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ACE Mentor Program of Oregon awards \$92,000 in college scholarships to Portland-area seniors

PORTLAND, OREGON – The ACE Mentor Program of Oregon this week awarded **\$92,000 in college scholarships to 15 Portland-area seniors** interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction management and engineering.

The local ACE program has awarded \$715,000 in college scholarships to 158 Oregon students since its inception in 2006. These young people are graduating from college and emerging as promising talent in their fields.

"There is such incredible energy finishing out the program in Portland this year," said ACE Board Secretary Kate MacKinnon Kiser of TriMet, chair of the ACE Scholarship Committee. "Even though the year was a bit different than others, the passion and drive within the students hasn't changed. The future of this industry is looking very bright!"

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- \$10,000 scholarship:** Alaina Keller, *Cleveland High*; Alessandra Avalos, *Tualatin High*; Claire Glasser, *Baker Charter School*.
- \$8,000 scholarship:** Polina Kuleshova, *Rex Putnam High*; Coleman Neher, *Cleveland High*.
- \$6,000 scholarship:** Dante Erz, *Grant High*; Andrew Currey, *West Linn High*; Jaida Leap, *Madison High*.
- \$4,000 scholarship:** James Bowers, *Wilson High*; Ryan Weber, *West Linn High*; Kirk Dibert, *Grant High*; Julien Buist-Thuilleier, *Sunset High*; Thomas Taylor, *Grant High*; Alex Gutman, *Cleveland High*; Tristan Kryl, *Wilson High*.

Claire Glasser was also the recipient of ACE's top national scholarship, the \$40,000 CMiC–Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship. These multi-year awards are aimed at talented ACE high school seniors intending to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, construction or the skilled trades.

ACE is an after-school program that helps Portland-area high school students find their paths toward careers in **Architecture, Construction and Engineering**. ACE inspires local students to go to college, helps them make informed career decisions, and uses business donations to provide college scholarships. For more information, please visit: www.acementor.org/portland-or