



**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM**  
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**Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds speaks about STEM to ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa**

On March 10, 2015, local high school students of the ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa will showcase final projects to a crowd of 250 people at the DMACC FFA Convention Center in Ankeny. Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds will be in attendance to speak with the students regarding the importance of STEM education and careers within the state of Iowa. The ACE Mentor Program furthers the mission of the Governor’s STEM initiatives through active involvement from practicing professionals in the Architectural, Contracting, and Engineering community. The Program uses a positive and creative environment where students develop architectural design, engineering designs, and pre-construction processes for a mock building project.

Students, Teachers, Parents, Architects, Contractors, Engineers, as well as the general public are invited to the DMACC FFA Convention Center in Ankeny from 4.30-7.00PM on March 10th to see the student project results from the 16 week program.

**About ACE:** *The ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa (ACE C-IA) is an affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program of America. Since 2006, ACE C-IA has introduced over 600 Des Moines-area high school students to the integrated construction industry. Further, through the generous donations by local architecture, construction, and engineering firms, ACE C-IA has awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships to further their ACE-related education. The ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa was recognized as an exemplary STEM Program by Governor Branstad’s STEM Advisory Council in 2012.*

*The ACE Mentor Program of America, established in 1995 in New York, currently has a presence in over 200 cities across the US. The ACE Mentor Program of America has received the 2014 Institute Honors for Collaborative Achievement from the American Institute of Architects, and the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Math and Engineering Mentoring.*

For more information on the ACE Mentor Program of America visit <http://www.acementor.org/>

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