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**NEW YORK-AREA ACE MENTOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT  
BEGINS INTERNSHIP AT NASA**

***--- Anita Adams to test protoflight designs through computer programming ---***

NEW YORK, NY, June 22, 2007 - The Architecture, Construction and Engineering Mentor Program (ACE) announced that participant Anita Adams has begun an internship at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the Flight Systems and Integrated Test Division, at the Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. Ms. Adams is a graduate of Benjamin Banneker Academy for Community Development in Brooklyn, New York and a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. She was a participant in the New York City Affiliate of ACE.

"We're extremely proud of Anita and her accomplishments and thrilled that we helped get her started in what we are certain will be a rewarding career," said John Magliano, Chairman of Syska and Hennessey and President of ACE NYC's board of directors. "Her success is a clear example of the opportunity a career in the industry offers and the exciting places it can take our participants."

"Being a part of ACE was a very enjoyable experience. I learned a lot about engineering fields that I was unfamiliar with and gained a sense of what to expect as an engineer (i.e. working in teams, project deadlines, documentation, presenting information)" said Ms. Adams. "The best part of the program was building a network of mentors and peers who have continually inspired and supported me even though the program is over."

ACE is dedicated to educating students across the country about jobs in architecture, construction and engineering and providing mentoring to those students interested in pursuing related careers. The organization recently launched an initiative backed by a coalition of the market's top companies - including EMCOR Group, Turner Construction, and McGraw Hill Construction - to address the growing need for skilled professionals in the field.

According to McGraw-Hill Construction, the U.S. construction industry employs over 7 million people and generates over \$230 billion per year, accounting for more than 8 percent of activity in the economy and more than 10 percent of all businesses.

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## **About the ACE Mentor Program**

The ACE Mentor Program was founded by the principals of leading design and construction firms, to introduce high school students to career opportunities in the industry. The mission of the organization is twofold: to enlighten and motivate students toward architecture, construction, engineering, and related careers; and to provide mentoring opportunities for future designers and constructors. ACE makes a special attempt to reach students that otherwise may not become aware of the challenges and rewards of a career in the design and construction industry.

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