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January 8, 2024

Greetings,

We are excited about this 2023-2024 school year. We are planning amazing events to connect our high school students to Architecture, Engineering, and Construction industry professionals with our 2nd Trades Day being held on February 1, 2024 and our most anticipated annual event, our ACE Mentor Program of Indiana Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 8, 2024. Our students are learning about our industry this year by creating their very own Veterinary Clinics to showcase at our banquet!

We are planning the biggest and best banquet ever to exceed the \$65,000 we awarded earlier this year, but we need sponsors like you to assist us. We need your support of the upcoming **19th Annual ACE Mentor Program Scholarship Awards Dinner** on May 8, 2024. The banquet and now Trades Day serves as our fundraiser to raise scholarship dollars for our students who are focused on Architecture, Construction, and Engineering going into the Trades or college. We also award college merit scholarships for our students during their time in college.

Your sponsorship to our program demonstrates your commitment to education and community development, while enhancing your company's brand image and showcasing your support for the future workforce in our industry. Additionally, your sponsorship provides an opportunity for networking and talent acquisition, while connecting with aspiring professionals early in their academic journey.

Attached you will find our different levels of sponsorship. We appreciate your consideration in increasing the interest and efforts in the future of our industry.

Please Mark your calendars and join us:

Trades Day – February 1, 2024, 10:00AM – 1:00PM
Crossroads Outfitters Innovation Center (Boy Scouts of America)

19th Annual ACE Mentor Program's
Scholarship Awards Presentation & Dinner Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Biltwell Event Center

Please reach out to me, Ashley Collins at acollins@hgmetals.com for sponsorship opportunities or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ashley Collins
ACE Mentor Program of Indiana Board Member and Fundraising Chair

DONATE to the 19th Annual ACE Mentor Program of Indiana

As a Non-Profit, ACE can offer life-changing career programs to high school students at no cost thanks to continued financial contributions.

\$15,000	CORNERSTONE SPONSOR A cornerstone sponsor will be the presenting sponsor of the scholarship event, as well as provide for two Elite Named scholarships. Remaining funds will be allocated to the General Fund. The Cornerstone Sponsor will receive items listed in Elite Named sponsorship.
\$10,000	TOOLBOX SPONSOR A Toolbox sponsor will provide the students with materials to complete their projects, participate in field trips/tours, and have access to 3D printers to complete their models. The Toolbox Sponsor will receive items listed in Elite Named sponsorship.
\$6,000	ELITE NAMED SPONSOR The Elite Named Sponsor will have a Named scholarship (big check with company logo) presented to a deserving ACE student entering college with aspirations of a career in architecture, construction, or engineering. You will receive two tables for eight at the scholarship awards dinner, retaining five seats at each table and donating three seats for a student and their guests. Sponsorship receives logo placement in printed materials, a table at Trades Day, an oversize presentation check, slide show presentation, website, mention at event, photo opportunity with student recipient for your company's marketing purposes and introductions for possible internships.
\$5,000	TRADES DAY SPONSOR The Trades Day sponsor will provide lunch and snacks for all participating students at Trades Day on February 1, 2024.
\$4,000	NAMED SPONSOR The Named Sponsor will have a scholarship given in your company name to a deserving ACE student entering college with aspirations of a career in architecture, construction, or engineering. You will receive a table for eight at the scholarship awards dinner, retaining five seats for your company and donating three seats for a student and their guests. Sponsorship receives logo placement in printed materials, oversize presentation check, slide show presentation, website, mention at event, photo opportunity with student recipient for your company's marketing purposes and introductions for possible internships.



