



Architecture. Construction. Engineering.

2016-2017

Dear Industry Professional:

The ACE Mentor Program was founded in 1995 as an innovative way of attracting students into engineering professions. It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to *engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in the integrated construction industry through mentoring; and to support their continued advancement in the industry through scholarships and grants.*

The ACE Mentor Program is sponsored by the architectural, construction and engineering community and relies on mentors, professionals from leading design and construction firms, who devote countless off-duty hours and personal energy to foster an interest in math, science, and engineering through hands-on, real world applications. An information sheet regarding how the program works is attached to this letter and more information is available at <http://www.acementor.org>.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00 in corporate sponsorship for this year's program at *Bartow High School*. The support of firms like yours will make this program a success. Funds are used to award scholarships to help attending juniors and graduating seniors from Bartow High defray some of the costs of attending college, mentor orientation sessions, mailings, and program materials. Please review the levels and benefits of sponsorship on the attached pledge card.

As a service to the community and to the industry professions, we ask your company donate generously to this program. ***With your donation, you are investing in the architects, contractors, engineers and planners of tomorrow.***

On behalf of the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc. (Polk County Affiliate) and participating students from Bartow High, we thank you for your support of our 2015-2016 program!

Sincerely,

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Sponsor Level	Contribution	Sponsor Recognition
Platinum	\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ A scholarship sponsored by your Company ■ Sponsorship plaque recognizing your status as a Platinum Sponsor ■ Recognition as a Sponsor in media press releases and fundraisers ■ 2 pages provided for your Company logo and profile in the Awards Banquet program
Gold	\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ An achievement award sponsored by your Company ■ Sponsorship plaque recognizing your status as a Gold Sponsor ■ Recognition as a Sponsor in media press releases and fundraisers ■ 1 page provided for your Company logo and profile in the Awards Banquet program
Silver	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ An achievement award sponsored by your Company ■ Sponsorship plaque recognizing your status as a Silver Sponsor ■ Recognition as a Sponsor in media press releases and fundraisers ■ 1/2 page provided for your Company logo and profile in the Awards Banquet Program
Bronze	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sponsorship Certificate ■ Recognition as a Sponsor in media press releases and fundraisers ■ 1/4 page provided for your Company logo and profile in the Awards Banquet Program
Individual	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recognition as a Sponsor in media press releases and fundraisers ■ Business Card space provided for your Company logo in the Awards Banquet Program

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Please indicate amount: \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250
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Please make check payable to: ACE Mentor Program of Greater Tampa Bay, Inc.
 Polk County Affiliate
 Attn: Jennifer Hall
 205 Century Blvd
 Bartow, FL 33830



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INFORMATION SHEET

About ACE

Will there be enough architects, construction managers and engineers to fill the industry's needs ten years from now? The ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. is working hard to make sure there are. ACE is an acronym for architecture, construction, and engineering.

The program's mission is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in the integrated construction industry through mentoring; and to support their continued advancement in the industry through scholarships and grants.

ACE is a unique partnership among industry professionals — architects, interior designers, landscape architects, mechanical, structural, electrical, environmental and civil engineers, construction managers, college and university representatives, and other professionals from related corporations and professional organizations - who work together to attract young people to their professions.



Industry professionals volunteer to become mentors to high school students in order to introduce them to the professions and encourage them to pursue studies and careers in these fields. In return, the industry gets a much-needed boost of new talent.

How ACE Works

ACE is made up of affiliates that serve youth within a certain city or region. Each affiliate has a board of directors, a local coordinator, and a number of teams. Teams are composed of 15-25 students and their industry mentors. Each team is set up to emulate an actual design team, with students guided through a mock design project by their architect, engineer, and construction management mentors. Several companies will be assigned to each team, each providing one or two mentors. Mentors guide the students as they work towards a final project, introducing them to the careers, industry vocabulary, and various roles companies play in the construction industry.

ACE runs for the duration of the school year. The teams meet for approximately 15 sessions, for about two hours after school. In addition to these team sessions, there are also all-team and field trips to construction sites.

Each team meets on a specific day of the week. The meetings are held either in schools or at the offices of the firms to give the students as authentic an experience as possible.

At the end of the year, all of the teams, in each location, gather for a final presentation night (which we urge corporations to attend and support). Here they present their designs to the other teams, their families, teachers, prospective mentors and the affiliate administrators so all can share in the students' accomplishments.

The students' involvement in the program does not end here. Many remain active alumni of the program through the scholarships they receive, relationships they develop with their mentors, and future employment opportunities they exercise — such as internships and post-college jobs.



Benefits to your company

Besides feeding the pipeline with the next generation of A/E industry workforce, your company will benefit from its involvement with ACE in the following ways:

1. Enhancement of company image, within the industry and community
2. Networking opportunities for mentors and principals
3. Connects your firm to talented and motivated part-time help and potential future employees
4. Enhances young professionals presentation and communication skills
5. Creates an opportunity to “give back” to your community and your industry