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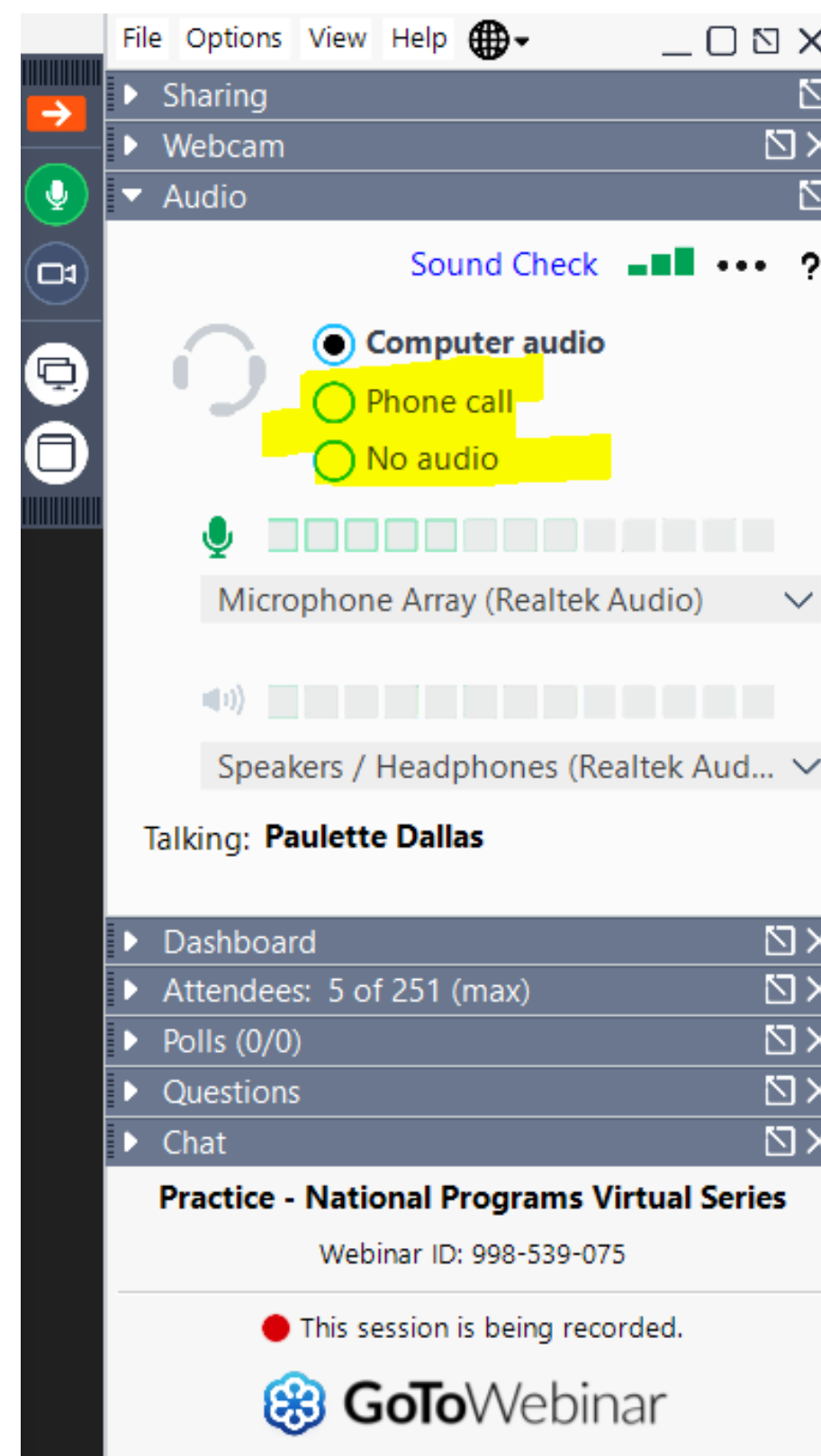


CAREER DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS IN ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING





