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ACE was saddened to learn of the recent death of **Paul Johnson**, Principal at Coffman Engineers and longtime member of the ACE Board of Directors. Paul was an asset to the engineering community and a great advocate for ACE. He will be missed.



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Thank you to Hines, 2+U, and Skanska for facilitating our use of the "Square" today. Our vendors include Ethan Stowell Restaurants, LiveOak, and Pedersen's Rentals. And, thank you to everyone who has contributed to ACE over the last 20 years... mentors, sponsors, teachers, students, partners, committee members, organizers... we appreciate every one of you.



ABOUT ACE

ACE is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit with a mission to engage, excite, and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in the integrated construction industry through mentoring. Originating in New York in 1994, ACE is a national program with affiliates in **77** cities.

ACE is the only program that introduces high school students to the full process of designing and building a project, as well as all facets of the design and construction industry. Since 2001, an estimated **3,500** Puget Sound students have participated in ACE, and we have awarded a total of **\$1,121,000** in scholarships.

This year **158** students from **54** area high schools participated in ACE, joining **169** professional mentors from **59** local A/E/C firms and forming **10** mentoring teams in Seattle, Bellevue, and Tacoma.

Today, we celebrate this year's sponsors, mentors, and scholarship winners, as well as everyone who has contributed to ACE over the last 20 years. We celebrate everyone who has believed in ACE and caught the vision of our mission.

Thank you for being with us for two decades. Here's to many more.



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Andrés Cabrera



High School: Inglemoor High School

Years in ACE: 4

College: Brigham Young University, Utah

Intended Major: Civil Engineering & Architectural Studies

Fun Fact: Andrés is deferring his award and college acceptance to serve a religious mission for two years in Argentina.

Andrés says: *"As I worked in the ACE mentor program, I recognized that every single mentor there was a volunteer, someone who was passionate about what they did, and happy to show the next generation of learners that what they did was worth considering. I learned that a passion for your profession is important and that without it a job is nothing more than work."*

Anthony Cabrera



High School: O'Dea High School

Years in ACE: 4

College: Montana State University

Intended Major: Electrical Engineering

Fun Fact: Anthony was very involved in O'Dea student communications, serving as a school journalist, streaming sporting events through the Digital Media club, and

producing and editing the "Good Morning O'Dea" weekly announcements bulletin.

Anthony says: *"When COVID hit and everyone's lives were turned upside down, I was grateful I still had something to do. Having my sports cancelled, not seeing my friends in person, and having school moved online was tough. I looked forward to my Tuesday ACE meetings, the mentors did a great job of keeping us engaged and keeping the project on time. I'd like to thank all the mentors, I know it was a difficult time for them as well but they helped a lot of kids through a pretty tough time, including me. Thank you."*



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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Coral Leon



High School: Edmonds-Woodway High School

Years in ACE: 1

College: Shoreline Community College (with transfer to University of Washington)

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: In addition to playing the bassoon as a first chair in the Cascade Youth Sym-

phony, Coral has volunteered as a music teacher helping elementary- and middle-school students read sheet music and learn many instruments.

Coral says: *"I was planning a career in this field before ACE, but ACE harnessed my love and passion for architecture reassuring me this is what I want to do. I have gotten to experience something I never have before. I did some projects in school involving buildings and architecture but not to the degree I have experienced in ACE. I have learned so many new things!"*

Elise Lesniak



High School: Archbishop Murphy High School

Years in ACE: 4

College: University of Idaho

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: Elise served as the editor for the yearbook at her high school this year.

Elise says: *"ACE has taught me so much more than I had hoped over the past four years. I had never seen an architecture firm in person before and experiencing what a working architect's space looked and felt like was amazing. Seeing the project models and wall of materials was inspiring. The most valuable lesson that I learned from my time with ACE is that a career in architecture is 100% for me."*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Emma Roeller



High School: Ingraham High School
Years in ACE: 3

College: California Polytechnic State University

Intended Major: City & Regional Planning

Fun Fact: The list of Emma's extracurricular activities is extensive and impressive, including sports (soccer, lacrosse, and bowling),

band (playing the tenor saxophone), and multiple clubs (the Cultural Exchange Club, Environmental Club, and even Baking Club!).

