



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

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Chapter Highlights

2026-
2027

GREATER AKRON - CANTON AFFILIATE

2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

This year is off to a great start! The ACE Mentor Program of Greater Akron-Canton will continue to serve at Akron Early College, Ellet CLC, Firestone CLC, Garfield CLC, and Timken Career Campus. We will kick off our mentor sessions the first week of October!

Please use the below QR code to register!



THIS YEAR'S PROJECT

Our Featured design project this year will be in collaboration with the Akron Art Museum. More information will be shared soon.



ACE DAY OF ACTION - OCTOBER 16TH

We are excited to announce that ACE Day of Action will be on October 16, 2026 as we celebrate all things ACE! ACE of Greater Akron-Canton will make a big push for the 2026-2027 school year in the following ways with your support!

- Register as a mentor!
- Encourage your high school age students to participate!
- Share the good news!
- Make a gift!



With your help, ACE Akron-Canton will continue to change the lives of the students that we serve. We look forward to celebrating with you on October 16th! Please contact akroncantonoh@acementor.org for more information on how you can support our mission.

Want to join our mailing list?
Email Barbie at akroncantonoh@acementor.org



2026 SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD WINNERS

Since 2017, we have awarded over \$224,000 in scholarships to 50 students with an additional \$38,000 in ACE National Scholarships. Our most recent scholarship award winners:

Architecture

Noah Rickle
Blessing Akinditan
Ella Kamyszek

Auto/Mechanical Engineering

David Htoo

Civil Engineering

Zachary Fisher

Electrical Engineering

Miracle Eslich

Mechanical Engineering

Larry Mackey III

Urban Planning

Cassandra Bomba

To help our alumni through their college careers, we have been able to award over \$51,000 in Alumni Scholarships. Our most recent Alumni Scholarship recipients:

Architecture

Katerina Cole
Elon Zhu

Civil Engineering

Peter Van Blargan

Construction Management

Mary Van Blargan

Electrical Engineering

Sara Lawrence

Mechanical Engineering

Melissa Adrion
Reece Caraboolad
Amir Stokes
Franco Virola

Comments from our 2026 Scholarship Winners:

"The ACE Mentor Program in high school played a significant role in preparing me. Through design projects, office visits, and job shadowing at firms like GPD Group, PRIME AE, and CESO, I learned how disciplines collaborate across design and construction - and confirmed architecture was the right career path."

- Katerina Cole



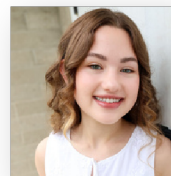
"ACE gave me real knowledge of the field and a clear picture of what to expect heading into college. It made me consider everything an architect is responsible for, and willing to take that on. The most valuable lesson: when you sign off on a design, you take responsibility for every life in or around that building."

- Noah Rickle



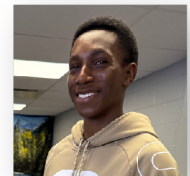
"I've always wanted to major in architecture, but ACE solidified it. Being mentored by Eleanor Huntley and Sara Stucky Sayner, both practicing architects, gave me the confidence to pursue this path - their enthusiasm for teaching us building codes and floorplans sparked my passion for the design process."

- Ella Kamyszek



"ACE gave me real exposure to architecture - floor planning, blueprint creation, and how architects collaborate with engineering and construction professionals. Between team projects, competitions, site visits, and the Summer Experience Program, I figured out the type of architect I want to become."

- Blessing Akinditan



Thank you to our college partnerships at Kent State University, Stark State College, The University of Akron, the University of Mount Union and the University of Cincinnati who match our scholarships for our students!

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Akron Early College High School:

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Bill Small

Chad Weaver

Ellet CLC:

Tracey Bowman

Monica Sprain

Firestone CLC:

Tracy Bess-Wilmington

Kim Hackett

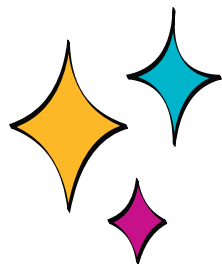
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Garfield CLC:

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