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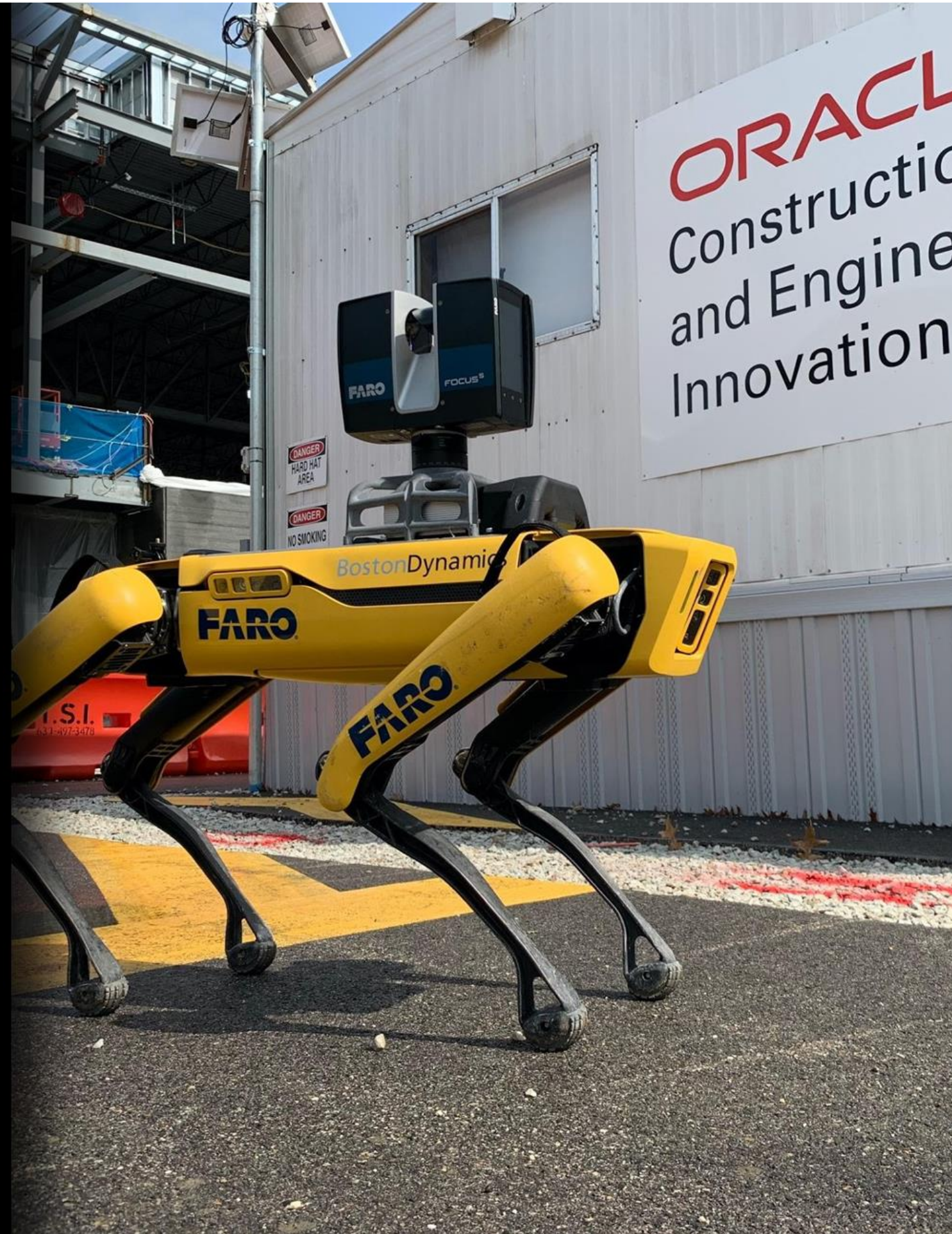
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## FACT SHEET

THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF AMERICA (ACE) WAS CREATED IN 1994 BY THE INTEGRATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO MEET ITS FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS.

• ACE'S 74 AFFILIATES OPERATE IN 37 STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND PUERTO RICO.

• THE 15-SESSION AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE.

74 AFFILIATES

TODAY, THIS INDUSTRY'S LEADERS GUIDE, SPONSOR, AND RUN ACE AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS.

### MENTORS

- 4,200 VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONALS FROM ALL INDUSTRY SECTORS ARE ACE'S BACKBONE.
- THEY SERVE AS MENTORS AND TEAM LEADERS.
- THE ANNUAL VALUE OF THEIR IN-KIND SERVICES TOTALS \$22.4 MILLION.

4.2K MENTORS

### STUDENTS

- IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, THE PROGRAM ENGAGED OVER 10,000 STUDENTS FROM 1,300 HIGH SCHOOLS. 70% CAME FROM MINORITY AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.
- 3/4 OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS COMPLETING ACE ENTER A COLLEGE PROGRAM IN ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, OR ENGINEERING OR ENTER A SKILLED CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM.

OVER 10K STUDENTS

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- SINCE ITS START, ACE HAS AWARDED OVER \$20 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS INTENDING TO STUDY INDUSTRY-RELATED FIELDS IN COLLEGE OR ENTER A SKILLED CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM.
- IN 2019, 978 STUDENTS RECEIVED \$2.7 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS.

OVER \$20M

### ACHIEVEMENTS

ACE AND MANY OF ITS AFFILIATES HAVE EARNED NUMEROUS AWARDS FROM NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS. MOST NOTABLE ARE:

- 2010 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS AND ENGINEERING MENTORING (THE NATION'S HIGHEST AWARD FOR MENTORING).
- 2014 INSTITUTE HONORS FOR COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT BESTOWED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

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## TOP 10 REASONS TO SPONSOR THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

- 01** **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.
- 02** **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.
- 03** **ACE HELPS MEET FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS**  
70% recent alumni major in A-E-C in college or are already employed in the industry.
- 04** **ACE INCREASES DIVERSITY OF INDUSTRY WORKFORCE**  
The percentage of African-American and Hispanic ACE students entering college as architecture and engineering majors and of female engineer majors is double the national rates.
- 05** **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.
- 06** **ACE SUCCESSSES 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.
- 07** **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.
- 08** **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.
- 09** **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.

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## ACE Benefits the Design and Construction Industry

### One of a Kind

ACE stands apart from other educational/workforce programs aimed at the design and construction industry, ACE:

- Targets high school students just as they seriously start to explore career options.
- Teaches students about the **entire** process of designing and building a project.
- Relies exclusively on **passionate industry professionals** to excite and mentor students.
- Launched and driven by **all A/E/C industry sectors to serve their needs.**

### Fulfills Future Industry Work Force Needs

Seven-out-of-ten high school seniors take steps to pursue industry careers.

- 43% expect to major in **mechanical, civil, electrical, or structural engineering.**
- 23% declare a college major in a **design field** (e.g. architecture, landscape architecture).
- Students also major in **construction management** and enter a **skilled crafts program.**

### Sponsors Laid the Foundation for and Now Fuel ACE's Growth

- National and affiliate sponsors include A/E/C firms, trade associations and societies, trade unions, law firms, insurance companies, IT companies, manufacturers, service providers, individual donors and others.
- **Students rely on the annual support** of ACE's generous sponsors.
- **ACE alumni** in growing numbers now give back to the program by mentoring students.

