



Greater Akron - Canton Affiliate

# CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS



# 2024 – 2025 School Year

This year is off to a great start! The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Akron-Canton will continue to serve at Akron Early College, Barberton High School, Ellet CLC, Firestone CLC, Garfield CLC, and Timken Career Campus.

**We will kick off our mentor sessions the first week of October! Please contact your school Teacher Champion for more information!**



## THIS YEAR'S PROJECT

**Our featured design project this year is to design a restaurant!**

Our students are being asked to do a build-out for a restaurant. They will be tasked with layout, design, MEP, the restaurant's name, type of restaurant, menu, construction cost, and schedule. Our students will present their final projects at our Year End Banquet.



## SAVE THE DATE! ACE DAY OF ACTION

We are excited to announce that **ACE Day of Action will be on October 18, 2024** as we celebrate all things ACE! ACE of Greater Akron-Canton will make a big push for the 2024-2025 school year in the following ways with your support!

- Register as a mentor!
- Encourage your high school age students to participate!
- Share the good news on social media!
- Make a gift!

With your help, ACE Akron-Canton will continue to change the lives of the students that we serve. We look forward to celebrating with you on October 18th! Please contact [akroncantonoh@acementor.org](mailto:akroncantonoh@acementor.org) for more information on how you can support our mission.

More details will be sent via our newsletter and email blasts soon! Want to join our mailing list? Email Barbie at [akroncantonoh@acementor.org](mailto:akroncantonoh@acementor.org).



# 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD WINNERS!

Since our affiliate's inception in 2017, we have awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships to 23 students with an additional \$26,000 in ACE National Scholarships. Our most recent scholarship award winners are:

- Eliyah Surles (\$7,500) enrolled at Kent State University for Architecture
- Niemah Wahid (\$5,000) enrolled at Stark State for Civil Engineering
- Aaron Porter (\$4,000) enrolled at Kent State University for Architecture
- Hunter Himebaugh (\$4,000) enrolled at Roberts Wesleyan for Mechanical Engineering
- Amyna Sphapmixay (\$3,000) enrolled at Kent State University for Architecture
- Carter Friend (\$3,000) enrolled at Kent State University for Architecture
- Quinn Milton (\$1,500) enrolled at The Ohio State University for Biomedical Engineering
- Franco Virola (\$1,500) enrolled at The University of Akron for Engineering

In an effort to see our Alumni through their college careers, we have been able to award over \$20,000 in Alumni Scholarships. Our most recent Alumni Scholarship recipients are:

- Melissa Adrion (\$2,000) enrolled at The University of Akron for Mechanical Engineering
- Caley Barnett (\$2,000) enrolled at The University of Akron for Civil Engineering
- Mason Reith (\$2,000) enrolled at Stark State College for Electrical Engineering
- Amir Stokes (\$2,000) enrolled at The Ohio State University for Mechanical Engineering
- Peter Van Blargan (\$2,000) enrolled at The Ohio State University for Civil Engineering
- Kelsie Cunningham (\$2,000) enrolled at The Ohio State University for Civil Engineering

Thank you to our college partnerships in Kent State University, Stark State, Mount Union, and The University of Akron for matching our scholarships for our students!

## COMMENTS FROM OUR 2024 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

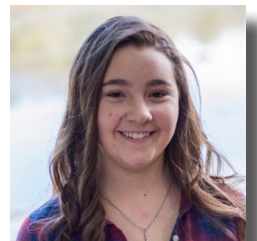
"It is because ACE Mentorship has kept me along the path of college since I joined, they got me the opportunity to intern at Diebold Nixdorf, they are guiding me along my college journey, they are helping me with scholarships, and the early learning I did in ACE helped me to develop my interests in engineering."

- Mason Reith



"I believe it is very important for the youth to be mentored. I think it allows them the option to build a network and ask questions from people that have more experience not only in the career field but also just in life. It also allowed me to build a friendship and helped prepare me for what to expect going into college."

- Caley Barnett



"My experience at ACE working with other students as well as mentors allowed me to feel more confident in how to navigate our team dynamic allowing us to complete all of our assignments on time and to the best of our ability." - Amir Stokes



"ACE gave me the resources to obtain scholarships and gain real-world work experience. It also allowed me to participate in projects that gave me an idea of what the projects that I would work on in the future are like." - Melissa Adrion



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- Garfield CLC - Clayton Cundiff and Jackie Harkness
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