



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
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NORTHEAST FL

ANNUAL REPORT

ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

2023-2024

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE LEADERS

Dear Friends and Supporters of ACE,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the achievements and progress we have made together during the 2023-2024 program year.

It has been a transformative year for the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida (ACE NEFL), marked by significant milestones, inspiring stories and a renewed commitment to empowering the next generation of architects, engineers and construction professionals.

Program Growth and Impact

This year, we welcomed 222 students from diverse backgrounds into the program. Our dedicated mentors, now over 87 industry professionals, have been instrumental in providing hands-on learning experiences, fostering students' interest in the construction industry and helping them develop critical skills for their future careers.

One of our most significant achievements this year has been the successful expansion of our program to Paxon School for Advanced Studies. This growth marks a crucial step in our mission to reach more students, especially in under-served communities. Paxon, known for its academic excellence and commitment to student development, has proven to be an ideal partner in our efforts to cultivate the next generation of industry professionals. With 11 students enrolled in the inaugural year, the program has already begun to make a substantial impact.

The Year-End Event has grown significantly in the past few years. Now having 26 teams presenting, attendees had the opportunity to view innovative projects developed by the students over the past year. These projects showcased the creativity, technical skills and collaborative spirit fostered by the ACE Mentor Program.

Scholarships

This year, we announced a record \$76,000 in scholarship awards to deserving students, ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder their pursuit of higher education and professional development. These scholarships,



ACE selected as Brasfield & Gorrie Fundraising Beneficiary | Kimberly Hansen, Nicole Eubanks and Chad Boone

awarded to 21 graduating seniors and 2 junior mentors, have enabled many of our students to attend prestigious universities and technical schools, furthering their education and career aspirations.

Innovative Programs and Partnerships

In an unwavering commitment to nurturing future leaders and empowering local youth, Brasfield & Gorrie's Jacksonville office selected ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida as its primary fundraising beneficiary for the years 2024-2026. Funds raised through their Cowford Invitational Golf Tournament, Impact Week Cornhole Tournament and employee matching will directly benefit ACE. Beyond financial support, employees have committed to actively participate as mentors, guest speakers, committee members and board members, underscoring the holistic approach towards creating a lasting impact in the community.

Our commitment to innovation has led to the development of new programs and partnerships aimed at enhancing the ACE Mentor experience. We hosted our annual Kickoff Event, Technology Bootcamp, Trades Day at Ring Power and incorporated new curriculum such as professional development training with Crestcom's Tony

Davis as well as LinkedIn and resume training with local industry professionals.

Our partnerships with leading firms and educational institutions have also expanded, providing students with unique internship opportunities, industry exposure and access to state-of-the-art resources. These collaborations have been pivotal in bridging the gap between education and real-world application, ensuring our students are well-prepared for their future careers.

Looking Ahead

As we look forward to the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We remain committed to expanding our reach, enhancing our programs and ensuring that every student, regardless of background, can explore and succeed in architecture, engineering and construction.

Our strategic objectives for the next three years include: plan for talent and succession, track and engage alumni, continue to promote and incorporate the trades, develop alternate program expansion and develop a financial model to achieve objectives. We will also continue to seek out partnerships that align with our mission and values,

enhancing our ability to make a lasting impact on the industry and the communities we serve.

Gratitude and Appreciation

None of our accomplishments would be possible without the unwavering support of our mentors, sponsors, partners and dedicated staff. Your commitment to the ACE Mentor Program has been instrumental in shaping the futures of thousands of young people. To our mentors, your guidance and expertise are invaluable; to our sponsors and partners, your generosity and collaboration drive our success; and to our board members, your hard work and dedication are the foundation of our program.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. Together, we are building a brighter future for the next generation of industry leaders.

With sincere gratitude,



Nicole Eubanks

Nicole Eubanks, Affiliate Director

222
ACE NEFL
MENTORED
STUDENTS

LOCATIONS

- Atlantic Coast High School
- Bartram Trail High School
- Bishop Kenny High School
- Creekside High School
- Home School Team
- Middleburg High School
- Nease High School
- Orange Park High School
- Pedro Menendez High School
- Riverside High School
- Tocoi Creek High School
- Paxon School for Advanced Studies

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Dear ACE Supporters and Friends:

This past year, ACE continued to grow and develop into one of the best ACE affiliates in the country. We were able to share our strategic plan and lessons learned over the past 18 years by presenting at the 2024 ACE Regional Conference.

