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Letter from the President

Happy New Year! My how time flies! We have started 2008 with more students and school teams than ever before. We have 14 active mentor teams this school year and several more schools who would like to participate.

This year we have started teams at Arlington Technical Academy sponsored and led by EMCOR, and at Cardozo High School Technical Academy sponsored and led by HINES. Both these programs are more focused on the construction trades sector and are being very successful as our mentors work with the students to enlighten, encourage and expose them to the construction world.

The total number of students registered is also growing and close to 200 have been involved in our programs. Our Executive Director, Mary Fenelon, has done a marvelous job dealing tirelessly with all the details, challenges and opportunities that develop with a growing program like ours. Unfortunately, due to family reasons Mary has had to move to the West Coast and although we all try hard to handle all the items there is no replacing the contribution that she has personally given to our program since its inception to now. We have activated a search committee to look for a replacement and in the meantime, I will serve in an acting role.

This newsletter highlights our program activities, culminating in our Project Presentation Night (May 21st at AIA headquarters) and our major fund raiser the annual Scholarship Breakfast (April 29th at National Airport Terminal A lobby).

This year, again, our biggest challenge is funding - we need MORE SPONSORS and DONERS. As ACE grows not only do we need to raise funds for more scholarships (because we have more seniors in the program), but for expenses. As operating costs rise, no longer can we just survive on volunteers, energy and passion. We need MONEY. We are a 501.C (3) non-profit organization, so contributions are tax deductible. We would like to at least match the 12 scholarships of last year. All amounts are gratefully received. You all are the life blood of ACE and at the moment we need a big transfusion.

We look forward to your continuing support and please enjoy the newsletter. The accomplishments of our students are inspiring and they make great interns during the summer as they have the interest and desire to be in our business.

Please contact me at 703-742-5701 (Reseigh@pbworld.com). Also take a look at the National Website - www.ACEMentor.org.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Reseigh'.

Chris Reseigh, P.E.
President, Washington ACE Affiliate

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2008 ACE DC Scholarship Breakfast Date Announced



SAVE THE DATE! The ACE Board has announced that the eighth annual 2008 DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast will be held on Tuesday April 29, 2008, beginning at 8 a.m., and located in the Terminal A Lobby at Ronald Reagan National Airport. Keynote Speaker will be Marshall Purnell, current national President of AIA.

Please contact Chris Reseigh at 703-742-5701 or Reseigh@pbworld.com for more information. Order your table now!

ACE Partners with Arlington County Career Center

EMCOR Government Services partnering with Arlington County, has formed an ACE mentoring team with students from Arlington and Fairfax County Schools, who are interested in careers in engineering and technical trades. The career center theme is “Real Skills-Real Life”.

12 students (8 males and 4 females) are participating with interests in engineering, electrical construction, HVAC and carpentry. The lead mentor is Jim McAlister from EMCOR. So far, the students have been introduced to the basic ACE curriculum with emphasis on hands-on basics. Currently they are deciding on their capstone project.

Calling All Potential Mentors – Join the Fun!

There are many reasons to become a mentor – giving back to the industry, developing leadership skills, networking with other industry professionals, and not the least of which is having a positive impact on young people who will be the industry leaders of tomorrow. AND it's fun!!

We are already receiving calls from interested students, parents and additional schools wanting to participate in the ACE Mentor Program. Our strategic plans are focusing on more schools in all areas, so recruiting new mentors is a key challenge for the ACE program.



Generally speaking, mentoring sessions are after school on the school premises and are two hours in length every-other week, beginning in October and ending by June 1. So....if you would like to have an exhilarating and rewarding experience in sharing your expertise, please call Chris Reseigh at 703-742-5701 or send an email to Reseigh@pbworld.com. A mentor application and background security check form will be e-mailed right back to you. We will be conducting sessions on mentor orientation and training in August and September 2008 in readiness for next year.

