

## ACE

Hello, my name is Gabe Cox and I have been privileged to be a part of the ACE mentorship program for the past three years. While studying Technical Drafting at Hodgson, I was introduced to ACE and immediately wanted in. I knew ACE could springboard my dream of becoming a world renowned architect. Since deciding to join ACE, I am now closer to making that dream a reality. With the hands-on help of trained professionals and construction tradesmen, I have grown to understand the concepts of drafting/design, planning, and building.

During my first year of ACE, my group elected me as their leader. I gladly accepted because I knew it would give me a better understanding of my desired field. My leadership on this project, and my continuous leadership in the following years, yielded my groups to be finalists every competition. We had the great opportunity to present in front of local business leaders, school administrators, the Delaware Department of Labor, and local legislators.

ACE not only provides you with knowledge on your favored career path, but also increases your presentation skills, time management skills, and teamwork building skills. ACE has changed my life and is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Since joining ACE, I have accomplished many goals that would not have been possible without the program and its caring mentors. I am now Delaware's 2015 SkillsUSA Champion in Architectural Drafting. I placed 4<sup>th</sup> in America's SkillsUSA Architectural Drafting Contest representing Delaware. I have been accepted into the University of New Haven where I will study Architecture and Interior Design. With much gratitude, I have received two scholarships from ACE; the first from my junior year and the second for my outstanding performance in my senior year. I thank ACE for all the opportunities they have provided me and the guidance they have given me.