Emma says: "I am grateful to have had the privilege to participate in the ACE mentor program. It has been amazing to have worked with students and mentors who share a curiosity and passion for architecture, construction, and engineering, and beyond. ACE is genuinely the highlight of my week."

Congratulations to the next generation of builders!

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Hayden Ramberg



High School: North Creek High School

Years in ACE: 3

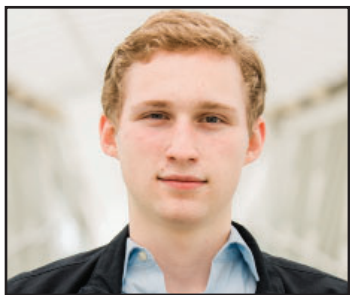
College: Arizona State University

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: Captain of his high school's golf team (and planning to play at the collegiate level), Hayden says his best game is a 2 over 72 at Echo Falls Golf Course!

Hayden says: *"The most valuable thing that I learned from this experience is to take risks. Failures are natural, but taking risks leads to new innovation. Being able to be in a space where everyone is offering ideas, even when some of those ideas might not be exactly what we are looking for, always sparks conversation that will lead to new approaches and understanding."*

Ian Clark



High School: Bellevue High School

Years in ACE: 3

College: University of Arizona

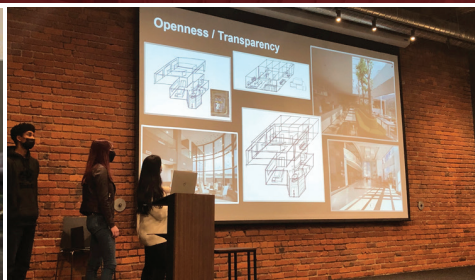
Intended Major: Mechanical Engineering

Fun Fact: Ian was accepted not once, but twice, to an incredibly competitive and prestigious engineering apprenticeship program held in Bethesda, Maryland, for the

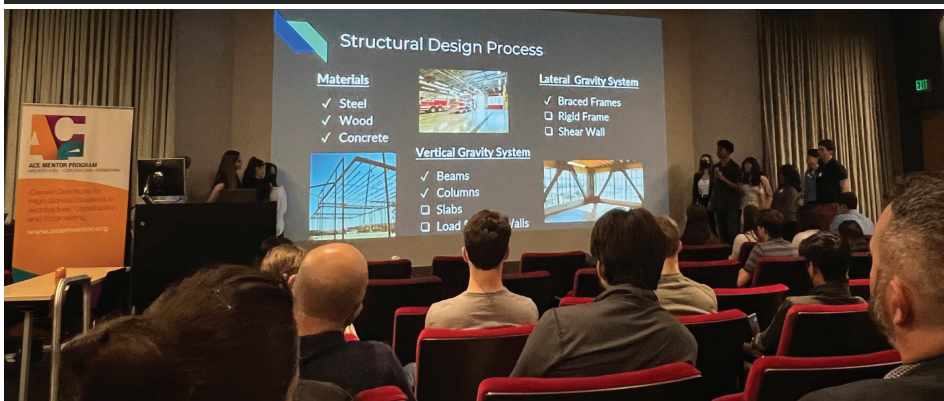
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Ian says: *"The camaraderie I saw among the mentors, who came from many different companies and had all different types of training was really impressive. I've been on many teams, both athletic and academic, and I've never seen a group work so well together. The mentors role-modeled outstanding professionalism, made the work fun for us all, and were incredibly generous with their time and knowledge. In short, they are all exactly the kind of person I hope to become."*

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Isabella Mansfield



High School: Roosevelt High School

Years in ACE: 3

College: Syracuse University

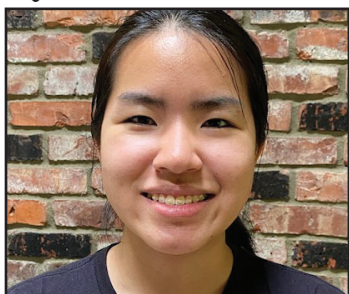
Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: Many of Bella's extracurricular activities have supplemented her ACE experience, such as a service trip to Mexico where she poured concrete foundations for

houses being built, and participation in Fallingwater virtual summer camp sessions.

