



SUCCESS STORIES

ACE MENTOR LOS ANGELES
METROPOLITAN AREA, INC.

ALUMNI OF THE ACE HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM

These Students and Others Are Succeeding in College and Beyond

Kyle Bradford was active on the ACE team at Century High School in Santa Ana prior to his graduation in 2004. He majored in electrical engineering and minored in mathematics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona and now is employed as an electrical engineer at General Atomics in San Diego.

Gina Escalante was on one of our three founding ACE teams in the Los Angeles area, at John Marshall High School in 2003. She graduated in 2008 from the University of California at Davis in with a Bachelors Degree in Urban Planning. Gina is employed now in the Los Angeles office of Iteris Transportation Planning, Inc.

Sean Flaherty graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles and then was the first ACE Los Angeles mentoring alumnus to finish college. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University, interning with Morley Builders along the way. Sean now is in his third year of law school at the University of San Diego.

Ashley Hinton was a member of the ACE Mentor "Class of 2006" In Pasadena. She graduated from Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy then went on to Rice University in Houston. She is in the fourth year of a five year program leading to a degree in architecture. Ashley recently has won the "Legacy Design Competition" for the design of a memorial on the Rice University campus. She has interned with AECOM Design and with Togawa Smith Martin Residential during her college years.

Kent Kaewwaen was a leading member of our ACE team at John Marshall High School, graduating in 2005. He is on track to get a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California in May 2010, and plans to continue toward a Masters Degree in May 2011. While at USC, Kent is active in the MESA outreach program, sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Ricky Ng was a member of the founding team at John Marshall High School, and then earned a Construction Management degree at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He now is a superintendent for Laubach Construction Inc. of Irvine, CA.

Thai Nguyen was another member of the high-achieving first team at John Marshall High School. He now is back leading the still-active ACE team at his alma mater. In between, he earned a degree in Construction Management at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and then went to work as a Project Engineer for PCL Construction Services in Glendale, CA.

Jenny Martinez was an ACE team member at Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles. She received her Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from California State University Los Angeles in 2008, and expects to receive a Masters Degree from CSULA in May 2010.

Ismaelly Pena is in the final year of a five year program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Architecture, at Woodbury University in Burbank. During her college years she has interned with Bobby Knox Architects in Los Angeles. Her ACE experience was at John Marshall High School in Los Angeles.

Aliya Popatia went directly from the ACE team at Santa Monica High School into a four year program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She received her Bachelor of Science in Art & Design in Architecture degree in June 2009. While a student at MIT, Aliya interned during summers with Perkins + Will Architects and with LINC Housing Corporation.

Mark Williams finished in 2005 at John Muir High School in Pasadena, and then progressed into the engineering program at San Jose State University. He expects to graduate there in June 2010 with a double major in Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

Ricardo Zendejas was on the ACE Mentor team at Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles. He was awarded a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA in 2008. He will earn a Masters Degree in Design-Construction Integration from Stanford in spring 2010. Along the way, Ricardo has interned for Pankow Builders, Pasadena.