ACE Mentor Program of Southern Minnesota is a unique 15 week project-based learning, after school program for high school students interested in learning about Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) from industry professionals. Students present their new-found knowledge to a panel of industry experts at the end of the program.

ACE-SM:
• Connects students to local industry leaders
• Provides hands-on learning after school and on-site learning through field trips
• Creates new scholarship opportunities for students

Why Mankato? We believe that Mankato is the right place at the right time to launch ACE-SM because Mankato is a regional hub for industry, higher education and talented students. Considering the squeeze of a workforce shortage, ACE-SM provides our community with a proactive and purposeful talent attraction and retention strategy to meet the growing needs of our regional workforce.

Dr. Leah Roue, professor of Construction Management at MNSU Mankato saw an opportunity to bring ACE to Mankato. As ACE-SM’s founding board member, she experienced mentoring with ACE-Minneapolis firsthand:

“This experience was remarkable given the student’s interests and abilities. The classroom was filled with ideas and growth. We were constantly balancing between technical and exploratory thought, churning out ideas, and relating them to the project at hand.”

By combining industry mentors and the next generation, ACE-SM is a proactive, collaborative and multi-sector approach that helps support and develop our regions future.

Would you like to make a difference?
We need partners in mentors, and financial support. Is your organization looking to make a difference in the community? A partnership with ACE-SM is a chance for your group to partner with a proactive, collaborative and multi-sector effort focused on building our regions future.

Mentor Partners are “hands-on” in delivering the curriculum to high school students while meeting and networking with other ACE professionals in a fun learning environment. Mentors make a difference. They volunteer in program preparation, classroom time and field trips. Mentors celebrate students achievements at the end of the year presentation event. Please email us to sign up as a mentor!

Your generous, tax-deductible donation helps to support ACE-SM in funding scholarships, field trips, classroom supplies and program advancement. Donate now via PayPal!

Platinum Partners are invited to contribute $10,000 or more. At this level, partners will be recognized on ACE-SM’s website, social media and at the end of the year presentation event. If interested, you may also have the opportunity to host the presentation event or be an honorary judge.

Gold Partners are invited to contribute $5,000 - $9,999. At this level partners will be recognized on ACE-SM’s website, social media and at the end of the year presentation event.

Silver Partners are invited to contribute $1,000 - $4,999. At this level partners will be recognized on ACE-SM’s website and social media.

Building Block Partners are invited to contribute $10 - $999. At this level partners will be recognized on ACE-SM’s website.

Learn more by visiting acementor.org and searching for SOUTHERN MN affiliate or drop us a note at aceofsm@gmail.com.