



ACE in Action

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a report from the national office

ACE National has MOVED!!
We didn't go far – just down one floor.

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OUR WEBSITE CONTINUES TO BE A BIG "HIT"

- 92,795 visits
- Mentor application process has been streamlined and connected to the background checks
- Student information for 2007-2008 will be archived on July 1

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION WINNERS

Our second CIRT/ACE national team competition was held in Washington, DC on April 21, 2008. Forty-two eager ACE students and mentors from the first three place finishers toured the Nation's Capital while waiting to present their designs to a distinguished panel of CIRT member judges (Mark Casso, Jim Kenny, JJ Suarez, Charles Thornton and Dave Evans).

Congratulations to Frederick, Maryland for its first place finish with their transportation project "Gateway to Tomorrow: Your One-stop Aeroshop." Second place went to Palo Alto, California with its "Bee Hive" – innovative housing project, and third place went to the Greater Kansas City, Missouri for "The Marshall Plan" – an athletic community center. To view the film of the competition, go to the ACE website at www.acementor.org.

Honorable mention went to the ACE Mentor Programs of Hawaii, San Jose, Miami, Eastern Shore of Maryland, Rhode Island, Nashville and New York City.

Teams and judges dined at Sequoia Restaurant on the Potomac following the competition. Thanks to CIRT for first prize gift of \$3,000 and dinner. Each team including honorable mentions received \$1,000 from ACE National.



(above) Winning team from Frederick, Maryland

(below, clockwise) Judges Charles Thornton, Dave Evans and Jim Kenny



NEW LOCATIONS

Since the last report start-up activity is underway for the following areas;

Spokane, WA
Lehigh Valley, PA
Richmond, VA
Richland, WA
Palm Beach County, FL

Broward County, FL
Miami Dade County, FL
Orlando, FL
Syracuse, NY

Additionally, we are getting requests from owners to start teams related to their projects. ACE National receives at least two calls a week from parents who want their student to join ACE and school districts also call to find out how the ACE program can be added to their schools.

National Promotional Activities

The spring has been busy with many ACE programs hosting events:

April 9 – Charlie spoke at the first Phoenix, AZ ACE “graduation”

April 16 – Charlie addressed the AIA Diversity Conference

April 21 – Pamela attended CIRT spring meeting

April 23 – Charlie spoke at the Providence, RI ACE fundraiser

April 29 – Pamela spoke at the Washington, DC scholarship fundraiser

May 1 – Charlie signed a memorandum of understanding with Norwich University

May 7 – Charlie spoke at the Eastern Pennsylvania fundraiser

May 7 – Pamela kicked off AECOM outreach to their divisions at meeting hosted by Jane Chmielinski

May 9 – Pamela’s third grandchild is born – Jaden Michael Hodges

May 12 – Pamela met with President Mark Ayers, BCTD – potential partnership

May 12 – Pamela and Mark Casso met with Brent Orrell, Assistant Secretary of ETA at the Department of Labor

May 13 – Pamela spoke at ACE – Central Pennsylvania fundraiser

May 22 – Pamela spoke at the Society of American Military Engineers in Minneapolis

May 23 – Pamela spoke at the Jacksonville (Northeast Florida) ACE meeting

May 27 – Pamela spoke at the Baltimore fundraiser



Fundraising

Welcome Michael Feigin, Marsh USA, to the ACE National Leadership Council.

Dates to Remember

September 10, 2008,

Charles H. Thornton to receive Turner Prize from the National Building Museum, Washington DC

October 22, 2008

ACE National Board Meeting and 3rd Annual ACE National Legacy Award Dinner, Washington DC

January 25-28, 2009

All Affiliates Conference, San Diego, CA

March 27, 2009

ACE National Board Meeting, New York City, NY



Pamela Mullender at the ACE Scholarship Fundraiser in Washington DC with Marshall Purnell, AIA President (left) and Ronald Bogle, President and CEO of the American Architectural Foundation (right)