT ALUMNI (2012-2016) PURSUE COLLEGE MAJORS OR HOLD PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS IN ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN, OR URBAN PLANNING.

I gained **real world experience** of what it's like to be an architect and work alongside people in **other professions**. Being in ACE also gave me valuable pieces for my **portfolio**.

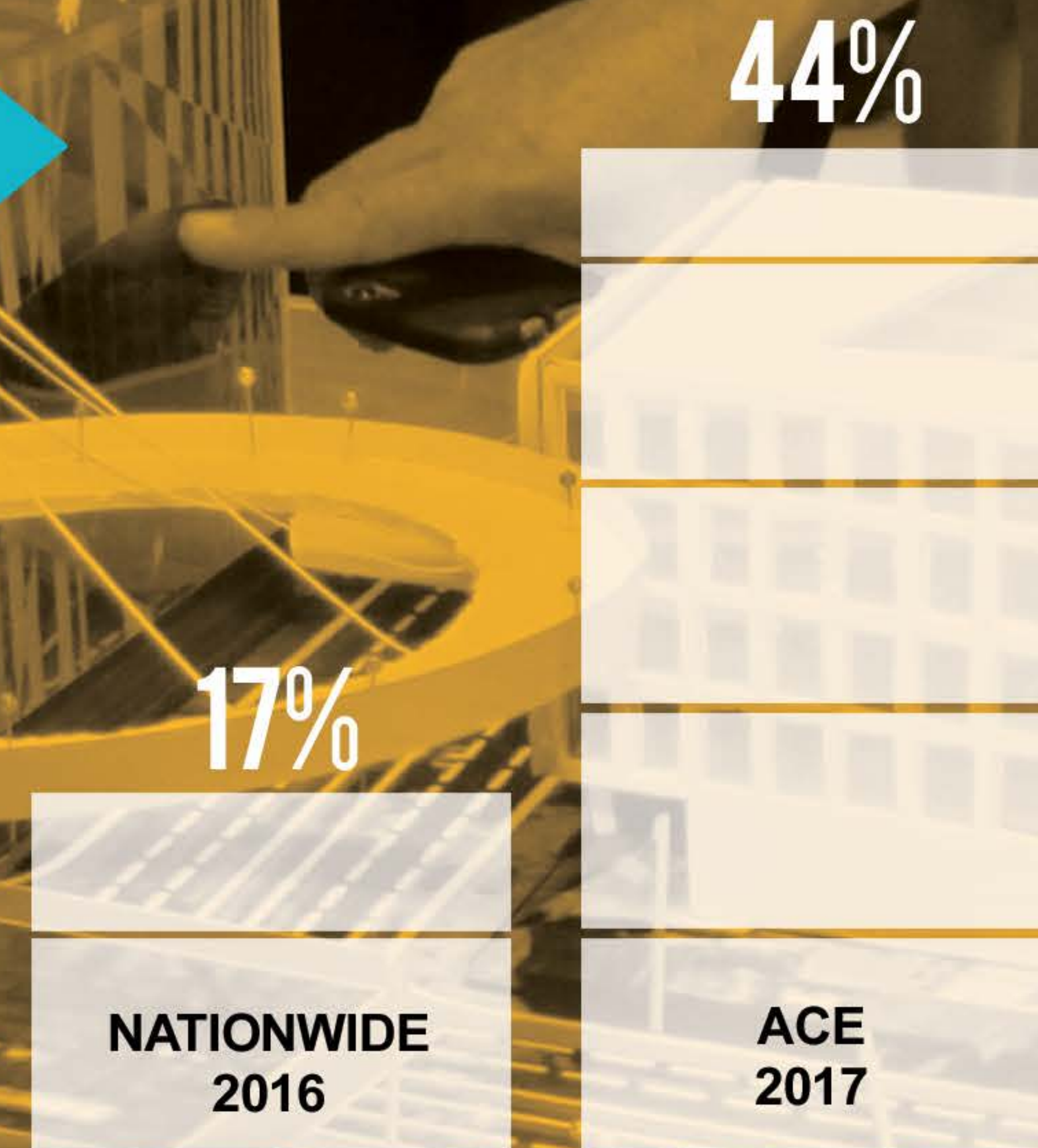
- 2016 ACE alumna, Cornell University



INCREASES DIVERSITY

53% WOMEN

58% MINORITY



RECENT ACE ALUMNI (2012-2016)
MOST FROM UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS

