

# IMPACT REPORT 2024



# ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF COLORADO is a semester-long mentorship program that teaches high school students about the architecture, construction and engineering industry.

Our mission is to engage, excite, and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, and construction through impactful mentorship and ongoing support for their advancement into the AEC industry.

ACE helps students evaluate their potential career paths in the integrated construction industry. Our mentors emphasize the importance of education and encourage students to explore their options.

### **OUR IMPACT**



90%

ACE alumni continue education via college or skilled trades training programs

800

Students participation in Summer Workplace Experiences and ACE Summer Camps **\$4MM** 

2024 Scholarships Awarded
Over \$37 million in awards
since program inception

**NATIONAL** 

12,000

ACE students reached annually representing over 1500 high schools nationwide

40%

Percentage of ACE seniors that are first generation scholars

2000+

ACE student alumni entering the AEC workforce yearly

**COLORADO** 

Annual Summer Paid Externships

**2X** 

Women represent 11% in our industry, but 27% in our program—over double the average.

\$580K

Statewide Scholarships Awarded

# THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



"The ACE mentor program exceeded my expectations, enhancing both my leadership and creativity. It was my first after-school program, and the mentors really pushed my creative boundaries.

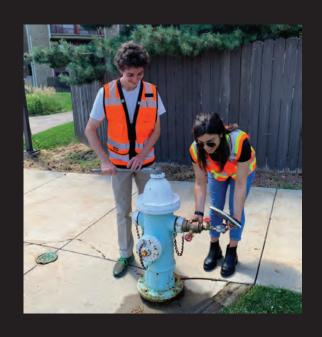
ACE also helped me connect with my peers, forming a solid team despite some members leaving. We combined our different ideas into a single concept, and collaborating to achieve our goal was a lot of fun. ACE is a great program for anyone unsure about their career path or looking to learn more"



"ACE has shown me the different roles various careers play in a project. It helped me realize that diverse professionals collaborate, breaking my myth about only working with like-minded individuals in a field. This experience has inspired me to seek a workplace that is as fun and diverse as architecture."



"ACE taught me a lot about the importance of collaboration in engineering and definitely helped me develop creative problem solving skills that I think will benefit me in my studies and career as an engineer. I learned how to critically analyze opportunities for design and go through multiple iterations of the design process. This really helped me learn how to better understand places where I can improve and how to go about improving and testing new things."



## THE ALUMNI EXPERIENCE





# Mia Torrence

**ACE Participation** 

2019 - 2020 (Student), 2023 - 2024 (Scholarship recipient), 2024 (Volunteer)

#### College

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urbanism University of British Columbia, Vancouver

#### **Current Occupation**

Architectural Designer, AMD Architects

#### How did ACE encourage you to join the industry?

ACE showed me all of the different aspects of the building industry, which really helped me decide between engineering and architecture. My ACE Mentors were also extremely supportive and let me shadow them to learn more about the day to day work as an architect. I still keep in touch with my mentors and they've continued to help me throughout my degree and at the start of my career.

#### Do you have a favorite memory of our time in the program?

I loved working with students from other schools who I would never have met otherwise. We didn't have much in common other than our interest in this field, but it was really amazing to see what we could create as a team!



# Ivann Angu

**ACE Participation** 

*2021, 2022 and 2024 (scholarship recipient)* 

#### College

Architecture and Design Studies, Howard University

#### **Current Occupation**

Student

#### How did ACE encourage you to join the industry?

Going into high school I was already considering going into architecture, but I wasn't too sure as I didn't know exactly what the profession entails. Being part of ACE helped me answer all the questions I had about the design process, all the different sets of technical skills you need to have as an architect, and the collaborative aspect of the industry which is something I discovered I really love. Other factors such as getting a summer internship at Turner Construction, winning a scholarship from Galloway, and being selected for the Transformative Partnership Program, which all happened through ACE, have eased my way in getting a college education and further pursuing my goals of joining the industry.

#### Do you have a favorite memory of our time in the program?

I think my favorite memory during my time in ACE is honestly the friends and connections I've made along the way. There have been days when I wasn't doing the best emotionally, but my teammates and mentors were always there to cheer me up and put me in a better mood and I really cherish these moments.

# **SPONSORSHIP TIERS & BENEFITS**



SPONSOR IMPACT	SPONSOR BENEFITS	**Administrative fees not included in pricing
Supports 2 scholarships & Supplies for all school locations	2 Named Scholarships Summer Camp Promotion ACE Event Admissions Website, Email, Newsletter Promotion Social Media Promotion	DIAMOND   \$25,000
Supports 1 scholarships & Supplies for 5 school locations	1 Named Scholarship ACE Event Admissions Website, Email, Newsletter Promotion Social Media Promotion	PLATINUM   \$10,000
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