

## **Media Alert**

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## Students of ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha will pitch design concepts to industry professionals.

Omaha, NE – May 2, 2017 – The inaugural year of ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha is ending with momentum. 70 students will showcase design concept for OPS Norris Middle School as part of a final project for the mentorship program and 5 students will be awarded \$4,000 scholarships for a total of \$20,000.

For the past 12-weeks, students from Omaha Public Schools and District 66 have received hands-on mentoring from 45 industry professionals. The mentorship program introduces students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering through field trips, exciting projects and engaging activities.

Each participating student team will present architectural renderings and design solutions for the Norris Middle School capital facilities bond project, which they developed as their final project. The presentation will be judged by practicing professionals. ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha will also financially support students by awarding five \$4,000 scholarships to encourage post-secondary pursuits in design and construction.

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha will host the final presentations on Thursday, May 11, from 3:30-7:00 p.m., at UNO Thompson Center, 6705 Dodge St, Omaha, NE 68182. There will be an open house format from 5-6:00 p.m. followed by a program and scholarship awards from 6-7:00 PM. Dean Lance Perez, Interim Dean of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering will be the keynote speaker.

## About ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha

Greater Omaha is one of the newest affiliates to the national ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program, Collaborating with Omaha Public Schools and District 66, ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha seeks to engage high school students in building industry careers through hands-on mentoring.

The ACE Mentor Program was founded in 1995 by the principals of leading design and construction firms. Since its founding, ACE has awarded \$10.5 million in scholarships.

For further information about ACE Mentor Program of Greater Omaha, visit www.ACEmentor.org

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