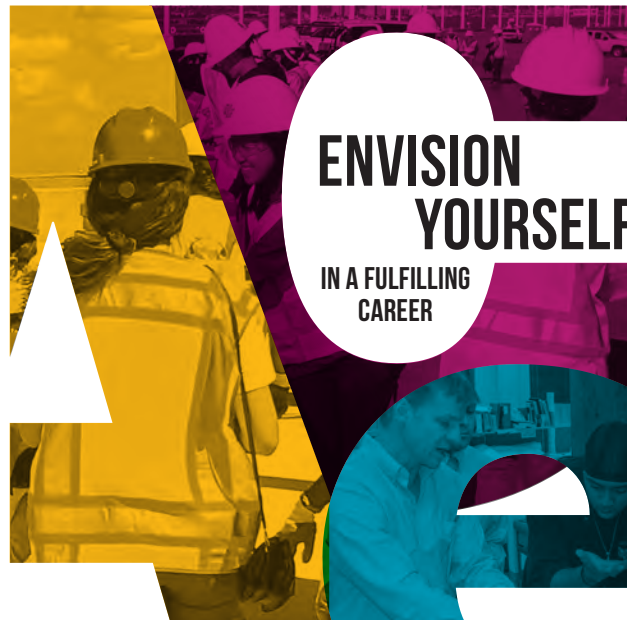




ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

Year 15: Summer Newsletter

Final Presentation



Congratulations to this years ACE Students!

2 Teams 56 Students enrolled 17 Schools 31 Mentors

The ACE of Maine Mentoring Program SMASHES records, awarding the highest amount in our programs history. The energy was electric at the in-person ACE of Maine Final Presentation on March 15th. Students impressed with thoughtful, well-presented boards showcasing their hard work. A huge thank you to our generous donors and tireless volunteers who are investing in the future of the design and construction industry!

Mentor Spotlight:

Wayne Keller

Fairwater Engineering

Portland South Team

Wayne has proven to be an indispensable, highly committed mentor for the past 6 years, always willing to go the extra mile to support his mentees. We are honored to name him our Mentor of the Year.

Thank you Wayne!



What is your educational background?

I graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 2004 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Then got my first PE license in 2012.

Wayne Keller's Most Memorable Contribution to ACE

My most memorable experience with ACE was very early on in my work with the program, when I would attend annually as a guest speaker. I had just finished giving a presentation on electrical engineering, and as students were leaving the session and the room was clearing out, a returning senior approached me and told me that they had written about ME as part of their college application essay. They had attended my session the prior year and noted that my enthusiasm and passion for engineering was the push they needed to solidify their desire to pursue an engineering degree! I can't recall a moment in my life where I more-so felt the gravity my actions can have on young person's life, and the positive impact to the dreams they choose pursue. Now that I have college bound children of my own, I recognize the importance of mentors in our society to help guide our young people to pursue their dreams, and build the workforce of tomorrow.

Advice to ACE Students?

Advice to ACE students... where do I begin, and what's my word-limit! I'll keep it simple. One particular piece of art I have on my wall is an excerpt from an old dictionary with an inscription that reads, "Success is a journey of many directions taken one step at a time"; I take a lot away from that simple statement. Success is a journey, not a destination. The path is never a straight line, so explore, take risks, accept failures, learn from them, keep moving ahead, and enjoy the journey. One step at a time.

School Champion Spotlight:

Christy Zavasnik

Career Pathways Coordinator at Scarborough High School

Christy has been part of ACE since 2018.

Over her years volunteering with ACE, Christy has been an active participant in several committees including the curriculum, scholarship, and final presentation committees. Thank you Christy!



What is your educational background?

Christy has a BA in Sociology from the University of Southern Maine and an MBA from the University of New Hampshire

Christy's Most Memorable Contribution to ACE

This year, Christy was honored with the prestigious ACE National's Exemplary School Champion Award!

"What truly impresses me most is witnessing the dedicated professionals who mentor our students. Through this interaction, students develop their ideas, hone their skills, and gain a valuable understanding of what it's like to work in the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) fields." *Christy*

Christy's advice to Ace Students?

The ACE Mentor Program unlocks a world of possibilities. Through this program, you'll gain unique access to professionals from local architecture, construction, and engineering firms. These connections can open doors to exciting opportunities and experiences that extend far beyond high school



This year the ACE Mentor Program of Maine awarded a record \$20,000 in scholarships to students going on to pursue careers in the construction industry. Congratulations to all our Scholarship Recipients!

Scholarship: ACE of Maine

Award Amount: \$5,000

Recipient: Ezra Crabtree

School: Senior at Portland High School

Team: Portland Team

Duration: 3 Years with ACE

Desired Fields: Mechanical and Civil



Scholarship: ACE of Maine

Award Amount: \$5,000

Recipient: Cassandra Porter

School: Senior at South Portland High School

Team: Portland South Team

Duration: 2 Years with ACE

Desired Field: Environmental Engineering.



