

End-of-Year Presentation Night

On May 19, 2009 the ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland held its first End-of-Year Presentation Night for the John Hay ACE juniors and sophomores who participated from the John Hay Campus. Over a period of four months students worked diligently to conceptually design an Outdoor Family and Community Recreation Center at the existing Rockefeller Lake Park in Cleveland's University Circle. Students remained within the building criteria indicated on the RFP, but also were confident in displaying their own creative ideas to make their design personalized and unique. Both teams produced expert designs by applying concepts learned in previous mentoring sessions.

The banquet was held at The Cleveland Museum of Art with more than 150 guests in attendance. Keynote speakers, Dr. Eugene Sanders, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and Diana Eidenshink of ACE National spoke at the event to express the importance of generating a strong and skilled upcoming workforce for the future of the construction industry. Dr. Sanders stressed the positive impact ACE has had on the students of John Hay School of Architecture and Design and the level of excitement and commitment students have displayed over the past year. Activities students participated in over the 15-weeks were displayed on tables around the auditorium.

Students received a standing ovation for their ingenious and innovative design projects and potential plans for one of Cleveland's well-known landmarks. Approximately \$3,000 was raised towards funding scholarships for the 2009-2010 ACE graduates.

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