This year the program received national recognition with Creekside High School winning the overall National CIRT Competition award in Washington, DC. Below are some more of our 2023-2024 accomplishments:

- Our Executive Director, Nicole Eubanks, continues to be extremely effective in her role and has become well known in Northeast Florida. She continues to push and help grow our program throughout the area.
- We now serve 12 schools (including our Home School Team) in the area with adding Paxon School for Advanced Studies to the program.
- School expansion increased the number of students served from 190 to 222 and increased mentor participation from 85 to 87.
- We successfully met our fundraising goals via program sponsorships, annual clay shoot, board donations and other events.
- We distributed \$76,000 in scholarships to 21 of our seniors and 2 Junior Mentors.
- ACE NEFL also successfully competed for and won a sponsorship engagement from the Brasfield & Gorrie Cowford Invitational Golf Tournament. This is a three-year commitment where ACE NEFL will receive the proceeds from the golf tournament, silent auction, impact week and employee giving.

This completes my first year as Board Chair and as you can see, our affiliate is doing very well. We are very fortunate to have such great support from the students, teachers, mentors, committees, Board of Directors and most importantly our donors. Judy Deshler, current Board Member and PR Committee Chair, has graciously accepted the position as Vice Chair. It has been a privilege and honor to lead such a dedicated group of board members that are focused on the future success of the program.

I want to thank you all for your support.

Thank you,

Chad Boone

Chad Boone
Board Chair
ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida



ACE South Regional Meeting
2024 | Nicole Eubanks,
Chad Boone, Tzu Chen
and Tom Grogan

ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF NORTHEAST FL



Founded during the 2006-2007 school year, the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida (ACE NEFL) helps high school students explore potential careers in architecture, construction and engineering. Through the program, mentors from local industry professional firms meet with students once a week for 18-20 weeks. During these sessions, students work in teams to create practical solutions for “real-world” projects. It’s an effective way for students to experience the reality of what architects, contractors and engineers do during a typical working day.

The 2023-2024 program year was a success both in terms of students served and donations raised from industry partners, individuals and foundations. ACE NEFL increased our reach to 12 locations, serving 222 students weekly and awarded \$76,000 to 21 high school seniors and 2 junior mentors.

STAFF & COMMITTEES

Our board members and volunteers are organized into the following committees. Committee chairs, board members and staff are listed on page 6.

- Advisory Council
- Alumni Council
- Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Governance Committee
- Mentor Committee
- Trades Committee
- Public Relations Committee

What is ACE?

Founded in 1994, the ACE Mentor Program of America (ACE) is a free, award-winning, after-school program designed to attract high school students into pursuing careers in the Architecture, Construction and Engineering industry, including skilled trades. ACE has grown to more than 75 affiliates (chapters), operating throughout the US and Canada, largely based in metropolitan areas. A national office supports the affiliate programs.

ACE is one of the fastest growing programs in the country, serving over 10,000 students annually, drawn from approximately 1,500 high schools. The majority of ACE students (70%) are minority, and over 40% are female. More than 40% of ACE seniors entering college are first generation scholars.

More than 4,000 volunteer industry professionals mentor student teams through a 35-hour-long simulation of designing and constructing a project.

Last year nearly \$4 million was awarded in scholarships to high school seniors and alumni studying to pursue industry-related careers. More than 90% of ACE alumni pursue college degrees or skilled trade training. ACE also offers students summer camp and internship opportunities. Finally, ACE estimates that 2,000+ alumni enter the AEC workforce each year.