### National Honors

- 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, the nation's highest award for mentoring
- 2014 AIA Collaborative Achievement Award

### Increases Diversity

The percentages of African-American and Hispanic ACE students entering college in architecture and civil, mechanical and electrical engineering programs are **more than double the national rates** of comparable freshmen enrolling in these fields.

Female ACE students enter college intending to major in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering at **almost twice the national rate** of comparable freshmen enrolling in these fields.

### Motivates and Assists Students to Attend College

- Almost 75% of students report ACE **increased their motivation to attend college.**
- More than **\$14 million in scholarships** have been awarded since ACE founding.
- 70% of alumni say **ACE gave them an edge** over their freshmen college classmates.

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## ACE ENGAGES DIVERSE + UNDERSERVED STUDENTS UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE INDUSTRY

Minorities and individuals from underserved populations are significantly underrepresented in the design and construction industry workforce. **ACE helps address this problem.**

ACE students are more diverse and come from more challenging backgrounds than high school students across the country.

Compared to college freshmen nationwide planning architecture and engineering majors, ACE attracts far greater percentages of women and minorities.

### FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

2019 ACE SENIORS	2018 SENIORS NATIONWIDE
26%	14.4%

Proportionately more ACE seniors are first generation college students (26%)<sup>1</sup> than their national counterparts (14.4%)<sup>2</sup>.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE + REDUCED LUNCH

ACE	IND	NW
43.4%	37.9%	18.6%

A substantial portion of ACE students in 2018-19 (43%)<sup>3</sup> qualified for the Federal free and reduced lunch program. (No comparable national data exists.)

### ACE STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE RACIALLY DIVERSE THAN PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS NATIONWIDE

68.9%  
vs. 47.5% NATIONWIDE<sup>4</sup>

In terms of gender and race, ACE college freshmen planning majors in architecture and engineering are **more diverse** than their counterparts nationwide, in some cases by almost double.

### WOMEN COLLEGE FRESHMEN

(%) Planning Architecture & Engineering Majors

ACE 2019 <sup>1</sup> vs. 18 Nationwide 2018 <sup>2</sup>
ARCHITECTURE: 56% vs 50%
ENGINEERING: 31% vs 18%

### AFRICAN AMERICAN + HISPANIC COLLEGE FRESHMEN

(%) Planning Architecture & Engineering Majors

ACE 2019 <sup>1</sup> vs. 18 Nationwide 2018 <sup>2</sup>
ARCHITECTURE: 24% vs 15%
ENGINEERING: 27% vs 15%

DATA SOURCES:  
1. ACE Database of Registered Students.  
2. U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics, 2017, Table 203.30.  
3. ACE 2019 Survey of Students (n=2,006, margin of error +/- 1.8%).  
4. Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA, 2018 OFFER Freshman Survey. This survey is based on responses from 120,056 first-time, full-time students beginning their studies at 202 four-year colleges and universities of varying selectivity and type in the U.S. The data was statistically weighted to reflect all first-time, full-time baccalaureate students in the U.S. in 2017, approximately 1.5 million freshmen enrolled in 1,402 postsecondary institutions.

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## STAY CONNECTED

### ACCESS YOUR BENEFITS AS AN ACE ALUMNI!

Are you using all the resources available to you as an ACE alumni? Staying in touch with ACE means exclusive access to internships, continued mentoring and job opportunities, just to mention a few. Here are a few ways to stay connected:

- REGISTER AS AN ACE ALUMNI**  
Register as an ACE Alumni to receive information about these opportunities straight to your inbox! Sign in to your former ACE student account and register here: <https://app.acementor.org/login>
  - Invitations to industry networking events
  - Connection with other ACE alumni (locally and nationally)
  - Opportunities to provide mentorship to current ACE students
- UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**  
Keep your profile in the ACE Database up to date to ensure your mentors, your classmates and ACE knows how to find you. Quick tip: Be sure to update your email address to a permanent email address (instead of a high school email) that you will check often!
- JOIN OUR SOCIAL NETWORKS**  
Follow us on social media! We are active on the following platforms as @acementor: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram & YouTube! Tag ACE and you could be featured! #acementor #acementorprogram
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNSHIPS + SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Explore and utilize the ACE network as a career resource for your job search! In addition, various affiliates offer Alumni scholarships and additional support for your post-secondary endeavors. Stay in the loop to access all opportunities.
- TAP INTO A NATIONWIDE NETWORK**  
Did you know that ACE is a nationwide program? With over 74 affiliates across the country, stay connected and tap into a network of professionals within the design and construction industry!
- KEEP ACE ON YOUR RESUME**  
The ACE Mentor Program is recognized by many of the top companies within the design and construction industry. In fact, the supporting companies of the ACE program are looking for ACE alumni to bring into the ranks. Make sure you highlight your participation.
- SAY HELLO!**  
We love to hear from our alumni! Always feel free to contact ACE and your mentors to let us know how you are doing! We are always looking to showcase and share the stories of our alumni - you can be next!

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## ACE EXPANDS ENGINEERING WORKFORCE

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## ACE CONTRIBUTES TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WORKFORCE

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\$4,546,510

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\$5,802,926

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GROSS RECEIPTS

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\$190,663

ASSETS

\$348,477





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# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION



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## NATIONAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMPETITION

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The CIRT National Design & Construction Competition maintained, coordinated, and judged by Construction Industry Round Table is intended for ACE Mentor Affiliate team entries.

### THEME FOR THE PROGRAM:

Celebrating the innovations and contributions the design/construction community makes to the quality of American life, while understanding the issues and challenges the industry faces to deliver on this legacy.





# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## 2021 CHALLENGES

### Homeless Shelter:

Create a functional, modern, welcoming homeless shelter that addresses the various needs of its occupants (health, safety, treatment, nourishment, etc.)

### Manufacturing Center:

Plan, develop, and create a local site/hub to attract manufacturing/supply chain resources to meet the needs of the United States.

### Retrofit a School:

Reimage, retrofit, or otherwise redesign and construct entire or portions of a school to meet the health, safety, and social needs in our current and/or post pandemic communities.





# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## DESIGN ASPECTS/CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS

The following design/construction aspects will be evaluation criteria, and should be explained where appropriate:

- Site selection and its context (built and/or natural) – before and after
- Constructability (structural challenges, materials, schedules, textures, colors, etc.)
- Strategy for sustainability (resulting from design and construction decisions)
- Surrounding landscape/external spaces, etc.
- Life and activities, in and around the building, including the qualities of enclosed spaces showing furniture, fittings and finishes (where needed or appropriate to the design competition selected).





# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## TESTIMONIALS

*...I also learned how much energy it takes to be a successful presenter, and it gave me a good head start. I think the main thing I carried away from ACE is how to present confidently and how to treat the schematic phase of a design.*

**RILWAN KUJENYA – GREATER NYC**

*The competition was an incredible experience which has shaped me as a designer, presenter, and thinker. ...One of the greatest things the CIRT-ACE competition afforded me was confidence in myself and real-world experience in selling a concept.*

**JOEY BAHNSEN – CENTRAL IOWA, National Champion**







**A:** There was interest in choosing to do the pavilion in the beginning because with the pavilion there was so much room to expand on different social issues such as LGBTQ+ and racism, which were issues that everyone was interested in facing. The pavilion was also noted to be a great installation that the public could interact with. Texture, color, form, shape and pattern were all ways in which we could develop content towards the issues we wanted to bring to the forefront. The main argument opposing the gastronomic center was that it seemed like just another supermarket or restaurant and not something that could really help bring a community together.

However, after much debate, our group realized that a gastronomic center could be so much more than just food service. This type of center could foster community connections and bonding through food and inspire sustainable strategies behind the way we produce and consume food. Especially since Chicago has so many people of different backgrounds and different stories, the ability to create cultural exchange in such a segregated city, which was appealing to everyone. Furthermore, we thought the idea could be very versatile because of its potential to touch on many different things (sustainability, cultural exchange, food history/development, community spaces, non-urban agricultural methods). A gastronomic center is also not a very common project that is typically developed in cities and in fact, no one could think of a built example of one in Chicago.

**B:** Our design process started with the site. We wanted to promote sustainability through reusing or remodeling an already existing building and celebrating its historical significance. We ended up choosing an old bank building on the intersection of North Ave and W Pulaski. The bank was originally designed neoclassical style with its large white iron columns and stone facade. Behind the now abandoned bank building is a vacant lot with an empty gridded shed. We realized the open lot provided room for expansion and offered more possibilities for what our gastronomic center could become. We then started thinking hard about how the building had been previously used. Next, the group thought about how the existing building could be translated into a new concept: the bank vault became a seed vault. Development of a space for food exchange is similar to money exchange, from existing structure led to a modern interpretation for the new program. The program was also expanded to fit community needs by incorporating new amenities such as a greenhouse, garden and community eating area. Lastly, we did some site research by looking at the transportation, retail, residential and food availability in the area. Sun path and general orientations of the building were considered as well as a huge part of our sustainable plan-filled structure.

## SITE ANALYSIS



**C:** Our project involved construction challenges that required critical thinking and innovation. These challenges included the following: a) located between the existing bank and the proposed new building, consideration of neighbors to the west, and a busy road with foot traffic and bus stops to the south. We addressed these challenges thoroughly. The alley will be closed during construction phases 1 & 2. As a trade off the project will restore this alley to a brand new condition by project's end. The facade of the building will be preserved and enhanced, with additions being made to the South and East faces and new brick being applied to the North alley face. In order to keep the neighbors' operations uninterrupted crates will be kept away from adjacent building at the North lot and deliveries will be received in this lot as well. These measures will limit obstructions and annoyances the neighbors are exposed too while leaving them a far more pleasant product at project's end.

Budgetary: every room/area/program is beneficial to public (no wasted space), provides food and education back to consumer. Keep height of building consistent and reasonable to maintain a sensible cost and maintain cohesion with neighboring buildings. The addition adds more net rentable area.

Timeline issues and other Construction Challenges: By building south to north we ran out of space. Resolved by moving first office into unused portion of finished building in order to complete landscape areas. Chose to complete renovation of administrative portions of existing building first to allow for functionality to be utilized. This granted functions such as marketing, program directors, and maintenance employees the ability to get started prior to the building being in full operation and open to public.

**D:** We, as a group, wanted to preserve the history for the site and provide important amenities that would help the rest of the neighborhood thrive as a collective unit. We worked to reuse and reinterpret the existing structure of the bank, by adding important spaces to the community such as: cooking classrooms, volunteer spaces, lecture halls, broadcasting rooms, and collaboration spaces for established and aspiring cooks around the world. This is encompassed within the existing three floors of the original bank building with the exception of the top floor where the roof was removed and expanded.

Moving through the bank building, we come into a community gathering space with markets and eating areas. As people eat, they enjoy a magnificent view of a water cascade facilitated by a conical glass roof overhead inspired by the Singapore airport. Continuing on the community space leads to an interactive garden, in addition to food education, service, and sale, we also explored the idea of producing the food we consume on site. Most of the food sold in the markets is grown in the garden. Through the help of the volunteers, people help cultivate crops they can eat and also pack food for nearby soup kitchens.

