Executive Director's Note
Trisha Grant, LEED AP

Dear Supporters of ACE,

We are off to a great start this year with 20 mentor teams. We anticipate serving over 200 students again this year. Many thanks to our Mentor Recruitment Chair, GSA Deputy Regional Commissioner Thomas James.

This Fall, we are focusing on a number of campaigns to support our direct mentoring work with local area youth. You may have seen us on Groupon in October. If not, please do stop by and visit us at the CMAA conference November 5-8th. Lastly, we're topping off the year with a Holiday Giving Campaign, with proceeds going directly to support our students' A/E/C and academic endeavours - including site tours, portfolio creation, and basic industry skills development.

Thank you to all of our current and past mentors, supporters and friends. We could not have done it without you. Last year marked our 10th Anniversary; we awarded a record number of scholarships for higher education. To date, we've awarded over $320,000 to nearly 100 deserving students and we look forward to continuing to serve the DC/MD/VA area. We will have a special "Thank You" reception, hosted by Architect of the Capital COO Christine Merdon this winter.

Enjoy our Fall Newsletter!

FALL 2011 CALENDAR

September 2011
• September 27th: ACE Mentor Training Session for new and previous volunteers hosted by Hensel Phelps. 6-7:15 pm
• September 29th: ACE Mentor Training Session for new and previous volunteers hosted by Brailsford & Dunlavey. 6-7:15pm

October 2011
• ACE Fall Board Meeting
• October 1st: DC School Garden Tour stops by Coolidge High School
• October 11th-13th: ACE’s Groupon Campaign

November 2011-December 2011
• ACE’s Holiday Giving Campaign Support Our Students with a Holiday Donation
• November 5th-8th: Visit us at the CMAA Conference Registration Desk

Former ACE Student, Krystal Robinson, is profiled by ENR in their Annual ACE Mentor Yearbook for 2011. To read about how ACE helped her on her journey from the inner city to global frontiers, please visit: http://enr.construction.com/resources/special/.
July Mentor Appreciation Event

ACE mentors, Board members and supporters gathered to hear Elikeh (Afro-funk from Togo) at the Sculpture Garden of the National Gallery of Art on Friday, July 22, 2011. Additionally, the group celebrated their award - Partner of the Year - from administrators of Bell Multicultural High School (Washington, DC) who were impressed with both the high quality program and dedicated mentors over the years.

Bell Multicultural H.S. School-to-Career Coordinator Mila Lopez Elmore pictured here with ACE mentor team: (from left to right) Lead Mentor Dr. Gunnar Lucko, Catholic University; Executive Director Trisha Grant; Bill Sawicki, Telesis Corporation; and Lauren Pacheco, McKissack & McKissack.
If you haven’t stopped by the Coolidge Garden lately then you definitely should! The garden is looking better than ever thanks to The Community Garden – Plant It Day that took place on September 17th. Plant It Day was a huge success with over 30 students coming out to participate. On October 1st, all their hard work was appreciated and admired by many since Coolidge High School had been selected to be a stop on the DC School Garden Tour. The garden and the community spirit appear to be in full bloom.
“The YSP was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the field I wanted to pursue and experience college life. I did not have a clear idea of what landscape architecture really is but the amount of knowledge I gained in class and on the field led me to consider it as a major. It was an intensive, challenging and extremely rewarding course. The college life was an excellent preview of what to expect. As a whole, the program gave a very good impression of what is the college experience. I would definitely recommend it even to the most assured students.”

“The course was a little intense due to its contraction on a three week period. It mainly consisted of readings, lectures, presentations and class work. The class work was mainly about sketching and designing. There were amazing field trips to many landmarks and interesting sites in Maryland and Washington DC. These field trips were also a chance to visit some great firms in the landscaping field. The final project was very stimulating in that we were asked to design a functional and ecological area for the back of UMD’s Claris Smith Performing Arts Center. The piece consisted of a plan and a section of the land, along with a design statement to explain the idea behind the design. The whole thing was presented to a panel constituted of professors, graduate students and parents. It was amazing.”

- Kevin Tientcheu
ACE Sustainable Design

In an effort to learn about sustainable design, ACE students were given case studies where they were to analyze and identify sustainable design features that were incorporated into the study. Once they completed an analysis of the case study and a survey of the program they became eligible to receive the ACE/USGBC Sustainable Design Award. Below is an example of one student’s case study analysis.

Other ACE students’ impressions of their sustainable design analysis:

“It was quite challenging, if it weren't for the fact that I was able to contact my mentor and get advice on it I would've had no idea if I was doing a good job on it.”

“The report was very difficult! I had to contact my mentor a few times so I could make sure that I was doing a good job. Nothing comes to mind that I would change.”

“The case study analysis was relatively straightforward and I did not have questions on it, but I liked that it made me think about what I was reading in the case study; it reinforced a lot of the ideas I learned about in the online course.”

“It was quite complex, some of the instructions were ambiguous so I had to refer to my mentor and ask him exactly what the questions wanted me to do.”
**ACE Holiday Giving Campaign**

Please Support Our Work

For ACE to continue providing direct, career mentoring and academic enrichment to local area high school students interested in the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering industry, we need YOUR HELP. Your support helps sustain the number of ACE Mentor students served in the DC/MD/VA metro area, provides scholarships for higher education; and provides the opportunity for real world experience in the A/E/C industry through internships, construction site tours, and visits to professional offices. Every dollar counts!!!

**CFC # 89925**

![ACE Holiday Giving Campaign](image)

**$3,000 Tier I**

- Provides budget for one (1) ACE Student Team Presentation Night Expense - includes A/E/C industry software, schematics, presentation boards, photos, reproductions, catering, etc.

**$1,000 Tier II**

- Provides insurance for one (1) team of 20 students for one (1) program year
- Provides budget for one (1) ACE Team Supplies - observatory journals, soldering tools, circuits, hard hats, measures, architectural scales, balances, etc.
- Offsets expenses for one (1) ACE Student Team Presentation Night Expense - includes A/E/C industry software, schematics, presentation boards, photos, reproductions, catering, etc.

**$500 Tier III**

- Provides budget for ACE Student Field Trips
- Provides sixteen (16) students with Green Certification Program Registration (optional program)
- Offsets expenses for ACE Team Supplies for one (1) ACE team

**$100 Tier IV**

- Provides three (3) Mentor Background Checks - required for new mentors and when working with youth
- Provides 1/5 budget for Mentor Training sessions and training materials

**Other Amount**

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# 2011-2012 ACE Mentor Teams

Introducing our ACE Mentor Teams for the 2011-2012 School Year. Let’s Make This Year Another Success!!!

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Arlington County Public Schools

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Arlington, VA

Washington Lee High School
Arlington, VA

District of Columbia Public Schools

Ballou High School – Ward 8

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Booker T. Washington High School – Ward 1

Coolidge High School – Ward 4

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In general, the main identifying goals of the ACE DC Affiliate are:

• Mentors (industry professionals, tradesmen, etc.) for the school year
• Guest Speakers/Mentors (a presentation periodically to students)
• Construction/Site Tours of projects
• Donations/Grant opportunities

If you know of any opportunities, or other items of interest to ACE DC, please feel free to contact Executive Director Trisha Grant at tgrantdcaffiliate@acementor.org.