Chad Boone, Nicole Eubanks and Tom Grogan at the ACE Regional Conference in New Orleans, LA | Summer 2024

2023-2024 STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

STAFF

Nicole Eubanks | Affiliate Director

OFFICERS

Chad Boone, Chair | Meadows and Ohly
Judy Deshler, Vice Chair (PR Chair) | The Haskell Company
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ADVISORY COUNCIL

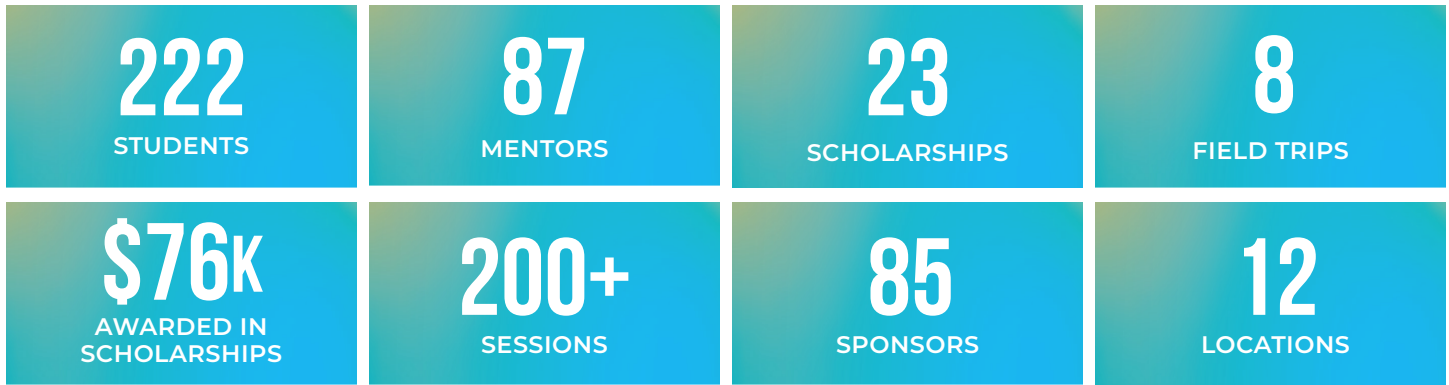
Kathie Carswell | University of North Florida
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Emily Harrison | St. Johns County School District
Kelly Mosley | Clay County District Schools

EDUCATION

BY THE NUMBERS



2023-24 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program continued its growth and enjoyed a successful 2023-2024. We served 222 students across Northeast Florida, including 60 female students and 82 students from under-represented groups.

Students met for as few as 15 weeks at 12 different locations: Atlantic Coast High School, Bartram Trail High School, Bishop Kenny High School, Creekside High School, Middleburg High School, Nease High School, Orange Park High School, Paxon School for Advanced Studies (new location), Pedro Menendez High School, Riverside High School, Toco Creek High School and our Home School Team.

This year's request for proposals (RFP) competition had three topics to choose from and we had 26 teams compete.

- Highway Interchange (4 teams)
- Olympic Venue (10 teams)
- Shoreline (8 teams)
- CIRT National Design and Construction (4 teams)

ENGAGING STUDENTS

Our program is open to Northeast Florida high school students who have the curiosity and drive to learn about a career in design and construction — from contracting and engineering to architecture and landscaping. Currently, we serve students in Duval, Clay and St. Johns counties. To learn more about what to expect and how to encourage a student to participate, visit our website:

www.acementor.org/northeast-fl



Riverside High School



Home School Team



Creekside High School

KICK-OFF EVENT

We kicked off the start of the 2023-2024 program at the University of North Florida (UNF) with enthusiasm, with 227 students from 10 schools participated in the event. They attended a comprehensive tour of the UNF campus and insightful presentations from the following distinguished speakers.

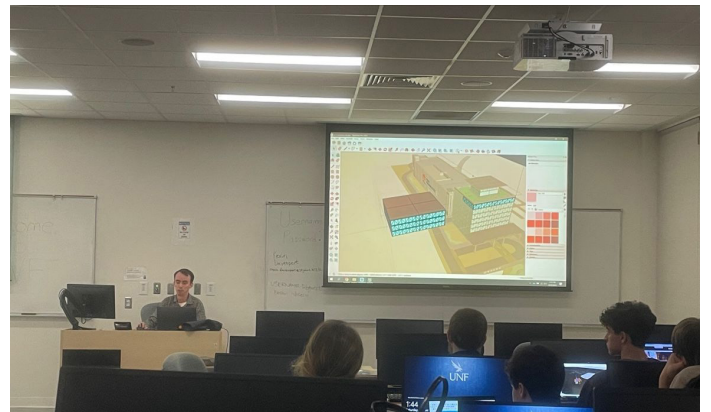
- The UNF College of Computing, Engineering and Construction (CCEC) showcased their innovative programs.
- Business owner and community advocate Ashantae Green shared her valuable experiences.
- Carlton Jones, a pastor and building contractor, provided inspiring insights.
- Architect Janel LeGard, AIA, offered a glimpse into her creative world.
- Greer Johnson Gillis, Senior Vice President of the Jacksonville Transportation Administration (JTA), gave an engaging talk on transportation.

