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## CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER BENEFITS NORTHEAST FLORIDA STUDENTS

JACKSONVILLE, FL — The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida was pleased to hold their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Jacksonville Clay Target Sports. The nonprofit raised over \$52,000, with all the proceeds going directly to the organization's 2023-2024 programming efforts.

"Ongoing support for high school students across Northeast Florida continues to be at the forefront for ACE", said Nicole Eubanks, Affiliate Director of ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida. "Thanks to the engagement and sponsorship of these organizations, we were able to host this fun event all while supporting our mission to engage, excite and inspire high school students to pursue careers in the architecture, construction and engineering industry."

As the construction industry's significant work force labor shortage continues to grow, the demand for the ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida has never been so crucial. The program is open to high school students who have the curiosity and drive to learn about a career in design and construction. Students meet at various locations in Northeast Florida to design, schedule and estimate a 'real-world' project with the help of practicing industry professionals. Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year which runs through April.

A special thanks to the following organizations:

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To learn more about joining the ACE Mentoring Program of Northeast Florida as a student or mentor, please visit <a href="https://www.acementor.org/northeast-fl">www.acementor.org/northeast-fl</a>.

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