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**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF AMERICA HONORED RECIPIENT OF 2010 PRESIDENTIAL
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING
MENTORING**

(WASHINGTON DC) ACE Mentor Program of America is proud to announce that it is one of eight recipients of the prestigious 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

PAESMEM is the nation's highest award for mentoring. Since its establishment in 1996, only 200 or so individuals/organizations have earned this distinction. The award recognizes the critical role mentoring plays in the academic, personal, and career development of students studying science and engineering—particularly those who belong to groups that are underrepresented in these fields. By offering their expertise and encouragement, mentors help prepare the next generation of scientists and engineers while ensuring that tomorrow's innovators reflect and benefit from the diverse talent of the United States.

In a White House press release, President Barack Obama said, "Through their commitment to education and innovation, these individuals and organizations are playing a crucial role in the development of our 21st-century workforce. Our Nation owes them a debt of gratitude for helping ensure that America remains the global leader in science and engineering for years to come."

Candidates for the PAESMEM are nominated by colleagues, administrators, and students from their home institutions. The mentoring can involve students at any grade level from elementary through graduate school. In addition to being honored at the White House, recipients receive awards of \$25,000 from the National Science Foundation to advance mentoring efforts. ACE will use this grant to further honor its mentors.

The ACE Mentor Program of DC/MD/VA would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated mentors for donating their time and talent. Our mentors have been instrumental to the continued successes of this program. Both the students and the community at large greatly benefit from the services they provide. The positive impact of their participation in ACE can be seen via the improvements at the Coolidge High School Garden to the recent modernization of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Recent quantitative research proves that ACE works.

- Participants graduate high school at a higher rate than non-ACE participants.
- 40% of ACE alumni go into one of the engineering fields.
- ACE increases diversity in university architecture, construction, and engineering enrollment.

Results: http://www.acementor.org/wsc_content/pics/user_upload/ACE%20brochure_FINAL.pdf



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About the ACE Mentor Program – DC/MD/VA

ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals, college and university representatives and professional organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. The ACE Mentor Program of DC/MD/VA is an award-winning, nonprofit organization whose mission is to enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering – as well as other related areas of the design and construction industry – through mentoring and scholarship awards. The program makes a special attempt to reach students of all demographics; and those currently underrepresented in the industry.

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