



# ACE in Atlanta

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## Announcement Section

This section includes important information and other announcements.

## Next Class: DESIGN CRITIQUE!! - January 20, 2010

Students - your firm must be ready to present your design to a panel of mentors and guests for review and comment. The following must be 80%-100% complete for this review:

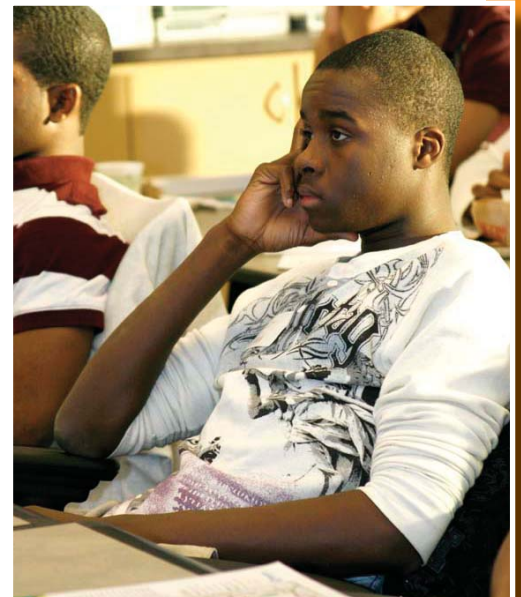
- Site plan or landscaping plan
- Floor plan (1 minimum)
- Elevation (1 minimum)
- You'll be required to explain the development and details during your presentation.

## ACE Atlanta welcomes the Atlanta BeltLine!

ACE Atlanta extends our thanks to Rob Brawner and Paul Black from the Atlanta BeltLine for their exciting and interesting presentation about the Atlanta BeltLine, its origins, the communities it will affect and its benefits!

The following twenty-three students signed in for the January 13, 2010 ACE class:

- Jarius A., North Springs HS
- Gabriel A., Lithonia High School
- Branniton B., Lithonia High School
- Ian B., Benjamin Mays High School
- Christopher B., Lithonia High School
- Samuel B., Lithonia High School
- Eddie D., Stephenson High School
- Sherline D., Lithonia High School
- Eddie D., Stephenson High School
- Stephen D., Lithonia High School
- Cornelius G., Benjamin Mays High School
- Andrew H., Benjamin Mays High School
- Martin J., Stephenson High School
- Shane M., Benjamin Mays High School
- Killian O., Lithonia High School
- Kamu O., Benjamin Mays High School
- Sanni Olu, Lithonia High School
- Brianna P., Douglass High School
- Marcus P., Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy
- Victor P., Hiram High School
- Gary T., Lithonia High School
- Darius T., Hiram High School
- Niambi T., Benjamin Mays High School
- Melvin W., Lithonia High School



## Smile - ACE in Camera!

ACE Atlanta students completed a mid-program "ACE Atlanta Report" card survey to let us know how we're doing, their career and college choices, what their favorite thing has been so far and what they'd change about the program. ACE students also had their photos taken - please refer to the student directory in this newsletter!



## Design Critique Reminder

Amy Norman, ACE Atlanta Curriculum Chairperson, reminded the group that the next session will be the Design Critique presentations.

Each student team will present their project as their ACE company. The elements required for your presentation are recapped in the "Announcements Section" on this newsletter and also appear on the revised schedule distributed during class.

Team Name	Team Members	Project Choice
To be determined	Charles C. and Jarius A.	The Ideal School
EBB "Evolve Beyond Boundaries"	Victor P. and Darius T.	The Ideal School
To be determined	Melvin W., Killian O., Sherline D., and Christopher B.	The Ideal School
To be determined	Branniton B., Stephen D., Gabriel A., and Gary T.	The Ideal School
To be determine	Andrew H., Niambi T., Ian B., Shane M. and Marcus P.	Green Housing Row
U.E.A. (Universal Engineer Associates)	Eddie D., Martin J., Marquevius M., and Austin L.	The Ideal School

If your team has not handed in your team name and project choice, please do so at the beginning of class so we can arrange enough time for all teams to give their presentations!

## Presentation Format

All presentations need to be done in POWERPOINT - there are no exceptions. You can either bring your presentation in on a Jump drive, burned to a CD, or you can email it prior to the class to [rachel.hendrix@skanska.com](mailto:rachel.hendrix@skanska.com). Student teams are encouraged to use creativity to "think outside the box" to make their presentations entertaining, effective and communicative of their design ideas.



## Thank you to our Session Mentors!

ACE Atlanta would like to thank the following mentors and guests for their enthusiastic participation!

- Rob Brawner, Atlanta BeltLine
- Paul Black, Atlanta BeltLine
- Amy Norman, Holder
- Elijah Cannon, Lithonia HS
- Amber Scates, Gilbane
- Theresa Smith, Skanska
- Bodunde Omodele, Skanska
- Bob Kovacs, Skanska
- Jonathan Tribo, Holder
- Rachel Hendrix, Skanska
- Linda McCoy, IBG Construction Services LLC
- Brenda Johnson, Skyline
- Drew Gaskins, Gilbane
- John Cleveland, Cleveland Electric
- Sean Horan, Holder
- Theresa Schroeder, Turner Construction
- Terrance Ward, New South Construction
- Roy Long

## IMPORTANT - BELTLINE FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM IS DUE JANUARY 27, 2010

The Atlanta BeltLine has offered this free guided tour of the Atlanta BeltLine.

- Wear sturdy shoes - you'll be able to get outdoors during the tour.
- Tour includes one brief rest stop
- Bottled water will be available.
- Students and mentors will be allowed to bring THEIR OWN snacks and beverages.
- ACE will NOT be providing any food.

## The Atlanta BeltLine

Thank you again to Rob Brawner and Paul Black for bringing the Atlanta BeltLine to life for our ACE class.

Last year's ACE project was based on the Atlanta BeltLine so some of our veteran ACE students were already familiar with the BeltLine. We were delighted to learn more about the BeltLine - why is it important, what has been done so far, and what is proposed for the future. The students also learned how they could get involved in this project that may affect the communities in which they live and study.



Rob Brawner, Program

Director, opened the BeltLine

Presentation, thanked and recognized our students for their great behavior. He then turned over the presentation to Paul Black. Paul talked about the current transportation and congestion challenges facing our city, and discussed how the BeltLine will alleviate some of these problems, improve the quality of life for Atlanta's inhabitants, connect our communities and ultimately create a healthier, more vibrant and attractive city.

The BeltLine presentation detailed key elements such as parks and arboretum, trails, transit infrastructure, jobs and economic development, affordable workforce housing, historic preservation, streetscapes and public art, and environmental clean-up. Every single element on this list fits into the scope of the professions that our ACE students are exploring through this program.

## Ask & Tell the BeltLine

We were very impressed by the number and quality of questions our students had for Rob and Paul. We could tell that our students were paying attention, considering the information presented since their questions were very perceptive and interesting. Sample questions from the student audience included: "What is affordable housing - what is affordable to one person may not be affordable to another?" "Will all the transit be electric or some other technology?" "Will the BeltLine connect to the Atlanta University Center?"

Rob and Paul also asked the students for their feedback on their PowerPoint presentation. Thank you to all the students for their honest feedback!

## The Atlanta BeltLine Tour - Saturday, January 30, 2010

The Atlanta BeltLine has arranged to have buses pick up ACE students and mentors at 9:45 AM on Saturday, January 30th. This tour will open your eyes to the diverse communities and places in Atlanta. The permission form was distributed during class and is attached to this newsletter.