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ACE Mentor Program of Oregon awards \$115,000 in college scholarships to Portland-area seniors

PORTLAND, OREGON – The ACE Mentor Program of Oregon last week awarded **\$115,000 in scholarships to 16 Portland-area seniors** interested in pursuing careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

The local ACE program has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to over 200 Oregon students since its inception in 2006. These young people are emerging as promising talent in their fields.

“It was great to have our ACE teams meet in person again this year, which is a huge benefit to both our students and mentors,” said ACE Board Member Jeff Becksfort of PAE, one of ACE’s longtime lead mentors. “This was particularly displayed by our scholarship applicants this year who have such inspiring experiences and stories. The future is really bright for our industry to have these future talented professionals pursuing a career in Architecture, Construction or Engineering for the built environment.”

This year’s scholarship recipients are:

- \$10,000 scholarship:** Marelynn de Jesus, De La Salle North Catholic High; Armando Ferrusca, Roosevelt High; Fernanda Gonzalez Huerta, Westview High; Orion Coelho, Beaverton Academy of Science and Engineering; Jenny Le, David Douglas High
- \$9,000 scholarship:** Dareenka Afanasyev, McKay High, Career Technical Education Center
- \$8,000 scholarship:** Valerie Lam, Sunset High; Mia Stonelake, Lakeridge High; Pahlychai Thao, Oregon City High
- \$5,000 scholarship:** Diego Lucas Ocampo, Franklin High; Owen Magnusen, Tigard High; Maxwell Dahl, Southridge High; Abigail Crowe, Franklin High
- \$4,000 scholarship:** Isabella Jacobs, Grant High; Georgia Hoffbeck, St. Mary's Academy; Brandon Walker, Clackamas Middle College

Sebastian Struve of Grant High School and Orion Coelho of the Beaverton Academy of Science & Engineering were also the recipients of ACE’s national 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 nearly 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