The event was a great success, leaving students inspired and excited about their future possibilities.



TECHNOLOGY BOOTCAMP

At the annual Technology Bootcamp, ACE Northeast Florida students were introduced to Solid Professor, Revit, AutoCAD and SketchUp. Students received instruction from SketchUp Visiting Professional Shawn Fink, and volunteer students from Pedro Menedez HS and Creekside HS led training on AutoCAD and REVIT. The event was sponsored by Trimble and UNF CCEC. The students also heard from UNF College of Computing, Engineering & Construction (CCEC) students about programs they offer.



Technology Bootcamp 2023



CONSTRUCTION SITE VISITS

ACE students had the opportunity to visit a variety of active job sites and companies, participating in tours at the following locations:

- Borland Grover site with Auld & White
- Southeast Orthopedics site with Batson Cook
- Ribault High School site with Gilbane
- Haskell Office
- Water Treatment Facility site with Petticoat Schmitt



Borland Grover site with Auld & White | Toco Creek HS



Ribault High School site with Gilbane | Paxton & Home School



Haskell office visit | Riverside HS

2024 CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

Four ACE NEFL teams submitted their projects for the 2024 Construction Industry Round Table (CIRT) Design and Construction Competition. The competition is maintained, coordinated and judged by CIRT and is sponsored for ACE Mentor Program affiliate teams. From a record-tying total of 64 entries, one NEFL team was selected as one of the three finalists.

Creekside High School's Highway Interchange team presented their response at the CIRT Spring Meeting on April 29, 2024 at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Following high-level presentations from each of the three finalists, Creekside was selected as the winner, the best response in the nation, and won a prize of \$5,000. This is our affiliate's fourth time with a finalist and our first victory.



YEAR-END EVENT

The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida wrapped up its student programming with a Year-End Event on April 30th at the Schultz Center. The celebration highlighted:

- **Scholarships:** We awarded scholarships totaling \$76,250 to 21 deserving seniors and 2 junior mentors pursuing careers in architecture, construction and engineering. These scholarships are made possible through corporate giving at the diamond, gold and silver level.
- **Student Projects:** Student teams presented their project in a competition for best proposal and best presentation. The projects showcased their innovation and technical skills and included a model of a trades component of the project.
- **Special Recognition:** Monique Bell received national honors as the Exemplary School Champion (teacher), and Tom Grogan was awarded ACE NEFL Outstanding Mentor. We also acknowledged the retirement of significant program contributors Wayne Petrone and Kevin Davenport.
- **Volunteer Appreciation:** The event closed with a heartfelt appreciation of our mentors, teachers, volunteers and parents in the vital role they each play in supporting ACE student success.



Volunteers welcomed students to the Shultz Center on April 30, 2024.



Student presentations were given by 22 regional teams and 4 national teams, including the Home School Team that donned cowboy hats to be remembered by the judges.



Ingrid Soracco (left), HCA 4-year scholarship recipient, with Chad Boone, Chair



Judy Deshler (left), Vice Chair, announced raffle prize winners to kick off the lunch program.



Kevin Davenport (right), ACE Champion at Creekside HS, with Jacob Thurlow, Lead Mentor



Wayne Patrone (right), Lead Mentor for the Home School Team, with Chad Boone, Chair



Monique Bell (right), Exemplary School Champion at Riverside HS with Chad Boone, Chair



Tom Grogan (right), Past Chair ACE NEFL, with Chad Boone, Chair

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Twenty-two regional teams presented to jurors on April 30th, 2024 at the Schultz Center. The final award of the day for the Best Overall Approach, which combined the proposal and presentation scoring, was awarded to Bartram Trail High School for their Shoreline response.



Four national teams presented the projects they submitted to the National CIRT competition.

