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ACE Mentor Program of Oregon

Supporting students' career aspirations in architecture, construction and engineering

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What is ACE?

The ACE Mentor Program is a national, proven after-school program that inspires high school students to pursue careers in the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) fields. ACE also secures business donations for college scholarships.

The Oregon affiliate began a decade ago, in 2006, and first awarded college scholarships in 2007. This Portland-based chapter has grown significantly and now relies on 100 volunteer mentors to serve about 150 students a year from high schools across the metropolitan area.

[ACE] is an exemplary model. It's the whole idea of providing students with opportunities after school that we may not be able to provide during the school day.

Jeanne Yerkovich, Portland Public Schools administrator



Who makes ACE special?

Mentors: About 40 Portland-area firms provide volunteer mentors for students. These mentors serve as professional role models, trusted friends and career advisors. In 2015, 102 Oregon mentors worked closely with 148 students from about three dozen high schools.

Students: ACE leaders welcome students from all backgrounds. In 2015, more than 40% of Oregon ACE students came from higher-poverty schools, 37% were girls and 57% were students of color. ACE's student retention rate neared 85%.

Sponsors: Only with the generous financial support of Oregon firms is ACE able to offer this life-changing career program at no cost to students. ACE sponsors serve as industry leaders and position themselves on the cutting edge of workforce development.





What do students do?

ACE gives students the chance to connect directly with Portlandarea professionals in ACE fields. During 12 mentoring sessions held at employer firms between January and May, students:

- Work in teams with mentors and students from other schools on a building design project.
- Visit leading firms, explore different career fields and practice skills such as communication, networking and teamwork.
- "Pitch" their projects to educators, family and ACE professionals at the program finale.

OUR GROWTH IN 2015 148 students accepted 102 mentor volunteers 37% female students \$64,000 in scholarships to 16 seniors 57% students of color **\$312,000** in scholarships since 2007 2007 2014 148 120 102 \$12K 27 **Students** Mentor **Scholarships** volunteers





ACE inspires students to pursue careers in design-and-build fields.

66 All I needed was a push in the right direction. My mentors have showed me that I have the potential to achieve things in design far greater than I have ever imagined.

2015 ACE Student

This was a great opportunity for me to get hands–on experience in the industry. The overall experience gave me more confidence. ***

2015 ACE student

66 I can't wait for the day when I can be a mentor for ACE, in order to give back what ACE has given me. **99**

ACE alumnus

How does ACE make a difference?

Scholarships: The Oregon chapter of ACE has awarded \$312,000 in college scholarships since 2007 to promising students who plan to major in an ACE-related field. In 2015, ACE Oregon awarded \$64,000 to 16 seniors.

Workforce: ACE alumni are graduating from college and using their ACE connections to join the workforce as new employees. Participating firms are seeing their investment pay off.

Career skills: Students who participate in ACE say they learn invaluable career skills, including teamwork and problem-solving. In our recent survey of ACE seniors:

96% said they gained **knowledge and skills** not taught in their school

96% said they learned how to **work better with people** whose backgrounds and ideas are different from their own

70% felt that ACE made them **more motivated to go to college** or enter a skilled trades training program

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