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FIVE NEW LEADERS ARE WELCOMED TO ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JACKSONVILLE, FL — ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida announced the addition of five members to the 2023-2024 Board of Directors, including a new Board Chair. New members include Josh Barth, Craig Scott, Ryan Soots and Eric Snyder. Chad Boone was elected as Board Chair.

“Being elected as the new Board Chair for the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida is an honor,” said Chad Boone. “As a devoted member of ACE for the past several years, I am excited to be stepping into a very impactful role within the organization. I hope to encourage the continued growth of our students’ interest in the architectural, construction and engineering industries.”

The members will work with the current board to meet the organization’s strategic goals and fulfill their mission to engage, excite and inspire high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, and construction.

Board Chair

Chad Boone, Meadows & Ohly



Chad currently serves as Vice President of Program Management for Meadows and Ohly. His current focus is on the state of Florida Healthcare real-estate market. He has a B.S. in Architecture and a Master’s in Construction and Facilities Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has used this educational background and 18 years of professional experience to show value across all steps of the capitol project delivery process. In his free time, Chad enjoys developing his hobby of barbecue and spending time with his family.

Board Members

Josh Barth, Auld & White Constructors



Josh Barth is a decades-long resident of Jacksonville, Florida. With over 18 years of professional experience, he is currently employed at Auld and White Constructors. After earning his diploma at Orange Park High School, he pursued a B.S. in Construction at University of Florida, later obtaining a Project Management Professional (PMP) and LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP) certifications. Josh has been involved in a wide range of construction sectors, including food and beverage, commercial, educational, healthcare, and non-profit. With his commitment to excellence and dedication to community service, Josh hopes to make significant contributions to the construction industry and the Jacksonville community he grew up in.

Craig Scott, Gilbane Building Company



Born and raised in Mechanicsville, VA, Craig Scott attended Old Dominion University and received his Bachelor's in Civil Engineering & Technology; with a concentration in Construction Management and a Minor in Engineering Management. With a Master Plumber father, Craig entered the construction industry early on in his life. Across various industry sectors, Craig has accumulated 15 years of experience in the industry. During his time with Gilbane, he has worn several hats such as Project Engineer/Manager, Safety Manager, and now as Lead Superintendent. Craig and his wife, Amanda, and fur-child, Winston (Miniature Dachshund) enjoy going to the beach, visiting local restaurants, tending to their garden, and hosting friends and family for dinner.

Eric Snyder, Gresham Smith



Eric Snyder is a Senior Associate and Architect in the Gresham Smith Jacksonville Healthcare studio. He is a graduate of Kent State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degrees in Fine Arts & Sciences and Architecture. Eric has 22 years of architectural design experience as a project manager and project architect. He has worked on projects of varying sizes from small imaging or surgery suites to patient tower expansions and new hospital campus projects. Eric excels in managing coordination with owners, program manager, and construction partners, and is skilled in construction document production and ensuring designs meet applicable codes and requirements. His flexible design philosophy with attention to detail and functionality coupled with comprehensive project planning and effective solutions have led to many repeat client projects.

Ryan Soots, Meyer Najem



As Executive Vice President of Meyer Najem Southeast, Ryan is focused on the continued growth in the Southeast region of the United States. He is responsible for all day-to-day operations, strategic planning, and leadership for Meyer Najem's southeast office located in Jacksonville, FL. Passionate about working for a company that puts value on culture and drive, he is proud to work with a team that puts clients and relationships first. Ryan believes it is our responsibility to build a better future for construction by driving constant improvement and developing future leaders for this industry. He received a Construction Engineering Management Technology Degree from Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis and has been with Meyer Najem since 2014.

"Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of community and industry leaders committed to provide outstanding programming to high school youth in Northeast Florida," said Nicole Eubanks, Affiliate Director of ACE Mentor Program of Northeast FL. "We are thrilled to channel Josh, Craig, Eric and Ryan's talent and energy along with Chad's expertise as Board Chair into furthering our mission."

For more information about ACE Mentoring Program of Northeast Florida, visit www.acementor.org/northeast-fl.

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About ACE Mentor Program:

ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida is a nonprofit organization helping high school students in our region to explore careers in architecture, construction and engineer through after-school mentoring and scholarships to support their continue advancement in the industry.