Highway Interchange

BEST PROPOSAL

Atlantic Coast High School

BEST PRESENTATION

Pedro Menendez High School

Olympic Stadium

BEST PROPOSAL

Home School Team

BEST PRESENTATION

Bishop Kenny High School
Creekside High School Team #1

Shoreline Design

BEST PROPOSAL

Creekside High School Team #1

BEST PRESENTATION

Bartram Trail High School



Highway Interchange Best Proposal | Atlantic Coast HS



Highway Interchange Best Presentation | Pedro Menendez HS



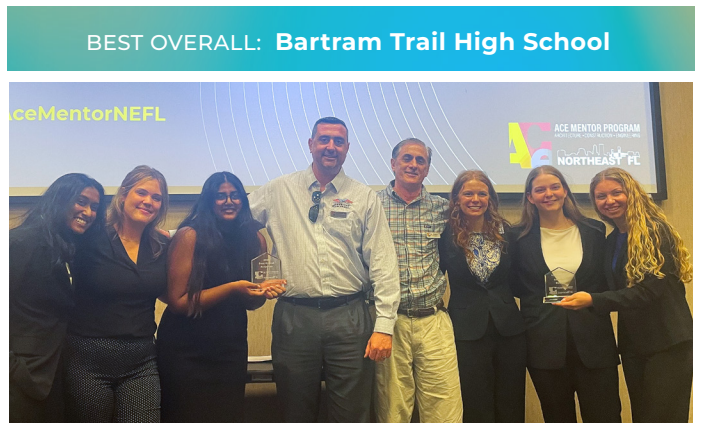
Olympic Stadium Best Proposal | Home School Team



Olympic Stadium Best Presentation (A) | Creekside HS



Olympic Stadium Best Presentation (C) | Bishop Kenny HS



Shoreline Design Best Presentation & 2024 Best Overall Approach | Bartram Trail HS



Shoreline Design Best Proposal | Creekside HS Team #1

View the full event press release:

<https://www.acementor.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ACE-NEFL-Year-End-Event-PR-2024.pdf>

SCHOLARSHIPS

ACE NEFL proudly announced the 2023-2024 scholarship awards to 21 high school seniors and 2 Junior Mentors. Student recipients from Clay, Duval and St. Johns County high schools demonstrated exceptional work ethic and relationship building with industry professionals. The total amount awarded was \$76,250, including the prestigious CMiC Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship.



Creekside High School senior Cooper Maurer, pictured above with his teacher Kevin Davenport and ACE

Lead Mentor Jacob Thurlow, was awarded the \$20,000 CMiC Allen Berg Memorial National Scholarship. Cooper participated with ACE NEFL for two years and plans on studying Civil Engineering at the University of Florida in the fall.



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Student Name	School	Intended Major	Scholarship	Corporate Sponsor
Cooper Maurer	Creekside	Civil	\$20,000	CMiC (4 years)
Benjamin York	Creekside	Mechanical	\$10,000	Brasfield & Gorrie (4 years)
Ingrid Soracco	Creekside	Mechanical	\$6,875	HCA (4 years)
Inegbenose Odion	Bishop Kenny	Electrical	\$6,875	HCA (4 years)
Joseph Hadad	Creekside	Mechanical	\$3,000	ABC First Coast
Kennedy Rhett	Atlantic Coast	Electrical	\$3,000	Brasfield & Gorrie
Ander Nordin	Creekside	Engineering	\$2,500	ACE Dunk Tank Fundraiser
Maulissa Renelus	Orange Park	Civil	\$2,000	ABC Women's Council
Magnus Schmidt	Creekside	Mechanical	\$2,000	Haskell
Isabella Hutchins	Bishop Kenny	Civil	\$1,500	Haskell
Annabelle Yazdiya	Creekside	Civil	\$1,500	ACE Founders
William Gallup	Bishop Kenny	Electrical	\$1,500	Baker Design Build
Summer Eschliman	Atlantic Coast	Electrical	\$1,500	American-Electrical
Austin Homminga	Orange Park	Mechanical	\$1,500	Baptist
David Martinez	Bishop Kenny	Mechanical	\$1,500	FHEA
Ian Fish	Creekside	Civil	\$1,500	Meyer Najem
Aryan Agrawal	Creekside	Architecture	\$1,500	Whiting Turner
Hannah Foss	Bartram Trail	Architecture	\$1,500	Gilbane
Seth Marusic	Creekside	Mechanical	\$1,500	S. David Painting
Evan Hansen	Creekside	Mechanical	\$1,000	Tritt & Associates
Caleb Couch	Bishop Kenny	Mechanical/Chemical	\$1,000	ACE Northeast Florida

