



**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM**  
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the ACE Mentor Program. The information below is designed to educate you on our exciting program. Please visit our website at [www.acementor.org](http://www.acementor.org) for more information.

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**The ACE Mentor Program:** The ACE (architects, constructors, engineers) Mentor Program is a national not-for-profit organization with chapters throughout the United States. The mission of the program is twofold: To inform and motivate students toward careers in architecture, construction management and engineering and to provide mentoring and scholarship opportunities for those interested in pursuing these fields. Students are recruited from both public and private high schools throughout the country, with special efforts made to reach the traditionally underrepresented populations of women and minorities.

**Program Format:** Students are assigned to teams led by volunteer mentors from firms representing architects, construction managers, engineers (civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental) and owners. Teams meet after school every other week with meetings held in the offices of mentor firms. Each team selects a project and goes through the entire design process learning various skills along the way. In addition to “office” meetings, teams go on field trips to actual construction sites. At the end of the school year, the teams gather to present their projects to assembled mentors, family and friends, much as an actual design team would present to a client.

**Benefits to Students:** The ACE Mentor Program offers many benefits to participants. Students have the opportunity to learn about the many areas of construction industry and learn the skills required by the various jobs. Students are also able to work on individual presentation and other professional skills through the team interaction and final presentations.

**Commitment:** There is no financial commitment for the program. Attendance and active participation in the meetings are the main commitment of the student. Students also need to provide for their own transportation to the location of the meetings.

**Scholarships:** All active participating seniors who intend to pursue related fields at accredited institutions may apply for ACE scholarships. Since 1996, scholarships totaling \$6.4 million have been awarded.

**Enrollment:** Any student interested in participating in the program must complete an online application by September 10, 2013. Go to [www.acementor.org](http://www.acementor.org), and go to the student page. The application is available on this page. Students will be contacted about the program location. Students also need a completed Parental Consent Form that needs to be handed in at the first team meeting.

We look forward to showing your daughter or son our world!

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