

## **ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. Mission Statement and Program Goals**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering and construction through mentoring and to support their continued advancement in the industry.

The main objective is to work with underrepresented students that do not have the guidance and support to help them uncover opportunities for their future.

ACE Mentor's two primary goals are to:

- Create a large, diverse, better prepared workforce for our industry.
- Assist and guide students as they proceed along their pathways to opportunities in our industry.

### **STATISTICAL PROFILE**

- ACE currently operates in 70 affiliates covering 36 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and in more than 200 cities.
- Over 9,500 students and about 3,700 mentors each year.
- Almost 70% of students are minorities and one-third are young women.
- ACE has awarded more than \$16.5 million in scholarships to students.
- 92% of ACE graduates enroll in higher education and two-thirds enter majors linked to the design and construction industry.

### **PROVEN OUTCOMES**

- ACE Mentor Program participants graduate high school at a greater rate than non-ACE participants.
- ACE increases the diversity in architecture, construction and engineering program enrollment.
- Female ACE Mentor Program participants enter college engineering programs at double the national rate of their non-ACE counterparts
- More low-income students are enrolled in the ACE Program than other afterschool programs.