



**ACE MENTOR PROGRAM**  
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## Year 14: June Newsletter

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# Final Presentation



### Congratulations to this years ACE Students

3 Teams 59 Students enrolled 18 Schools 31 Mentors

The ACE of Maine Mentoring Program continues to grow, this was its biggest year yet! In addition to our academic sessions, our curriculum and the committee went above and beyond and organized additional programming for the students. This year, we gave away the most amount of scholarship money. The ACE of Maine Final Presentation was held in person on March 21st and the students prepared presentation boards that were thoughtful, impressive, and well presented. This year could not have been possible without our generous donors and tireless volunteers to help grow the next generation of professionals.

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# Mentor Spotlight:

Dale Johnson  
Regional Sales Manager/ Political  
Affairs Liaison-ME.  
Pike Industries Inc.

Dale has been an indispensable,  
highly committed mentor for the past  
6 years.

We are honored to name Dale our  
Mentor of the Year.  
Thank you Dale!



## **What is your educational background?**

Caribou High School Graduate, class of 1982, Caribou Maine.

## **Most memorable Project?**

My most memorable project with the students would be the design of the new Roux Institute Campus, formerly the B&M Baked Bean factory. As most of you know, this is a historic landmark and a bit personal to most that have been in Maine for some time, like me. I was pleasantly surprised to see the care, thought, and forward thinking of each students' careful designs. What stood out most to me was the younger generation thoughtfully represented the respect and importance of the historic value and merged that thoughtfulness with newer, more generational ideas with the touch and vision of their functionality for the site. I was impressed and very appreciative of the thoughtfulness that went into each design. I believe our students will succeed at whatsoever they choose to do for a career with these fine qualities, I wish them all the very best.

## **Advice to ACE Students?**

In these, your younger and most impressionable years, do not get bogged down with the outer noise of feeling like you must identify with your career path today. Absorb the teachings, structure, and guidance from every avenue, make your choices based on your experiences with these and enjoy your time, you will all make more impactful career decisions when you find your true calling, no matter when that comes to you. Confidence comes with experience and success comes from both.

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# School Champion:

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

## **Most memorable Project or Part of ACE?**

There have been so many incredible projects students have had the opportunity to work on, from designing a solar powered model home to simulating the construction of a high rise tower to final projects involving creating architectural plans for sites from Brunswick to Portland. Seeing the way professionals mentor our students and seeing them generating ideas, building skills and gaining a better understanding of what it's really like to work in the ACE fields is what I am most impressed by.

## **Advice to Ace Students?**

Participating in the ACE Mentor Program gives you (students) unique access to professionals from local architectural, construction and engineering firms and opens the door for opportunities and connections far beyond high school. Be curious, build relationships and mentor others as you grow your skills and experience.

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This year the ACE Mentor Program of Maine awarded a record \$15,000 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: Mia Hornschild-Bear**

"I'm pretty sure she figured out how to fit 30 hours into a 24 hour day. In addition to taking a heavy course load with many AP classes she was also involved in soccer, and basketball, and track, along with other mentoring programs, student government, National Honor Society, and Nation Art Honor Society, where she won numerous awards for her art work." - Sarah Snyder, Brunswick team leader

**Scholarship: Outstanding Senior**

**Award Amount: \$3,000**

**Recipient: Amelia Tennyson**

"Amelia Tennyson's quiet exterior is an inquisitive, insightful and creative young person who is highly dedicated to her education. Bright, motivated and extremely capable, Amelia's future is full of promise. Both conceptual and detail oriented, she looks forward to applying her strong creative and quantitative abilities in a practical way and is considering a career in Architecture." - Elizabeth Thomas, Cape Elizabeth college counselor

**Scholarship: Dale Johnson Award**

**Award Amount: \$3,000**

**Recipient: Iris Weidner**

"Iris joined us this year as a junior interested in architecture and has been an active student since the beginning of the year. She is always focused in class, and tries very hard to understand each topic on her own, but asks questions of the mentors when she needs it. Although she is interested in studying architecture, she has a curiosity and eagerness to learn about all of the ACE fields we learn about in our sessions." - Ben Winschel, Portland team leader

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**Scholarship: Outstanding Junior**

**Award Amount: \$2,000**

**Recipient: Cassandra Porter**

"This student is such a positive influence on our sessions. She always asks questions of our guest speakers, and chats with mentors about whatever advice we have to give. She's engaged in all our sessions, which shows in the work she does each week. ACE has helped this student to explore what she is most passionate about, environmental engineering, and I'm excited to see what she does with that passion in the future." - Siobhan Baker, South Portland team leader

**Scholarship: Rising Star**

**Award Amount: \$1,000**

**Recipient: Colby Wheaton**

"Colby is an enterprising and curious student, who has shown an abiding interest in transforming ideas and concepts into solutions, particularly through design principles or CAD" - David Rawson, Baxter Academy teacher

**Scholarship: Rising Start**

**Award Amount: \$1,000**

**Recipient: Sarah Al Wakeel**

"This student has been very committed to ACE and to learning more about architecture and engineering. She puts her all into the activities we do, and the work she produces is always outstanding. This student always talks with mentors to learn more about ACE careers, and I'm always impressed by her willingness and excitement to hear more about any ACE topic" - Siobhan Baker, South Portland team leader

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