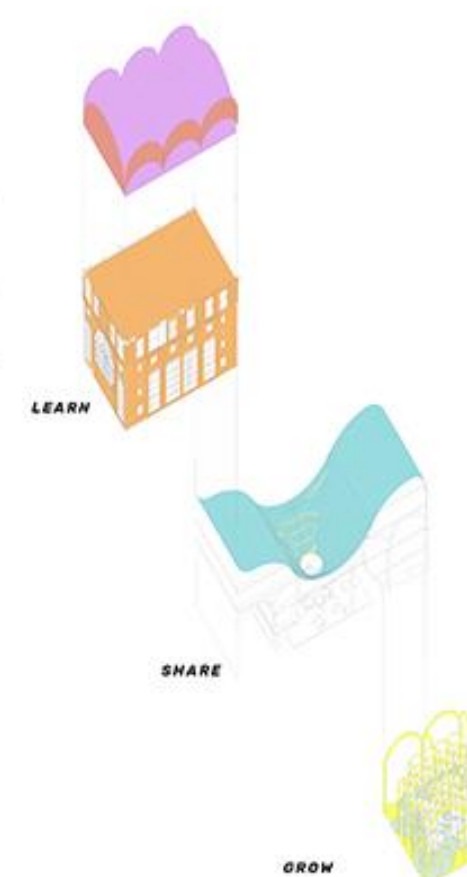
In the basement of the old building, we explored the practice of aquaponics and seed vaults. Lastly, a lot of glass is incorporated into the material of the building to maximize sunlight and minimize the need for artificial lighting.

Fresh water is a limited natural resource and buildings use it for a number of applications including drinking, mechanical processes, and landscaping. Some uses, for example, wastewater in our urinals and water closets, do not require potable fresh water to function. Our rainwater collection system provides the water these applications need, and in doing so, reduces the need for domestic water in our building.

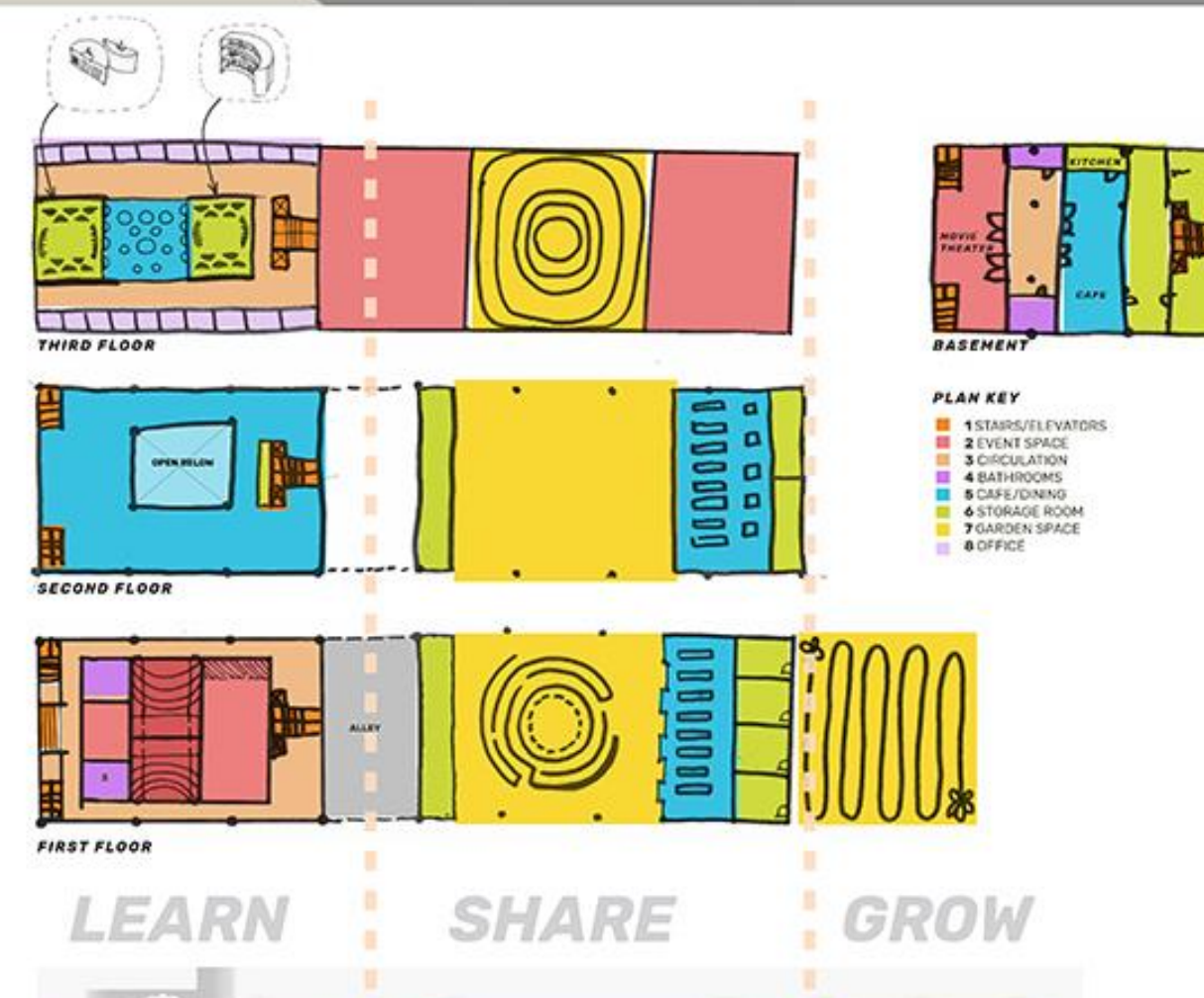
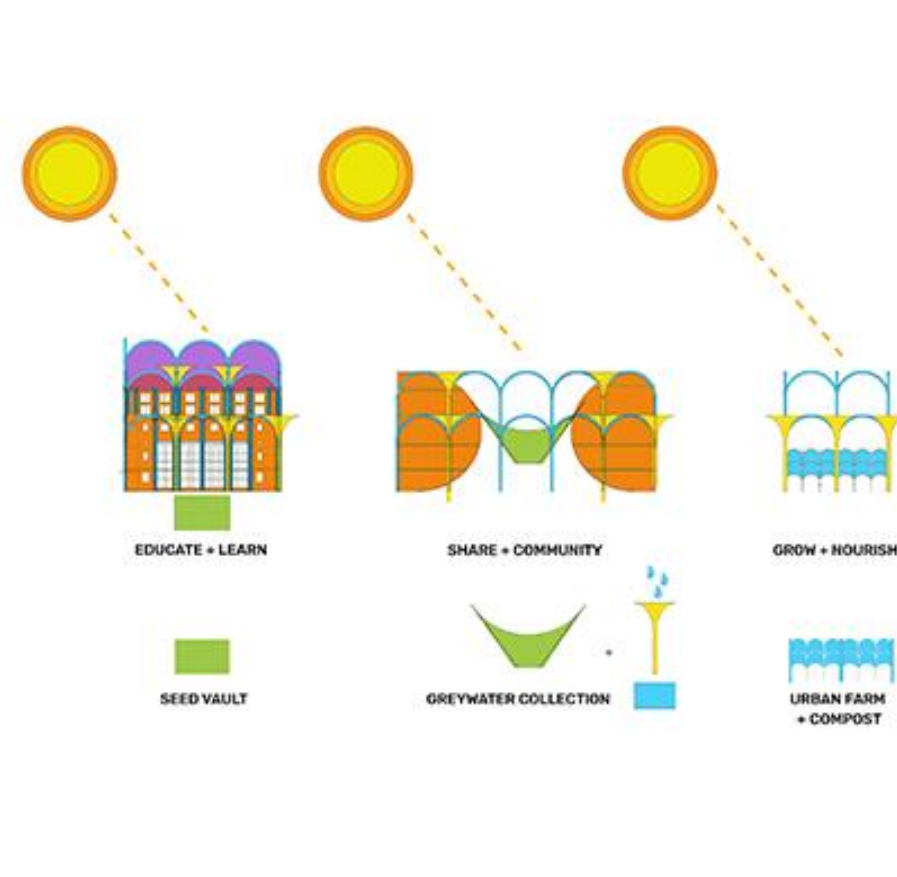
**E:** We learned how to think about an idea, put it into words, and convey it to our peers. We assigned project roles based on our skills and interests, and resolved disagreements through compromise between groups. We demonstrated the importance of communicating between different topics and disciplines. Communication was key for the structural team because the structure takes up physical space that can conflict with both the architecture and mechanical teams, and this had to be coordinated ahead of time to allow for the optimal solution. We learned about the process of design and the importance of processes in general. Mindfully sequencing these processes is critical to the efficiency of the design. Patience is key to working with other pieces of the puzzle as we developed the design concurrently. We learned about perspective in drawings, and we learned how to render in Lumion. We learned presentation skills and how to be comfortable sharing our ideas out loud.

