



**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM**  
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## Year 12: June Newsletter

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# Student Spotlight:

Amanda Palma  
Senior,  
Baxter Academy

4 years with Ace Mentor  
Program of Maine



Amanda Palma, Baxter Academy

**Congratulations to Amanda Palma**

**2021 CMiC National Scholarship  
Winner**

In the third year of the CMiC-Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship Program, Amanda was one of 37 students from across the country that were awarded college scholarships valued between \$2,500 and \$20,000; totaling \$400,000.

Amanda participated with ACE of Maine for all 4 years of high school, and she

also received the 2021 ACE of Maine Scholarship. Amanda plans to attend Southern Maine Community College in the fall and continue to UMaine to study Civil Engineering.

**“ACE Mentoring Program is a once in a lifetime experience; being able to participate provided me with many opportunities. Showing the connection between what I learned in high school, and that of which is used in the real-world, made me interested in pursuing Civil Engineering as a major in college. I am grateful for winning the scholarship. Having ACE help me throughout high school was an amazing opportunity, and now they are supporting me to continue my education. Thank you to ACE for all the help and support!”**

**-Amanda Palma, Baxter Academy**

**2021 CMiC Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship Video**

## Congratulations the Class of 2021

Gloria Anzures  
Zander Foster  
Joel Habiyakare

Joseph DiFiore  
Lilliana Frantz  
Amanda Palma

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# Housing Design Competition



### **A Design Competition To Test and Visualize Housing Policy**

Students are invited to join Maine design professionals to compete using your new design skills and help improve housing in Maine.

Diverse housing, affordable housing, and workforce housing are among Portland's most pressing needs. Recent changes in the city's ReCode initiative have expanded the potential for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to help meet those needs. So long as certain requirements can be met, Portland now allows the creation of up to two ADUs on any residential lot in the city.

The Portland Society for Architecture (PSA) would like to invite you to visualize and test the limits of Portland's newly adopted building code regulating the construction of accessory dwelling units. The hope of PSA is that this competition will bring to light any overly restrictive rules in the current code as

well as give inspiration to anyone looking to build an ADU on their own property. We look forward to seeing your entries!

Student Deadline July 9, 2021

The Complete City Design Competition

# Sponsor Opportunities

Help support ACE Mentor of Maine with new Sponsor opportunities.

Your tax-deductible gift provides scholarships for students who otherwise would not have opportunities to pursue careers in the architecture, construction, or engineering fields.

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## Mentor Spotlight:

### Rick Wilson

Community Outreach &  
Extended Learning  
Coordinator,  
Brunswick High School

Thank you to Rick who is mentoring and a Board Member for his second year with Ace Mentor Program of Maine.



Rick Wilson, Brunswick High School, presenting at the 2020 ACE of Maine Final presentation

### Educational Background:

Educator - grades 7-12 - Social Science / Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degree in community and environmental history. University of Maine at Farmington for my undergraduate work and Norwich University for my graduate work. I chose both because of their reputation in each area and wouldn't do things differently.

### Favorite building:

The original Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris or Sistine Chapel in Italy.

### Most Memorable Project:

Designing and helping build the Cathance River Ecology Center in Topsham, Maine. It was a labor of love by my entire family and still operates today as a

great space for learning.

Describe your dream job:

I have it - Community Outreach & Extended Learning Coordinator at Brunswick High - helping students connect their passions to their aspirations.

Advice to students:

These professions are very dynamic and hard to label as a static career and very often are different from place to place. Spend time learning about the careers within the careers. They provide mobility and flexibility as one travels through time. These careers will always be sought after and provide opportunities for students interested in living in rural or urban areas of the world. ACE careers can be a passport to an exciting and fulfilling life.

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### Scholarship Opportunities

Design and construction industry associations and companies operate national scholarship programs focusing specifically on architecture, engineering, and construction.

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