Junior Mentors

Lauren Castillo	UNF, Junior Mentor	Civil Engineering	\$1,500	Stellar
Brandon Shaw	UNF, Junior Mentor	Construction Management	\$1,500	Red Coats

\$76,250

FUNDRAISING

During the 2023-2024 program our ACE Affiliate raised funds for scholarships and programming through corporate and personal donations, fundraising events and raffles, grants and on-line donation campaigns.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

A listing of our Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze corporate sponsors is provided on the next page. These sponsorships are key to provide scholarships to our students.

GRANTS

ACE NEFL is proud to be a grant recipient from the following organizations. ACE NEFL will use these funds to provide mentoring, scholarship and college/trade opportunities for students in Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties.

- ACE Mentor Program of America / Black and Decker
- Brasfield & Gorrie Employee Match through Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
- Jaguars Foundation
- Publix Charities
- The Players Championship Red Coats' Community Grant
- Reinhold Foundation Celebrate Clay Awards
- Stellar Grant Foundation



EVENTS

This year ACE NEFL hosted the following events that contributed to our fundraising goals. The events were supported by our corporate sponsors, industry partners, school champions, mentors, parents and students.

- Clay Shoot Fundraiser and raffle
- Brasfield & Gorrie Cowford Invitational Golf Tournament
- Brasfield & Gorrie Impact Week Cornhole Tournament
- Technology Bootcamp
- Trades Day & Dunk Tank Competition
- Year-End Event and raffle

CAMPAIGNS

For the Annual Day of Giving that follows Thanksgiving, known as #GivingTuesday, we encouraged individual supporters and parents to donate by Sponsoring an ACE Student. Their \$75 donations provide students and mentors with supplies for weekly mentoring and hands-on projects, transportation to field trips and much more.



DONATE NOW



ACE NEFL remains committed to serving students and guiding them towards a career path that they love. With your help, we will continue to change the lives of Northeast Florida students. Donate today!

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CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER

ACE Northeast Florida hosted the 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser on September 21, 2023, raising \$54,000 for Northeast Florida students.

The sponsors of this event held at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports included:

- Auld & White Constructors
- Building Envelope Consulting Group
- Batson-Cook
- FastSigns - St. Johns Bluff
- Fisher Concrete
- Florida Southern Plywood
- Foresight Construction
- Gilbane, Inc.
- Hollandsworth Construction
- Image Resource Group
- Legacy Engineering, Inc
- Matthews Design Group
- Miller Electric Company
- The Haskell Company
- Wilson Electric
- W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor



Two of our Junior Mentors, Brandon Shaw (UNF, Construction Management major) and Lauren Castillio (UNF, Civil Engineering major) spoke to Clay Shoot participants about their ACE experience as students and now as mentors.



Designed by our 2023 Summer interns: Ella Wiese and Alakai Vo



BRASFIELD & GORRIE

ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida was selected as the Brasfield & Gorrie primary fundraising beneficiary for the years 2024-2026. The partnership kicked off during Impact Week in October 2023, where a Cornhole fundraising initiative resulted in \$33,000 of donations pledged to ACE NEFL. Brasfield & Gorrie also hosted their Annual Cowford Invitational golf tournament and the ACE Mentor Program was the beneficiary, receiving an additional \$95,000 in funding. This is an extraordinary opportunity for ACE to fortify and expand our program to benefit the youth of Northeast Florida.



Brasfield & Gorrie Cornhole Tournament, Impact Week 2023



ACE Students from each school decorated hard hats that were auctioned at the B&G Cowford Invitational Silent Auction. ACE board members and mentors volunteered at the event.



Brasfield & Gorrie Cowford Invitational Golf Tournament on April 8, 2024.



Brasfield & Gorrie funds sponsored two scholarships. Benjamin York (left) was awarded a \$10,000 4-year scholarship and Kennedy Rett (right) received a \$3,000 scholarship at the ACE Year-End Event.