This experience has provided us with the unique opportunity to get some insight into the construction management industry. Through the creation of cost estimates and phase planning we learned more about organization and problem solving strategies to issues that are commonly faced in the career path. Through the submission of 10s we also learned more about the importance of strong communication and collaboration on large scale projects like the ones our mentors likely work on at the time. We also learned to use a variety of different computer programs such as Bluebeam which we can later use in other areas of our academic lives.

## FORMAL ANALYSIS



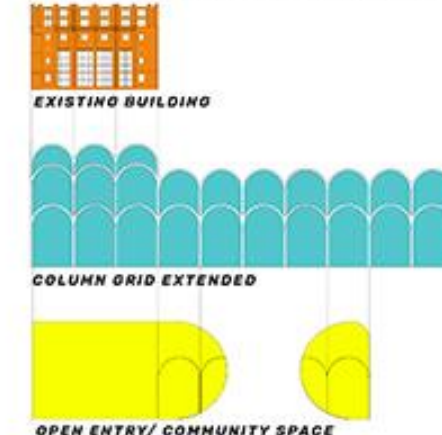
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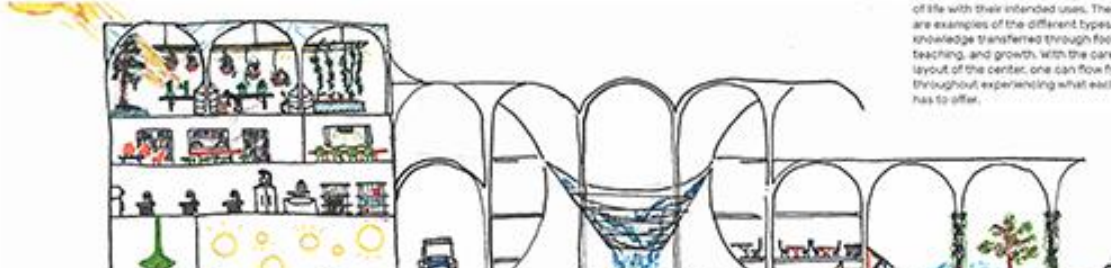
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- 1 STAIRS/ELEVATORS
- 2 EVENT SPACE
- 3 CIRCULATION
- 4 BATHROOMS
- 5 CAFE/DINING
- 6 STORAGE ROOM
- 7 GARDEN SPACE
- 8 OFFICE

## HISTORIC RENOVATION



## SECTION



This section illustrates the spaces full of life with their intended uses. There are examples of the different types of knowledge transferred through food, teaching, and growth, with the careful layout of the center, one can flow freely throughout experiencing what each part has to offer.