MAJORING / WORKING IN A DESIGN-RELATED FIELD

AFRICAN-AMERICAN + HISPANIC COLLEGE FRESHMEN

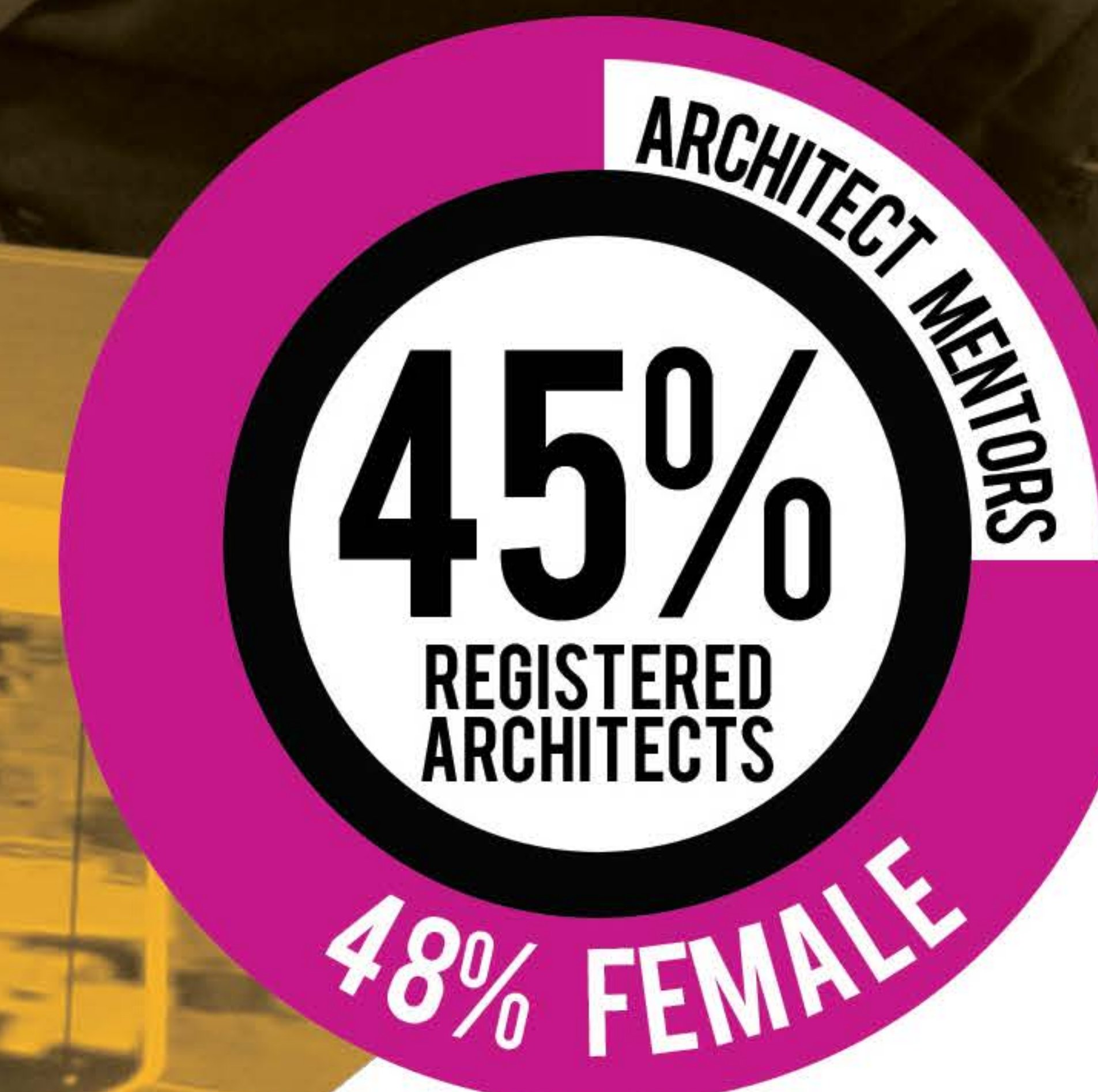
PLANNING AN ARCHITECTURE MAJOR

IMPACTS MENTORS

PROFESSIONALLY + PERSONALLY



34% OF ACE MENTORS ARE ARCHITECTS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
INTERIOR DESIGNERS
& URBAN PLANNERS



MENTOR BENEFITS
% MENTORS AGREEING



TEACHES VALUABLE SKILLS

% STUDENTS STRONGLY / MODERATELY AGREEING



WORKFORCE SKILLS



DESIGN SKILLS



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ACE is an incredible program that strengthens connections among professionals, empowers new students to take on amazing challenges, and promotes collaboration within our diverse fields.

- Landscape architect mentor, Denver, CO



ACE ADVANCES ARCHITECTURE WORKFORCE

BY ATTRACTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, INTERIOR DESIGNERS, AND URBAN PLANNERS, **ACE PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN ADDRESSING** THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S **WORKFORCE NEEDS.**

ACE has ignited my passion for architecture. Thanks to ACE, I have developed an appreciation of how architects work. The help I have received from my mentors is irreplaceable.

- Student, Raleigh, NC

THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

ACE's **70 affiliates** operate in 37 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Approximately 3,600 mentors annually engage 9,000 students from 1,000 schools in a **free, 15-session afterschool program**. Two-thirds of students are from minority and underserved populations. More than one-third are female. Since its start in 1994, ACE has awarded \$15M+ in scholarships.

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DATA SOURCES

This report's data are drawn from three large-scale surveys (2017) of students, alumni (classes of 2012-16) and mentors. The surveys' margins of error range from 1.5% to 2.2%. The statistic about national freshmen studying architecture is from Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA, 2016 *CIRP Freshman Survey*.