Bella says: *"All of the ACE mentors I've had and met with are amazing. They are extremely kind, motivating, smart, and supportive. I love their passion for their work. It is amazing to collaborate with the mentors and other students from around Seattle and make connections with students who have similar prospects and mentors who work in the field."*

Lynne Chirillo



High School: Skyline High School

Years in ACE: 3

College: California Polytechnic State University

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: Lynne is an accomplished cellist, and participated in her high school orchestra, the Seattle Conservatory of

Music chamber orchestra, and the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, for which she also was a mentor for a summer camp for younger musicians.

Lynne says: *"This year, one of my goals was to share with the first-year students the valuable lessons I have learned through the ACE Mentor Program, the foremost being the value of collective effort and consensus. Collaborating with peers and professionals in projects gave all a voice and I came away feeling truly like an architect."*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Maraki Zemeadiin



High School: Archbishop Murphy High School

Years in ACE: 2

College: Seattle Pacific University

Intended Major: Interior Design

Fun Fact: Maraki's list of community service is extensive, and includes coaching a low-income youth soccer camp, mentoring

and timing swimmers during racing competitions, helping at a local community food bank, and volunteering for the Special Olympics.

Maraki says: *"The most valuable lesson that I learned from time spent in ACE is that your time and talents will help you go a long way. We have put so much time into our projects at ACE. All of the students and mentors all have amazing talents, that when you put both together, you achieve a work of art."*

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Mason Niemeyer



High School: Inglemoor High School

Years in ACE: 3

College: University of Washington

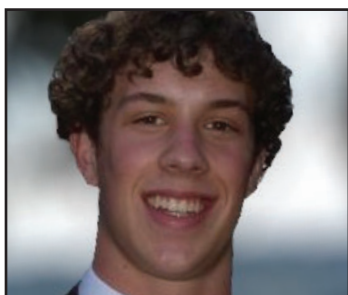
Intended Major: Engineering

Fun Fact: Mason played four years of baseball as an outfielder and pitcher at Inglemoor, in addition to playing for the Woodinville Baseball Club select team and

mentoring Little League youth training camps.

Mason says: *"I see myself as an introverted person, and I thought interdisciplinary collaboration I learned about in ACE wouldn't come naturally to me. However, I really felt at home in the offices of our host firms, and spaces designed for collaboration and discussion enabled me to build my teamwork and collaborative skills. The weekly tasks of brainstorming, discussing, and working our way through engaging challenges as a team captivated me."*

Michael Birkhead



High School: Bainbridge High School

Years in ACE: 2

College: Montana State University

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: Michael is already an industry professional – he spent last summer working for a construction firm remodeling houses, and he now works for a home designer

creating hand sketches and computer renderings.

Michael says: *"Prior to ACE, I was already intrigued by architecture and the world of design. This program has pushed me much further and has educated me like no other program I have ever taken part in. Through your curriculum, engaging meetings, and inspiring mentors, ACE has completely steered me in this direction and has motivated me to keep kicking in this field."*

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Nia Fletcher



High School: Holy Names Academy

Years in ACE: 2

College: Tulane University

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: In addition to being an actor with the Holy Names Academy Theatre, Nia worked as a costume designer for a local film studio, co-directed the school's first

original musical, and served as head of hair, makeup, and costuming for several other school drama productions.

Nia says: *"Because I have been part of ACE, I am going into college with a clear list of topics I want to explore and a better base level understanding of what my future career will ask of me. With a degree in architecture, I have the freedom to craft my career into the job I want it to be."*

Zoe Klement



High School: Ingraham High School

Years in ACE: 3

College: California Polytechnic State University

Intended Major: Architecture

Fun Fact: In addition to enjoying soccer and ultimate frisbee, Zoe is a skier and has served as a ski instructor teaching children

as young as age 3 how to ski!