MENTORS

BECOME A MENTOR

We are thankful for our 2023-2024 mentors and the firms that support their role in ACE NEFL. As the demand for ACE continues to grow, additional mentors are needed. Mentors work together to guide students each week as they work on their team project. Register here <https://app.acementor.org/login> or email Mentor Chair, Jeff Auld at jeff.auld@rsandh.com.

ATLANTIC COAST

- * Joseph Rawlins
- * Rekha Elizebeth, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors
- * Stanley Grisnik, NASA (Retired)
George Arco, Auld & White Constructors
Lauren Bedford, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors
Lauren Castillo, Junior Mentor, UNF*
Thomas Hatch, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors
Chelsea Mitchell, Shaycore LLC
Amanda Polematidis, TLC Engineering Solutions
Molly Richardson, Complete Structural Consulting
Brandon Shaw, Junior Mentor, UNF*

BARTRAM TRAIL

- * Bruce Bogese
- * David Yencarelli, American Electrical Contracting
Dylan Lindsay, Kasper Architects + Associates
Chelsea Marajh, NAVFAC Southeast
Fredy Sarria, TLC Engineering Solutions
Charles Tofferi, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

BISHOP KENNY

- * Allison Gallup
- * David Schoening, Haskell
Josh Barth, Auld & White Constructors
Andrew Booth, Haskell
Carina Brillhart, Stellar Group, Inc
Caitlan Chorbak, Gilbane Building Company
Kole Goodrich, Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
Ramsey Grissom, Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
Alexander Mosher, Robins & Morton
Thomas Murray, Hoefler Welker
Leonard Pappalardo, Keville Enterprises, Inc.
Anton Whiteford, Haskell

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- * Jacob Thurlow, Haskell
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Lauren Castillo, Junior Mentor, UNF*
Amanda Crist, Syska Hennessy
Mike Dillon, Batson-Cook Construction
Mark Harvey, Gilbane Building Company
Christopher Jackson, Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
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Elizabeth Lentz, Haskell
Daniel Limonta, Meyer Najem Construction, LLC
Kalpana Marothu, Batson-Cook Construction
Eric Prendergast, Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC
Daniel Sandler, Haskell
Dylan Scanlon, Matthews Design Group
Brandon Shaw, Junior Mentor, UNF*

HOME SCHOOL TEAM

- * Fred DeWitt, DDCI
- * Wayne Petrone, Peters and Yaffee, Inc.
- * Jay Wilkins, IMC Electrical
Kimberly Ebbers, Ebbers Academy (parent)
Daniela Gomez, RS&H
Alexandra Lauderdale, IMEG
Eric Lentz, Mayo Clinic
Arthur Mastronicola, FDOT
Robin McClure, Evoke Development

Kristian Nelson, Gresham Smith
Michael Petrone, TLC Engineering Solutions
Will Smith, Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC
Marjorie Weibe-Reed, Haskell

MIDDLEBURG

- * David Gillum
- * Carl Burdick, Bhide & Hall Architects
David Harp, IMC Electrical
James Rowland, American Electrical Contracting

NEASE

- * Jamie Combs
- * Bergman Arias

ORANGE PARK

- * Mary Ellen DeMarco
- * Aubrey Awe, NAVFAC Southeast
- * Joseph DeMarco, RYDER Corporation
- * Michael Nee, Haskell
Richard Barrows, Goat Hair Company
Chandler Evers, Dana B Kenyon
Thomas Grogan, Haskell (Retired)
Tamara Henderson, WGI
Lillian Prins, NAVFAC Southeast

PAXON

- * Jacquelyn, Williams
- * Monique Brown, NAVFAC Southeast
- * Tracey Friley, Haskell
Chad Boone, Meadows and Ohly
Gabriela Chavez, Gilbane Building Company
Amy Hoffer, NAVFAC Southeast
Amanda Kosina, NAVFAC Southeast
Eric Snyder, Gresham Smith
Deborah Thompson, Deborah K. Thompson, Consultants

PEDRO MENENDEZ

- * Howard Nunamaker
- * Kevin McEwen, Stellar Group, Inc
Kayla Lakatos, Gilbane Building Company
Miranda Pennington, NAVFAC Southeast
Rich Pritt, CPPI

RIVERSIDE

- * Monique Bell
- * Robert Jackson, Haskell
- * Crystal Markley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kierstin Beaumont, Haskell
Ken Duncan, Haskell
Dexter Hocutt, Whiting-Turner
Janel LeGard, Haskell
Quayshaun Marshall, Haskell
Harun Resulovic, Haskell
Ledarius Smith, RS&H
Alison Tulloss, NAVFAC Southeast