Cardozo ACE Team Visits Nationals Stadium Construction Site

ACE lead mentor, John Mullin of Hines, led 11 of his Cardozo Students ACE Mentor Team to the Nationals Stadium Construction site in late January 2008 for a comprehensive tour of the most exciting and visible construction project here in Washington DC. Hosted by the DC Sports Commission and Clark/Smoot, the construction contractors, the students observed everything from concrete and steel to plumbing and finish work in the ball players' new locker rooms and clubhouse. "Awesome" was a comment by one student; another was fascinated by the details of the millwork and the quality of the marble and granite finishes. A third student said, "trips like this help us understand what it really takes to build something this big. "

Michelle Rhea from DC Schools accompanied the students as well as officials from the DC Entertainment and Sports Commission. Jennifer Noah of Clark Construction, herself an ACE mentor for the Anacostia HS team who meet at the construction site for their regular meetings, organized the visit and had her boss, Project Manager Ronnie Stumpf, talk to the students about the construction.

As a follow up the students returned a few weeks later to participate in the "Big Flush" as volunteers when the construction team tested all the bathrooms at one time to ensure the system could handle the needs of baseball fans at the seventh innings stretch!!! And the system worked perfectly!!!!

On behalf of the students, "Thank you for a great tour. We all learned a lot and it was most enjoyable!"



Project Presentation Night Date Announced

Project Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Again this year, we are pleased to announce that AIA will host presentation night at AIA headquarters located at New York Ave and 18th Streets. Save the date and come see our future Architects, Constructors and Engineers present their team projects.

ACE Mentor Team Status Report ... March 2008

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Alexandria TC Williams	TBD	John Samson	Not mobilized
Arlington Career Center	12	Jim McAlister	Technical career emphasis
DC Anacostia	3	Jennifer Noah	Sessions at ball park site
DC Ballou	8	Tonia Taylor	Intermittent
DC Bell MC	15	Gunnar Lucko	Well under way
DC Booker T Washington	8	Winston Wright	Well under way
DC Cardozo	25	John Mullin	Focus on trades; visited Ball Park; participated in the Big Flush
DC Wilson	10	Clarence Pearson	TBD
FFX Marshall	10	Felix Bartholomew	Project is an underwater Colony; mostly potential Architects
FFX Woodson	15 – 20	Ryan Seymore	TBD
MC Watkins Mill	6	Scott Knudson	TBD
MC Wheaton	20 – 25	Tom Paci	Project is an addition to a local church
PG Crosslands	5-7	SL Hopkins	TBD
PG Suitland	6	Thomas Perry	TBD

Company Spotlight: McKissack & McKissack



ACE is very pleased to announce that McKissack & McKissack is the latest firm to join the ACE Mentor Program here in Washington DC. McKissack & McKissack is a woman/minority-owned, full service construction/program management, architecture and environmental engineering firm. Deryl McKissack, PE, PMP, founded the company in 1990 in Washington, DC. In 2002, she expanded to Chicago and now has offices in Miami and Baltimore as well. Today, McKissack & McKissack employs 150 professionals and manages over \$11 billion in construction nationwide.

McKissack & McKissack has become one of the nation's leading program management and design firms. They are ranked by *Engineering News Record* as one of the top 100 Construction Management For-Fee firms in the United States and by the *Washington Business Journal* as one of the top 25 Design firms in the Metropolitan Washington Area.

McKissack & McKissack's diversity of services allows the successful management of clients' projects from conception through completion, whether the project is new construction, renovation, or environmental issues. Moreover, their services are provided to a diverse and demanding client base, including federal, state and local governments, developers, corporations, healthcare institutions, colleges and universities, K-12 schools, and utility companies. They are certified by many states and municipalities as a minority/woman-owned firm.

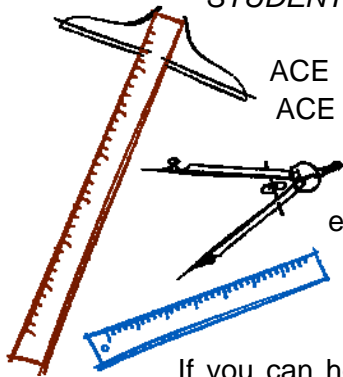
McKissack & McKissack is proud of its ability to take on a wide-range of projects. The work of their talented and dedicated staff may be seen in many high-profile projects—from the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial to the National Institutes of Health and from leading universities such as Georgetown, George Washington and University of Chicago to large public school systems such as the District of Columbia, Chicago and Palm Beach County Public Schools.

