



ACE Mentor Program Honored

Sacramento, CA, June, 12, 2008 -- Last week, the Sacramento Builders' Exchange accepted the LEED Honor Roll Award for **Best Community Based Organization** for its work with the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Sacramento.

ACE is a national not-for-profit that began on the East Coast in 1994 and is now in more than eighty cities in America. Locally the Sacramento Builders' Exchange started a small pilot program in 2007. 2008 was the first full year and they are proud to be serving three high schools, Galt, River City and San Juan, with 25 mentors and over 50 students. The Sacramento Builders Exchange will bring ACE to 12 schools next year and serve at least 200 students.

A mentor team made up of industry professional was assigned to each of our three partner high schools. They took students through informational sessions, project based learning and field trips to construction sites. Midway through the year students were then asked to prepare a final project where mentors guided the students as they worked through a mock design project introducing them to the careers, industry vocabulary and various roles companies play in the construction process. The students present their project to their peers, families and panel of judges. The selected student winners are awarded scholarships totaling \$8,000.

These activities reinforce classroom learning in math, physics, art computer skills and other important subjects providing a direct link between curricular and career success.



Left – Alex Kothny, ACE Board Chair, Northern California Carpenters Local #46
Right – Stephanie Davi Ercolini, Sacramento Builders' Exchange and ACE Mentor Sacramento

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