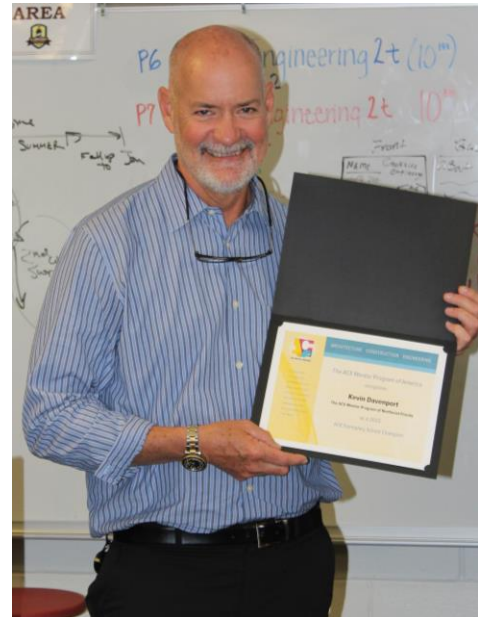




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LOCAL TEACHER SELECTED AS EXEMPLARY SCHOOL CHAMPION

JACKSONVILLE, FL – Mr. Kevin Davenport, a teacher at Creekside High School in St. Johns County, was selected as one of six National 2022 ACE Exemplary School Champions. The competition was especially keen this year. Along with the Northeast FL affiliate, other winners of the award come from Seattle, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Cleveland.

Kevin Davenport is an exemplary nominee, well deserving of this award. Since beginning the ACE Mentor Program at Creekside High School during the 2015-2016 school year, Mr. Davenport has been a tireless advocate and promoter. He understands the impact the program has on his students and has been responsible for its growth within the St. Johns County School District. He remains a tremendous asset to the ACE Mentor Program, critical to its success and growth.

Following a successful career in civil engineering, Mr. Davenport began his second career as an educator in 2010. In addition to his civil engineering degree, he also holds a master's degree in construction management. This experience has equipped him with extensive engineering and business insight that he passes along to his students. He currently teaches applied engineering to grade 10–12 students and leads the county in the number of students receiving industry certifications in programs such as AutoCAD, Revit and Inventor.

In 2014, Mr. Davenport was introduced to the ACE Mentor Program, which he saw as a great opportunity for his students. Since starting the program at Creekside High School, Mr. Davenport has continued promotional efforts in Saint Johns County and throughout the Northeast Florida area to grow presence and involvement. This current school year, the program expanded to two classrooms, growing participation from 30 to 42 students—this makes Creekside High School the largest program within the Northeast Florida affiliate. Since the program began, more than 100 students have moved forward to pursue a career within the AEC industry.



“I owe my success both financially and academically to Kevin Davenport”, says Daniel Paul, graduate of Creekside High School’s class of 2018. “As a student at Creekside, he went out of his way to consistently improve my capabilities, and even adapted the full curriculum to include more of what I had a passion for (that being architecture). He not only teaches his students, but learns from them as well, something all excellent leaders need to be capable of.”

Kevin Davenport is the ideal ACE Mentor Program School Champion. He goes above and beyond in support of ACE. He supports students’ entry into the AEC industry in a variety of ways, dedicating much of his personal time to help them learn and succeed. He is also directly responsible for growing the ACE Mentor Program throughout St. Johns County. The Northeast Floridian Affiliate would not be as successful as it is without Mr. Davenport’s championing efforts.

To learn more about ACE Mentoring Program of Northeast Florida please 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.