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RE: **SUPPORT ACE MENTOR SAN DIEGO**

Dear ACE Mentor Supporter:

I am writing to you on behalf of the San Diego ACE Mentor program - an organization that mentors high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in the field of **Architecture, Construction, and Engineering** and supports their continued advancement in the industry by awarding the students with scholarships and grants.

We are delighted that the San Diego Design/Construction community has been so supportive of mentoring these youths to further their education and career opportunities. We are now in our 8th year, and we have 10 high school teams throughout San Diego County that are participating in our program. Presently, we have over 100 local mentors who are helping to guide these student teams to understand the various roles and protocols that companies play in the construction industry; to introduce them to a career path as the students participate in designing a project, including schedules and construction estimates.

Contributions from local industry members last year enable us to award \$121,500 in scholarships to 31 deserving students. This year we are hoping to exceed that number. That is why we are soliciting you to consider making a generous donation at one of the sponsor levels that is outlined on the enclosed Sponsor Form or consider a \$1,000 Table Sponsorship, which includes 4 firm attendees and the sponsorship of 6 students.

Our San Diego banquet is scheduled for **THURSDAY, MAY 19** from **6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.** at the **MARRIOTT MISSION VALLEY**. This will offer you an opportunity to see completed projects prepared by various high school students and the effect your contribution has on their future.

Each year, we receive letters from our students who share stories of how ACE Mentor San Diego has impacted their lives. We'd like to share two of these testimonials with you:

“As the first one in my family to graduate from high school and attend a university, I have created a lot of pride in my family....It has made me extremely happy to see my mother’s reaction when I told her I had received a scholarship.” ~ Jose B.

“Receiving this scholarship has taught me something in its own which is the significance of giving back to my community and helping others. I have already made plans to return to the ACE Program during the next school year as a mentor. Thank you once more, not just for aiding my education, but for impacting my life.” ~ Francisco T.

Thank you for your help in supporting our students to explore their interests and potential to become future architects, contractors and engineers.

Very truly yours,

Alan Petrasek

Alan Petrasek, Chairman
ACE MENTOR SAN DIEGO