Scholarship: Outstanding Senior Scholarship

Award Amount: \$4,000

Recipient: Ava Pendleton

School: Senior at Falmouth High School

Team: Portland Team

Duration: 1 Year with ACE

Desired Field: Interior Design



Scholarship: Portland South Team Scholarship

Award Amount: \$2,000

Recipient: Evelyn Winslow

School: Junior at Scarborough High School

Team: Portland South Team

Duration: 3 Years with ACE

Desired Field: Architecture Interest.



Scholarship: Portland South Team

Scholarship

Award Amount: \$2,000

Recipient: Evelyn Winslow

School: Junior at Scarborough High School

Team: Portland South Team

Duration: 3 Years with ACE

Desired Field: Architecture Interest.



Scholarship: Rising Star Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Recipient: Elana Jenkins

School: Junior at Scarborough High School

Team: Portland South Team

Duration: 1 Year with ACE

Desired Field: Architecture



Scholarship: Rising Star Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Recipient: Ethan Keller

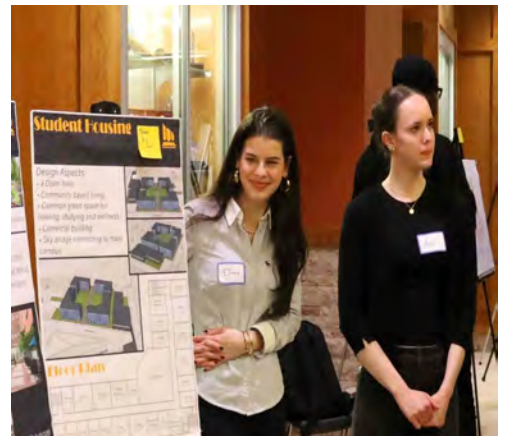
School: Junior at Scarborough High School

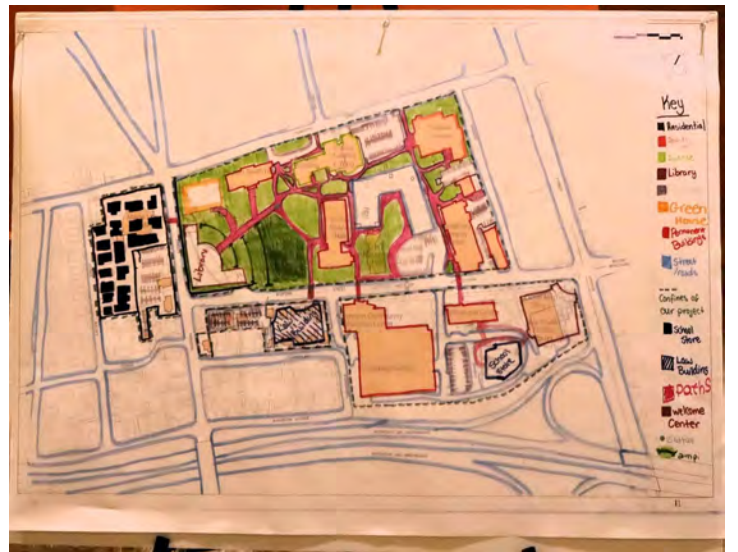
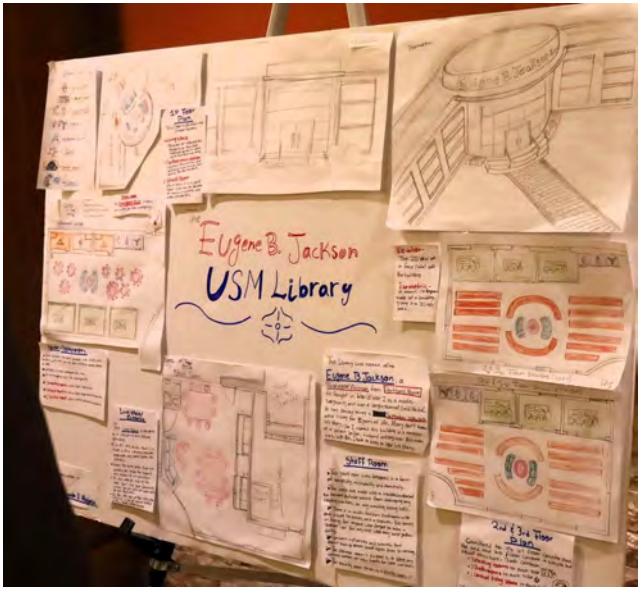
Team: Portland South Team

Duration: 3 Years with ACE

Desire Field: Civil







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