



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

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# Student Spotlight:

Lilliana Frantz  
Senior,  
Casco Bay High School

1 year with Ace Mentor  
Program of Maine



Lilliana Frantz, Casco Bay High School

### Congratulations to Lilliana Frantz 2021 Stantec National Scholarship Winner

Lilliana was one of five students from across the country that were awarded Stantec college scholarships.

Lilliana participated with ACE of Maine for her senior year of high school, and she also received the 2021 ACE of Maine Mentor Scholarship. Lilliana plans to study engineering at college in the fall.

**“The ACE Mentor Program furthered my interest in engineering, showing me how engineers better the world for their community. Hearing from a**

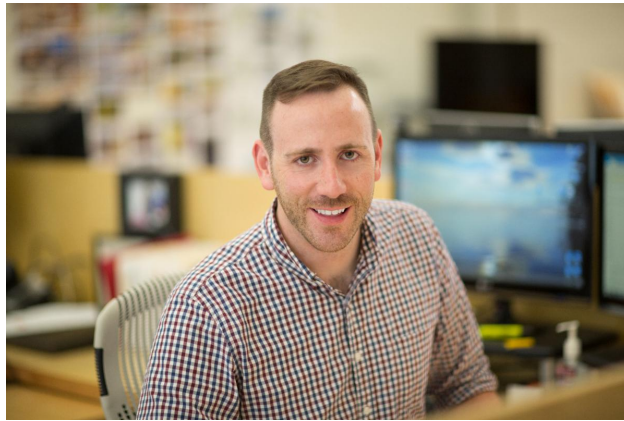
diverse range of engineers on how they design and construct multiple projects helped me understand the daily tasks of engineers. Without ACE, I would have never gained the invaluable experiences that inspired me to go into engineering. I am honored to receive the Stantec scholarship, and I am excited to build on what I've learned through the ACE program to continue on my engineering journey.”

-Lilliana Frantz, Casco Bay High School

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## Note from the Chair:

Adam McKinnon  
Architect  
CHA Companies



Adam McKinnon, 2021-2022 Chairman of Board of Directors for ACE Mentoring Program of Maine

Hello Friends of ACE,

This past June I am pleased to have been elected as Chairman of the ACE Mentoring of Maine Board of Directors. For those of you who don't know me, I have been involved with ACE mentoring for the past eight years. I first started as a mentor with the Philadelphia affiliate and continued on as a mentor when I moved to Maine six years ago. During my time with the Maine affiliate I have held numerous rolls and responsibilities on the mentoring side and with the Board of Directors. ACE Mentoring has remained very dear to me because I believe strongly in the goals of our organization;

- Help build a large, diverse, and better-prepared workforce.
- Prioritize engaging students and communities traditionally underrepresented in the industry.
- Assist and guide students by providing scholarships, internships, and mentoring as they pursue career pathways into the industry.

These goals are as relevant to our students and the larger ACE community today as they were 27 years ago when ACE mentoring was founded.

Last year, despite the global pandemic, the Maine affiliate celebrated many great achievements. We had 17 students complete the program, in an entirely virtual year. We added additional events such as college and career weeks for our students to gain more exposure to other career paths and college programs that were not covered in our regular sessions. Additionally, our students were awarded \$24,500 in scholarships, the most in our affiliates history. Included in these scholarships, Amanda Palma won a national CMiC – Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship and Lilliana Frantz received one of five national scholarships from Stantec. Congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!

This year we hope to continue to build on the successes of previous years, to help us I am pleased to welcome to our Board of Directors, Gretchen McCloy from the South Portland School Department, Connie Roy from TRC Companies, and Dale Johnson from Pike Industries. These individuals will help us diversify the types of organizations involved on

our Board, and provide valuable perspectives as we continue to advance our program and offerings to students. Congratulations Gretchen, Connie & Dale, I and the rest of the Board look forward to working with you.

Our program is in the midst of preparing for another school year. If you would like to help by becoming a mentor or volunteer in any other capacity please register at [Mentor Registration](#) . Additionally, registration is now open for High School students who are interested in participating in this year's program at [Student Registration](#) . And lastly, if you would like to donate to our organization, you can [donate here](#) via our PayPal. A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated and can also be tax deductible.

I look forward to another successful 2021-22 year!

Regards,  
Adam McKinnon  
Chairman of the Board  
ACE Mentor Program of Maine

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# Save the Date:

## September 14: ACE day of Action

Support ACE of Maine by following on social media #ACEDay2021 to learn more about ACE Mentor Program of Maine and other affiliate chapters across the country.



## September 25: Architecture/Design College Fair

If you are interested in studying Architecture or Design this is an annual opportunity to compare school programs in Boston, Massachusetts.

[Architecture/Design College Fair](#)

## October: Student Sessions Start

Mentors are working on finalizing this years schedule but will plan to start in October again. Register as a student or mentor to participate in this years program.

[Register for ACE of Maine 2021](#)

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# Sponsor Opportunities

Help support ACE Mentor of Maine with new Sponsor opportunities.

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construction, or engineering fields.

ACE Sponsor Opportunities

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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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