

# Will there...

be enough architects, construction managers and engineers to fill the industry's needs ten years from now? The ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. is working hard to make sure there are. ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering.



Each county selects their own project and each team independently works toward their own project completion. Past projects include designing a water park, a retail store, and a roller coaster. Sixteen work sessions over Six months are carefully planned to expose the students to the various facets (discipline or craft) of a building project. Most two hour sessions follow a lecture/exercise format with emphasis on the exercise portion of each session

planned for application to the project. We believe that hands-on experience is integral to the mentoring process. Three sessions typically involve field trips to construction sites, A/E offices, or other related sites such as fabrication shops, etc. The project culminates with each team's presentation of their project design at the last session in front of parents, mentors, and educators where every student has a defined role in the presentation.

The Central PA Affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program is proud to announce a new relationship with the Mid Atlantic BX (formerly the Harrisburg Builders Exchange). A common mission has brought these two organizations together to have a profound impact on mentoring Central PA's workforce of the future. We look forward to working together to mentor building professionals and tradesmen.



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# ACE Update

## Fundraiser Breakfast

**When:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** C. Ted Lick Wildwood  
Conference Center  
Harrisburg Area Community College  
One HACC Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

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This is our sixth year offering the ACE Mentor Program in Central PA. Due to our wide geographic region, within our Central PA Affiliate, we run four consecutive county programs with totally separate projects and meeting schedules in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, and York Counties. Our 2009-2010 headcount is 178 students representing 47 schools from six counties. We have 19 Board Members and 98 registered mentors.

In addition to the traditional program focused on Architecture, Construction, and Engineering careers, two of our counties augment their Professional track programs by offering a parallel Skilled Trades program focused on the crafts. We have 15 students participating solely in the skilled trades program, while 6 students are committed to both the Professional and Skilled Trades programs. Where offered, the Skilled Trades and Professional sessions are integrated with crossover opportunities.

Each county program follows the same basic structure. We split the students into at least two teams, each lead by two mentors (a team leader and an assistant team leader). The team leader and assistant team leader stay with their respective teams throughout the entire program year.