# Top 10 Reasons to Sponsor the ACE Mentor Program

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| 1    | **ACE IS ONE OF A KIND**  
No other program introduces high school students to the full process of designing and building a project and to the entire spectrum of design and construction industry careers. |
| 2    | **ACE SERVES THE ENTIRE A-E-C INDUSTRY**  
All A-E-C industry sectors sponsor and lead ACE for the benefit of the overall industry’s workforce. |
| 3    | **ACE HELPS MEET FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS**  
70% recent alumni major in A-E-C in college or are already employed in the industry. |
| 4    | **ACE INCREASES DIVERSITY OF INDUSTRY WORKFORCE**  
The percentages of African-American and Hispanic ACE students entering college as architecture and engineering majors and of female engineer majors is double the national rates. |
| 5    | **ACE TAPS THE POWER AND VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS**  
Almost 4,100 industry professionals annually volunteer as mentors and contribute in-kind assistance worth an estimated $17.5 million. |
| 6    | **ACE SUCCESSES EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION**  
ACE has won the nation's highest honor for mentoring (Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring) as well as American Institute of Architects awards. |
| 7    | **ACE GIVES STUDENTS A BOOST IN COLLEGE**  
ACE has awarded more than $18 million in scholarships since its start, including $2 million last year. 84% recent alumni confirm ACE gave them an edge over their freshmen college classmates. |
| 8    | **ACE TEACHES INDUSTRY-RELATED SKILLS**  
80% of ACE students agree they learned green design, basic engineering principles, construction cost estimation, computer-aided design, and other industry-related knowledge. |
| 9    | **ACE STRENGTHENS 21ST-CENTURY WORK LIFE SKILLS**  
95% recent alumni agree ACE improved their leadership, oral and graphic communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. |
| 10   | **ACE ENHANCES HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES**  
80% students say ACE made their high school studies more meaningful and motivated them to study more. |