When Deryl McKissack established her firm, she was the fifth generation of her family to carry on the building tradition. McKissack & McKissack is an outgrowth of the oldest minority-owned architecture/engineering firm in the United States. The company's roots go back to before the Civil War, when Moses McKissack, a slave in Tennessee, learned the trade of building. Through his talent, fortitude and courage, he became a master builder and was able to earn his freedom. Moses then passed his skills to his son, Moses II, and his grandson, Moses III. At the young age of 21, Moses III started the first McKissack & McKissack in Nashville, Tennessee. The year was 1905. The firm's first major design project was the Carnegie Library in Nashville.

ACE welcomes McKissack & McKissack and Christine Merdon, who has been elected to our board of directors.

ACE Students Need Internships ... Can You Help?

STUDENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WANTED!!



ACE is seeking companies and organizations who would like to participate in the ACE Internship Program this summer. Many of our students are looking for opportunities to intern in a work environment that matches their interests in architecture, construction and engineering. They are your potential employees of the future and their ACE mentoring experiences make them better prepared to understand how they can contribute. They also need a job to help them survive.

If you can help, please contact Thomas James (the chair of our internship committee) at 202-708-5891, or email thomas.james@gsa.gov.

Mary Fenelon Farewelled by the Board



Our fantastic Executive Director, Mary Fenelon, was honored by the ACE DC Board at a recent dinner. Mary, due to family reasons, has moved to California and very reluctantly retired from her role as “part-time“ Executive Director. Mary has been very active in the ACE DC affiliate from day one as a board member and more recently after her retirement from McGraw Hill as our Executive Director. The Board recognized her contribution with a proclamation as follows:

IN APPRECIATION

Whereas Mary Fenelon has served as the Executive Director of the ACE Mentoring Program Washington DC Affiliate from 2005 to 2008

Whereas Mary Fenelon has served on the Board of Directors of the ACE Mentoring Program Washington DC Affiliate from 2000 to 2008

Whereas Mary Fenelon has performed her duties and responsibilities with tireless energy, success, dedication and leadership

The Board of Directors unanimously recognizes and thanks Mary Fenelon for her outstanding contribution to the ACE Mentoring Program

Signed on behalf of the Board

*Chris Reseigh,
President*

We will all miss Mary but wish her well in her future endeavors. She set the bar for commitment, dedication, hard work and enthusiasm. She touched us all. Thank you, Mary. You have made a difference for all of us!



Board Members Complete Terms & New Directors Elected

ACE Washington acknowledges and thanks the board members who are rotating off the board or cannot continue. These industry leaders have all contributed to our program with their skills, experience, dedication and support. We thank them for their input and their service:

- Tom Paci, Turner Construction (Sports)
- Enor Williams, Delon Hampton
- Mark Drury, Shapiro and Duncan
- Mark Pursell, NAHB
- Robert Kight, DC Schools
- Ned Majer, Gauthier, Alvarado and Associates
- Steve Conley, Bovis Lend Lease
- Bill Hoy, BF Saul and Company
- Mary Fenelon, Past ACE DC Executive Director

At the January and March board meetings, the following new directors were added to the board:

- John Dingle, Delon Hampton
- Mark Luria, Gilbane Building Co.
- Scott Kratz, National Buildings Museum
- John Gudgel, McGraw Hill
- Len Rattigan, Jacobs Engineering
- Lou Couture, URS Corp
- Christine Merdon, McKissack and McKissack

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Edmund Worthy, (Retired) National Building Museum



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**Be Sure To Mark
Your Calendars
for These
Events:**

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 –

2008 ACE Scholarship Breakfast,
8 a.m., Ronald Reagan National Airport,
Terminal A Lobby

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 –

Project Presentation Night
6 p.m., AIA Headquarters,
New York Ave and 18th Streets,
Washington, DC

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engineers and architects.*