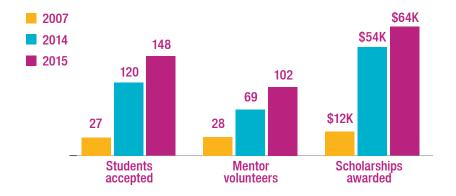


The ACE Mentor Program of Oregon celebrates \$64,000 in college scholarships





ACE supports students' career aspirations in architecture, construction and engineering



2015 STATISTICS

148 students accepted

102 mentor volunteers

37% female students

57% students of color

\$64,000 in scholarships to 16 seniors

\$312,000 in scholarships since 2007









2015 in Review

The Oregon chapter of the ACE Mentor Program had its most successful year ever in 2014-15, educating and inspiring a record number of students.

Students engaged

ACE accepted 148 students from 37 Portlandmetro high schools this year. About 85 percent of students completed the full mentorship program, reflecting efforts to support all participants.

Mentors involved

Dedicated volunteers allowed ACE to grow. This year, 102 mentors from three dozen Portlandarea firms worked with teams of students.

Student diversity

ACE leaders want to diversify their workforce and extend opportunities where they are needed most. ACE did significant outreach at lowerincome, diverse high schools and worked with educators to connect with students. This year. 57 percent of ACE participants were students of color, up from 44 percent last year, and more than one-third were girls.

Student access

More than 40 percent of ACE student participants came from high schools with a poverty rate above 50 percent.

Scholarships awarded

Support from the business community allowed ACE to award \$64,000 in college scholarships to 16 students this year, up from \$54,000 and a dozen students last year.

More about ACE

The ACE Mentor Program is a national, proven after-school program that inspires students to pursue careers in architecture, construction and engineering. ACE gives students the chance to develop practical skills by working in teams with mentors on a building design project. ACE also secures business donations to provide college scholarships.

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