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\$2,000	RIDGE MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND An Icon in Indianapolis, and former ACE National Board Financial Committee Chair, Ridge was a dedicated mentor, Board member, and advisor. Ridge dedicated over 15 years to ACE playing vital leadership roles in Indiana and Nashville affiliates. To honor Ridge's long-time volunteer service to ACE and his commitment to ACE's mission of attracting high school students into the design and construction industry, ACE has created this fund in his honor to a deserving student selected by team leaders of our schools. Sponsorship includes a table for 8 at the scholarship awards dinner, with 3 seats donated to ACE students.
\$2,000	DARIAN WILEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND Darian Wiley, an alumnus of Arsenal Tech and a graduate of Ball State became an active mentor of the ACE Mentor Program at his former high school. Mr. Wiley was special as he started with the ACE Mentor Program as a freshman in high school. Darian was named 2022 Mentor of the Year days before his life was tragically taken away. We honor Darian's passion for construction, his willingness to help students, and his keen skills for assembling full-scale models with this fund. This scholarship will be awarded to an active freshman or sophomore student, who exhibits characteristics of Darian Wiley as selected by team leaders of our schools. Sponsorship includes a table for 8 at the scholarship awards dinner, with 3 seats donated to ACE students.
\$2,000	GENERAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP The entire General Fund Scholarship earmarked specifically for scholarships. Sponsorship includes a table for 8 at the scholarship awards dinner, with 3 seats donated to ACE students.
\$1,000	GENERAL FUND SPONSOR Donations received in the general fund are unrestricted and utilized for scholarships or the operating expenses of the organization. Sponsorship includes a table for 8 at the scholarship awards dinner, with 3 seats donated to ACE students.
\$200	TRADES DAY SPONSOR The Trades Day Sponsor will receive a table at the Trades Day event on February 1, 2023. The table will include two chairs. Electrical outlets will be available on a first come, first serve basis. 50% of the sponsorship will go into the general fund for scholarships.
\$125	INDIVIDUAL SEAT Single seat at the Scholarship awards presentation & dinner.
OTHER	Custom donations, at any level, are accepted and appreciated.



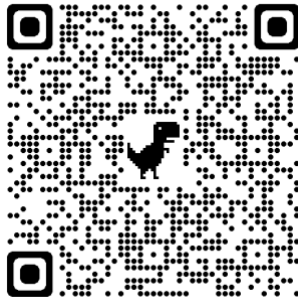
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Ready to donate?

Scan the QR code below to access our 19th Annual ACE Mentor Program of Indiana Sponsorship form or click [Ace Mentor of Indiana Sponsorship Form](#) to receive more information.



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**Registration
Open**

ACE Trades Day

Date/Time

Thursday, February 1, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location

Crossroads Outfitters Innovation Center
6102 Boy Scout Road
Indianapolis, IN 46226

Register

Akilah Darden, ACE Board President
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Event Logistics

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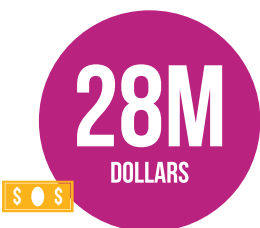
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- ACE's **75+ affiliates** operate in 36 states, the District of Columbia, and Toronto.
- The 15-session after school program is offered **free** of charge.



- Typically, **4,100 volunteer professionals** from all industry sectors serve as mentors and team leaders.
- The estimated annual value of their in-kind services totals **\$22.4 million**.



- Since its start, ACE has awarded more than **\$28 million in scholarships** to students intending to study industry-related fields in college or enter a skilled trades training program.
- Typically, **over 800 students** received nearly \$3 million in scholarships, annually.



- Typically, the program engages **over 10,000 high school students** from 1,450 high schools. 71% are students of color.
- The percentage of **female students** has increased in each of the last 8 program years, most recently **reaching 41%**.
- **¾ of high school seniors** completing the program enter a program in architecture, construction, engineering, or a skilled craft.
- Over **400 high school students** participate in a summer employment experience.



- **American Institute of Architects awards** for Collaborative Achievement (2014) and Diversity (2018).
- **2021 Workforce Development Award** from the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT).

A FUTURE BUILT BY ALL, FOR ALL.

