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ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida Elects New Executive Committee Members and Welcomes New Board Members

Jacksonville, FL – August 27, 2024 – The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida is proud to announce the election of two distinguished professionals to its Board of Directors and two new officers. New members include Nick Kalafatis and Amanda Polematidis. Judy Deshler was elected as Vice Chair and Tracey Friley was elected as Secretary. This marks a significant step forward in the organization’s mission to inspire and mentor high school students interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction, and engineering.

The newly elected executive committee members and board members bring a wealth of experience and dedication to the ACE Mentor Program:



Judy Deshler, Marketing Director, The Haskell Company: Judy brings a wealth of experience to her new role as Vice Chair. With a distinguished marketing career in the A-E-C industry, Judy has consistently demonstrated her dedication to youth development and building up the next generation. Her leadership will be pivotal as the ACE Mentor Program works to expand its reach across Northeast Florida.



Tracey Friley, Project Architect, The Haskell Company: Tracey has a deep passion for mentoring and a strong background in healthcare as an architect. Tracey’s organizational skills and commitment to the mission of the ACE Mentor Program will be instrumental in supporting the board’s operations and ensuring the program’s continued success.



Nick Kalafatis, Project Manager, Brasfield & Gorrie: Nick is a highly respected leader in the construction industry and brings a deep commitment to community engagement and youth development, making him an invaluable addition to the board. His innovative approach to problem-solving and his dedication to outreach will help guide the ACE Mentor Program as it continues to expand its impact in Northeast Florida.



Amanda Polematidis, Associate Project Manager, Hanson Professional Services Inc.: With an extensive background in sustainability, Amanda has consistently demonstrated a passion for mentoring the next generation of professionals. She has been involved in numerous initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion within the architecture, construction and engineering industry, and her vision aligns perfectly with the goals of the ACE Mentor Program.

"We are thrilled to welcome Judy, Tracey, Nick and Amanda to these critical leadership roles," said Nicole Eubanks, Affiliate Director. "Their expertise and commitment to the ACE mission will be instrumental as we work to inspire and support the future leaders of the architecture, construction, and engineering industries."

The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida has a long-standing tradition of connecting industry professionals with high school students through hands-on mentoring and real-world project experiences. The addition of these new board members will further strengthen the organization's ability to provide valuable opportunities for students to explore and pursue careers in the design and construction fields.

For more information about the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida and its initiatives, please visit acementor.org/northeast-fl or contact northeastfl@acementor.org.

About the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida: The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida is a nonprofit organization that engages, excites, and inspire high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering through mentoring and hands-on learning experiences. The program connects students with

professionals in the industry, providing them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in their future careers.

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