Zoe says: *"All of the ACE mentors I have had have been incredible in teaching me and molding my passions. The energy and excitement they put into each meeting shows just how eager they are to help train the future of this industry. It has also just been incredibly fun working with them and learning from them."*



Mackenzie is a proud partner of the ACE Mentor Program, and we're happy to celebrate their 20 years of service in the Puget Sound area. We've seen with our own eyes the pivotal role the program plays in introducing young people to the world of architecture, construction, and engineering.

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Zachary Mused, KPFF Consulting Engineers

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Anahita Modrek, Ferguson Architecture
Ari Lewkowicz, BLRB Architects
Bethany Brown, Swenson Say Faget
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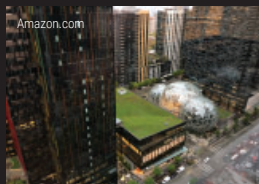
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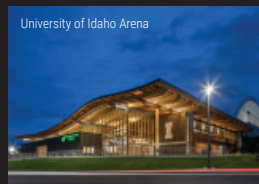
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Marie Callet, Skanska
Marsha Swatosh, Coughlin Porter Lundeen
Paul Tosello, Skanska
Randall Miller, LMN Architects
Sean Umeda, Coughlin Porter Lundeen
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Vanessa Ly-Nguyen, LMN Architects

TUESDAY SEATTLE TEAM 3

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Hannah Melling, Dykeman Architects
J.B. Hall, Lease Crutcher Lewis
Keith Cox, Lease Crutcher Lewis
Kyle Johnson, Coffman Engineers
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WEDNESDAY SEATTLE TEAM 2

Amy Broska, SMR Architects

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Casey Riske, Miller Hull Partnership

Ella Yazbeck, KPFF Consulting Engineers

Jill Cody, Dark Light Design

John Feiler, P2S, Inc.

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Kyle Conrad, KPFF Consulting Engineers

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Chris Kelley, GLY Construction

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David Roper, Hargis Engineers

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20 YEARS OF ACE

A TIMELINE



1994 ACE Mentor Program of America begins in NYC



2001 Jon Magnusson learns about ACE at an event in Washington DC & decides to bring ACE to Seattle



2001 Founding Board convenes



2002 First team of 11 students completes the ACE program; two students receive \$1,000 scholarships



2004 ACE Mentor Program of Washington officially incorporates



2005 ACE expands into Bellevue; 6 teams serve 90 students



2005 New ACE logo



2008 ACE National engages first ACE Regional Director to better connect local affiliates to national office



2012 ACE hires first Executive Director; new ACE logo



2014 ACE transitions fundraising from a breakfast to the Industry Leaders Reception; raises \$100,000



2015 ACE expands into Tacoma; 8 teams serve 165 students



2016 ACE gives its first \$10,000 scholarship



2016 Governor Jay Inslee meets with ACE students

20 YEARS OF ACE

A TIMELINE



2017 First Seattle students attend ACE National Summer Camp



2017 ACE launches its Student Ambassador “street team” program



2018 Pilot “ACE for the Trades” program takes place at Franklin High School



2018 Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan meets with ACE



2018 Seattle ACE team presents in Washington DC; places 2nd in national CIRT Competition



2018 Mentor Casey Riske nationally recognized with an ACE ENR Outstanding Mentor Award



2018 ACE first facilitates “Summer Experiences” for students



2019 First Seattle student wins National CMIC Scholarship



2019 Record 344 students apply for ACE; 68% finish program despite global pandemic & transition to virtual



2020 ACE launches Diversity Inclusion Initiative



2021 ACE celebrates 20 years!



2022 Karl Ruff, Roosevelt High School CTE teacher, nationally recognized with an ACE Exemplary School Champion Award



2022 ACE hits \$1,000,000 in scholarships awarded

20 YEARS OF ACE

A GALLERY

Dozens of statistics, quotes, stories, and moments from history have been posted to our Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook pages this year. Check them out to learn more about these posts and many others!



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