With a mission to excite, engage, and educate students in pursuit of careers in architecture, engineering, and construction, our work is led by mentors, driven by students. Through generous support, we have helped thousands of students from diverse backgrounds across the country reach new heights and discover new career pathways to a bigger, brighter future.

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THE IMPACT



"What's even more impressive about ACE is the program doesn't stop at high school. Not only have I been able to apply for additional merit scholarships, but I've continued meeting more mentors through my internships. The more experience you gain, the more questions you have. ACE has helped me so much in this regard as it is the genesis of all my connections in the industry."

- Aranza Sierra

St. Mary's / Notre Dame Dual Degree Program, 2024
Lawrence Township ACE Program



"Participating in the ACE Mentor Program has helped fuel my passion for architecture. Through the program, I learned many fundamental elements to the process of design, construction, and planning. As I finish up my undergrad in architecture at the University of Florida, I can't thank the ACE Mentor Program enough for setting me up for success."

- Darrin Brown

University of Florida, 2023
Ben Davis ACE Program



"ACE provided me the opportunity to figure out if architecture was something I sincerely wanted to do while providing the opportunity to explore other fields associated with the industry. Graduating Ball State with a major in architecture and minor in construction management, I credit a lot of my perseverance to ACE, as I was able to see the bigger picture through the amount of exposure afforded by this program."

- Leonna Huddleston

Ball State University, 2022
Arsenal Technical ACE Program



"ACE is a great opportunity to start forming your career. With many influential companies and industry officials that support the program, being an ACE member or alumni will open opportunities. For me, these opportunities were an internship, networking connections in the industry, multiple scholarships, education, etc. I would recommend high school students at least try one meeting because I never would have found all of these great perks without taking a chance on it."

- Jacob Smith

IUPUI, 2025
Warren Central ACE Program

THE IMPACT



"ACE has given me incredible opportunities. In high school I was learning alongside my peers, gaining knowledge directly from mentors in the industry. ACE has also helped me financially through scholarships and has given me the opportunities to make connections at and interning with both Messer and Turner."

- Shane Gupton
Ball State University, 2024
North Central ACE Program



"My one year in ACE helped me discover my passion for design. I am now getting a Master's degree in Urban Design and hope to become an ACE mentor for the next generation of architects, engineers, planners, and lovers of design as my mentors did for me. I will never forget the impact my mentors had on me, my education, and my future."

- Hannah Jones
Ball State University, 2021 / 2023
Warren Central ACE Program



"The ACE Mentor program helped me solidify my interest in architecture early on in high school. I don't think I would be where I'm at now without them! Now about a decade later, I will be serving as an ACE Mentor at Mithun in Seattle."

- Zach Bradby
Ball State University, 2017 & University of Oregon, 2019
North Central ACE Program



"ACE was monumental in helping me get where I am today. The mentorship and opportunities I was exposed to helped me determine the path I wanted to take. It opened my eyes to a career I never thought I could be in as a woman and even helped me reach my goals through scholarships, internships, and long-lasting industry relationships. I am forever grateful for the day I decided to attend my first ACE session."

- Erin Gillis
Purdue University, 2020
Lawrence Township ACE Program



"I wanted to get into construction, but I was unsure where to start in high school...until I joined ACE. Now, I am working for Turner Construction as a Superintendent which is why I'm thankful I was able to join the program. It allowed me to connect with the industry, gave me early career experience, and created opportunities that otherwise would have been missed!"

- Bernardo Davila
Purdue University, 2021
Arsenal Technical ACE Program

VOLUNTEERS

WHY CHOOSE ACE



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ACE VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE PROGRAM HAPPEN

There is no substitute for experience – the ACE Mentor Program is driven by the committed and enthusiastic participation of volunteer mentors who are practicing professionals in their respective fields. ACE offers high school students the best opportunities because ACE has the best industry mentors.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE.

HOW ACE MENTORS GAIN FROM THE EXPERIENCE

- Make a difference in the lives of students and your industry
- Share your passion and knowledge
- Grow the A-E-C workforce
- Networking opportunities with professionals in your region

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