TOCOI CREEK

- * Darren Argentina
- * Craig Scott, Gilbane Building Company
Greg Burke, Gregory John Burke | ARCHITECT, PA

- * School Champion
- * Lead Mentor
- * Junior Mentor

TRADES

On February 15, 2024, ACE NEFL hosted the 3rd Annual Trades Day at Ring Power in St. Augustine. ACE students spent the day interacting with 16 companies and apprenticeship programs to explore career opportunities within the trades industry. It was an incredible opportunity for students to explore the world of trades.

2024 TRADES DAY COMPANIES

- ABC First Coast
- American Electrical Contracting
- Auld & White Constructors
- Beard Equipment
- Brasfield & Gorrie
- Campbell Plumbing & Mechanical
- ICG Builds
- JE Abercrombie
- Stonewall Masonry
- Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors
- Ring Power
- The Haskell Company
- Tulsa Welding
- Superior Construction
- UA Local 234, Plumbers, Pipefitters and HVA Technicians
- W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractors



PUBLIC RELATIONS

The PR Committee develops collateral and social campaigns to support the mission of ACE NEFL and its committees. This year we continued our successful social campaigns and also supported fundraising campaigns, mentor recruitment and the Year-End Event.

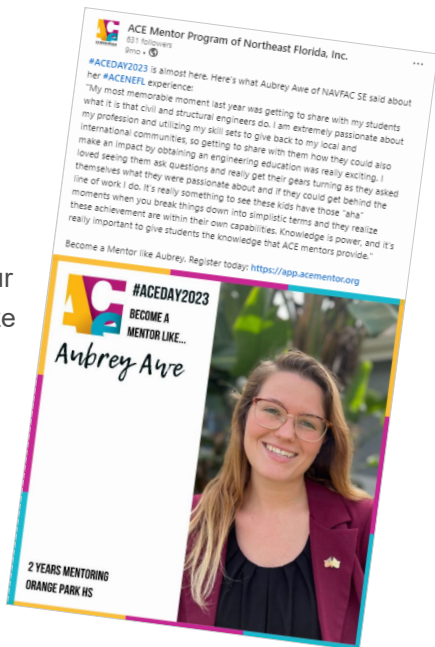


ACE DAY 2023

We celebrated ACE Day on October 20th with a call to action to Sponsor an ACE Student, and we also highlighted Construction Inclusion Week.

MENTOR SPOTLIGHTS

As we kick off our program year, we spotlight a few of our mentors to recognize their involvement in the program and to help inspire new mentors to join one of our 12 locations.

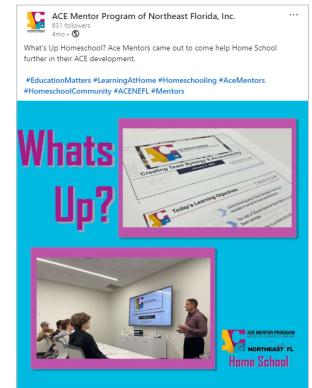


WHAT'S UP?

The "What's Up?" campaign launched in January, showcasing program highlights from each location.

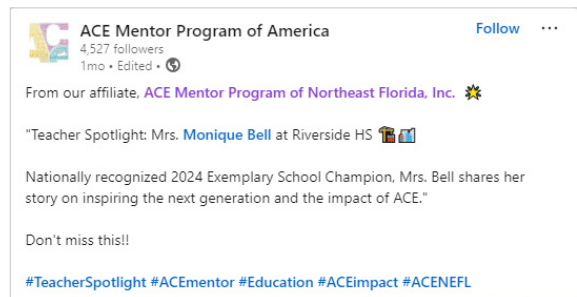


Atlantic Coast & Home School Team



TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH

ACE Mentor Program would not be where it is today without our school champions (teachers). They cultivate, encourage and excite young minds in order to help students pursue careers in the AEC industry. In celebration of national Teacher Appreciation Week, we thanked our teachers/champions at all locations during the month of May, with a special focus on our Exemplary School Champion, Monique Bell.



Riverside High School | Monique Bell, ACE Champion

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