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ACE Mentor Program of Oregon awards \$112,500 in college scholarships to Portland-area seniors

PORTLAND, OREGON – The ACE Mentor Program of Oregon last week awarded **a record \$112,500 in college scholarships to 17 Portland-area seniors** interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction management and engineering.

The local ACE program has awarded \$827,500 in college scholarships to 174 Oregon students since its inception in 2006. These young people are graduating from college and emerging as promising talent in their fields.

"What an incredible year!" said ACE Board Secretary Kate MacKinnon Kiser of TriMet, chair of the ACE Scholarship Committee. "There is such a depth to the student-driven conversations this year around design impacts to communities. When asked about things learned in ACE this year, students mentioned an appreciation for one another and stamina as key components in the design process. It really highlights the rich discussions had this year and the students' passion for this industry!"

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- \$10,000 scholarship:** Abbey Briley, Molalla High; Mitchell Atwood, Tigard High
- \$8,000 scholarship:** Gypsy Garma-Santiago, David Douglas High; Sophia Chin, Benson Polytechnic High; Aberdeen Stuart, Benson Polytechnic High
- \$6,000 scholarship:** Jenna Stein, Milwaukie High; Kaianaahuula Kwock, Lake Oswego High; Yasmin Almenaiya, Mountainside High; Tauseef Baggia, Sherwood High; Taiki Grover, Benson Polytechnic High; Shirley Lam, Sunset High; Erasto Paula, Ida B. Wells High; Tommy Nguyen, Franklin High; Hazel Nye, St. Mary's Academy; Lucian Beaubrun, Lincoln High; Jonah Nees, International School of Beaverton
- \$2,500 scholarship:** Stephani Le, Sunset High (*recipient of Holly Snow Scholarship*)

Sophia Chin of Benson Polytechnic High School was also the recipient of ACE's national scholarship, a \$4,000 CMiC Scholarship. These 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 mentoring program that helps 100 to 150 Portland-area high school students a year find their paths toward careers in **Architecture, Construction and Engineering** through hands-on, project-based career learning. 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.acementoroforegon.com

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