

Maine's ACE Mentor Program Celebrates Local Students with Annual Awards Presentation

Five Students Recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Maine's Design Program

Portland, ME (February 13, 2020) – The Board of Directors for ACE Mentor's Maine program recognized several local students from the Brunswick, Portland and South Portland ACE programs at an event on Wednesday at South Portland High School. Students presented their cumulative final projects that responded to design prompts on climate change. Students had the choice to design a prototype for a transportable and sustainable temporary shelter or a coastal park, that would serve as a neighborhood hub, to mitigate the effects of rising tides.

After the presentations, five students were presented with scholarships from the ACE Mentor program that are a result of donations from Maine companies including Consigli Construction Co. Inc., Stantec, Portland Society for Architecture, and Maine Interior Design Association. Four students received \$1,000 scholarships while one student received a \$2,000 scholarship

"All of the students in the program did a phenomenal job on their projects. They were detailed and presented exceptionally well," said Matt Pitzer, ACE of Maine Chairman. "It was a very competitive process and difficult to choose the winners, but all of these students should be commended for their efforts while also balancing the day-to-day requirements of their schoolwork."

ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) is a free afterschool program created by the integrated construction industry to attract students into pursuing industry-related careers. ACE is always looking for new mentors and students and you can find more information about the program in the paragraph below.

About ACE Mentor Program

Founded in 2008, the ACE Mentor Program of Maine is one of 74 affiliates in the nationwide ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) program. It annually engages 10,000 high school students in a free afterschool program lasting 15 sessions. Volunteer industry professionals mentor students and lead them through a hands-on simulation of designing and constructing a project. Since its start in 1994, ACE has awarded \$19 million in scholarships to help its students with post-secondary education and skilled crafts training. ACE is supported at the national and local levels by major companies in the integrated construction industry. For more information visit www.acementor.org

Locally the ACE Mentor Program of Maine has had over 150 students from 16 high schools participate and awarded \$21,000 in scholarships.

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