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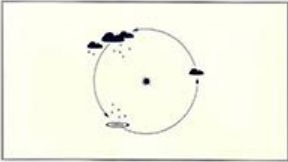


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## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Water is life: it is the most critical natural element and is necessary to sustain the life of all living things. Water is also a powerful and unpredictable force of nature having the ability to impact our environment without any warning. As such, we must pay close attention to Water Resource Management in our communities, neighborhoods and cities alike.

Being based in New York City, ACE Team 30 decided to address the Water Resource Management and Preservation issues impacting us locally. First, we analyzed global water resource management issues to understand the full breadth of the problem. Next, we applied this information to NYC and the surrounding areas to see what specific issues we could improve upon here.



## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### LOWER MANHATTAN

For most of New York's 400 year history, the City only existed below Chambers Street. New York's rich history began in Lower Manhattan and many of its historical monuments still exist today: Ellis Island, Bowling Green Park, City Hall (the oldest city hall in the country), the Woolworth Building, New York Stock Exchange and Trinity Church, just to name a few. This area of NYC, known as Lower Manhattan or Downtown Manhattan, has evolved into the epicenter of finance, government and world commerce.

Today, this one square mile area of Lower Manhattan continues to flourish - see below for some statistics on the area:

#### BUSINESS

- 300,000 public & private sector employees, making up some 70% of the area workforce
- Private sector employment at highest level since 2001
- 90 million square feet of office space, including buildings such as 1 World Trade Center



- ENTERTAINMENT & RESIDENTIAL
  - Nearly 600 bars and restaurants
  - Approximately 700 stores & storefront services
  - 337 existing residential buildings with 17 under development
  - 65,000 increase in residents in 2019



#### VISITORS AND TOURISM

- 14.6 million annual tourists
- 7700 hotel rooms and 35 hotels
- 12 new hotels under construction planned to open in the 2020's



- EDUCATION
  - 27 K-12 public & private schools
  - Total K-12 enrollment: 14,000
  - 18 institutions of higher learning with total enrollment of 54,000



## HISTORIC FLOODING

New York City has experienced many extreme storm events in the past century. Of the most extreme, most have occurred within the past 30 years - amongst them, Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Sandy. These events have caused severe flooding, property damage and loss of life.



In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit NYC and caused a major amount of devastation - \$19 billion in damages, 250,000 people without power, 17% of total landmass flooded and 83 deaths. Power loss and flooding was most severe in low-lying areas of Manhattan, specifically Lower Manhattan below 14th Street, as seen in the New York Magazine Cover Photo on the right. It took almost two weeks to fully restore power and return utilities to full operation. Storm surge also reached a record high in the Lower Manhattan area, reaching levels of about 14 feet high in New York Harbor.



## DESIGN ELEMENTS

### FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE SOLUTION

After identifying the three main water management issues, the team set out to design a flood and sea level rise resistant structure. Considerations for both a seawall and a berm were analyzed. These two very different structures would both protect Manhattan, but would have much different visual impacts to the well-established coast of Manhattan.

#### SEAWALL

Seawalls have been used in many coastal cities and towns around the US to protect land from storm surge. The seawall would be a vertical structure, built into the sediment and rock of the Hudson and East Rivers.

- provides excellent protection against sea level rise and flooding
- requires less space for construction and lower overall footprint

- integration into existing marine infrastructure, such as tunnels, would be challenging and create gaps in the seawall
- visual impact of a wall around Manhattan would be non-favorable to New Yorkers who value coastal views

The design flood elevation for the 500-year storm (DFE500) was calculated based on the project site's Coastal Tract Data. This tract data dictates the stillwater elevation (E500), which is 12.9 [feet NAVD88] for the project site and accounts for wave run-up (maximum vertical extent of the wave when it hits the berm). The stillwater depth (d500) was calculated using the project site's average grade elevation of 10 [feet NAVD88], as  $d_{500} = E_{500} - \text{Average Grade Elevation}$

$$d_{500} = 12.9 - 10.0 = 2.9 \text{ [feet NAVD88]}$$

Using the formula below, DFE500 was calculated to be +14.5 [feet NAVD88], which was used to determine the berm height by subtracting the grade elevations along the Manhattan coastline from DFE500.

$$\begin{aligned} DFE_{500} [\text{feet NAVD88}] &= E_{500} + 0.55 \times d_{500} \\ DFE_{500} [\text{feet NAVD88}] &= 12.9 + 0.55 \times 2.9 \\ DFE_{500} &= +14.5 [\text{feet NAVD88}] \end{aligned}$$

The team ultimately chose the berm, as it would be easier to integrate into the existing coastline, and marine infrastructure such as tunnels. It would also provide acres worth of new space along the coast of Manhattan, which could serve as community, residential, and commercial

## GLOBAL WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There are a number of water resource management and preservation issues facing us throughout the world. A summary of the most significant issues is below:

- 1. WATER SCARCITY** - with increasing populations and urbanization, clean and potable water sources are diminishing and, in some parts of the world, obsolete. Access to safe, clean drinking water is not available to all. This poses an issue of global health crisis, economic distress, and population displacement.
- 2. CLIMATE CHANGE & SEA LEVEL RISE** - sea level rise is caused by factors associated with global warming: (1) rising global temperatures cause rapid ice sheet melting and (2) seawater expands at higher temperatures. As Earth's climate continues to warm, the effects of climate change are increasingly apparent.
- 3. INCREASING VULNERABILITY TO SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS** - due to climate change, we now experience more severe storm events than in the past, resulting in greater storm surge and intense flooding. Most communities are not equipped to recover quickly from such events, thus increasing vulnerability and potential for damage to existing infrastructure and property.
- 4. WATER POLLUTION** - local and state regulations require municipalities to treat water to meet acceptable water quality standard prior to discharging into local water bodies. In many places, wastewater treatment plant capacities are not sufficient and combined sewer systems must discharge directly into receiving waterbodies prior to treatment.
- 5. AGING INFRASTRUCTURE** - much of the world's water infrastructure was built over 100 years ago - in some places, centuries ago - and has come to the end of its useful life. Pipes and tunnels are leaking, mechanical and electrical equipment is failing and our water infrastructure is suffering because of it. Aging infrastructure results in unreliable systems, loss of water and water quality concerns.

After identifying three major water management and preservation issues to address, Team 30 analyzed how these issues are impacting NYC. This analysis led the team to conclude that Lower Manhattan is highly vulnerable to these three Water Management Issues.

## LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

After analyzing the global water management and preservation issues, the team assessed the water management issues facing NYC. The team decided to address three main water management issues for this project.

### CLIMATE CHANGE & SEA LEVEL RISE

Sea level surrounding NYC is projected to rise rapidly in the next 50-100 years. This issue could displace hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and could also have a major economical impact. In order to protect the City, this issue must be addressed.

### INCREASING VULNERABILITY TO SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

Since NYC is surrounded by water, it is at a high risk of damage and flooding from severe weather events. NYC has experienced many devastating storm events in the past 20 years which have caused major disruptions to City operations and have put the City at risk for public safety and health concerns.

### WATER POLLUTION

About 60% of New York City is on a combined sewer system which means both stormwater runoff and sewage are carried through a single pipe. During heavy rain events, sewers are inundated with higher flows than normal. Since treatment plants do not have the capacity to handle these high flows, the combined water is discharged into nearby waterways - these events are called Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). CSOs have a negative effect on water quality in NYC's waterways, which are recreational bodies and habitats to thousands of species.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS MAPPING

Lower Manhattan is zoned primarily as residential and commercial districts, with smaller areas of industrial and park land along the waterfront. Industrial areas are highly concentrated along the west side near existing piers. Residential areas and parkland are concentrated along the east side in the Lower East Side and East Village neighborhoods. Many NYC housing complexes are located in these two neighborhoods, as seen indicated in yellow on the map. As discussed previously, Lower Manhattan is also a heavy business district - as such, the large majority of the area is zoned as commercial.

There is a vast public transportation network in Lower Manhattan. The area has 13 of the 27 total MTA subway lines, 30 MTA bus routes and 17 commuter ferry lines leading to outer boroughs and New Jersey. In addition, there are three major bridges to Brooklyn - the Brooklyn Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge and Manhattan Bridge - and two tunnels to Brooklyn and New Jersey, respectively - the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and the Holland Tunnel.

Knowing that Lower Manhattan is a major business area and also a public transit hub with many connections both inside and outside the city, it was important for the Team to take this into consideration when developing their design elements.



## COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (CSOs)

NYC has approximately 700 CSOs along its waterfront which discharge to open waters during wet weather events. Due to limited capacity at the City's 14 wastewater treatment plants and more frequent and severe wet weather events in recent years, CSOs have been discharging an average of 20 billion gallons of combined sewer overflows into New York City waterways annually. CSOs have a negative effect on water quality by introducing bacteria and decreasing oxygen concentration in waterways. They pose a hazard to ecosystems, an increase in algae growth, and lead to increases in carbon dioxide and methane production in tidal wetlands.

The City has implemented a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) to help reduce the number of CSOs and thus improve water quality throughout the City. The plan has recommended increasing storage capacity via tunnels and/or tanks in order to capture overflows in lieu of immediately discharging to waterways.

Although Lower Manhattan was not considered in the LTCP for CSO management, there are still a significant number of outfalls in this area.

The map on the right shows the CSO outfalls and drainage areas in Lower Manhattan. There are approximately 38 outfalls on the east and west sides of Manhattan below 14th Street. This area also covers approximately 2.2 square miles of drainage area with two pumping stations which convey flows to Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in North Brooklyn.

### COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS

After choosing a berm as the sea level rise and flooding resisting structure, the team sought to identify the CSO mitigation plan. Two types of infrastructure were analyzed, a CSO tunnel and a CSO tank. Both provide the same benefit to an overloaded combined sewer system, but are constructed very differently.

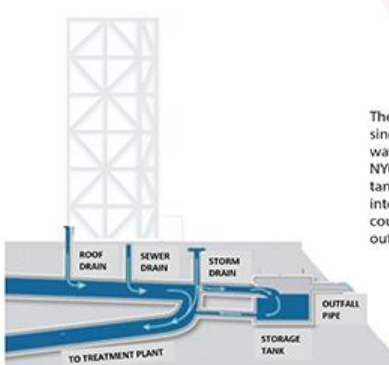
#### TUNNEL

CSO tunnels are underground tunnels which hold stormwater overflow during rain events. The tunnel would be constructed utilizing a tunnel boring machine, and would connect to the existing CSO outfalls by gravity.

- less disruptive construction, as tunnel boring machines would construct tunnel in bedrock
- requires less space for construction and smaller overall footprint

- higher capital cost due to underground tunneling
- coordination with existing infrastructure (road tunnels, subway infrastructure, building foundations) would be necessary and critical to success of tunnel
- would be independent of the berm structure

The diagram to the right demonstrates a CSO tank storage system. Combined sewer flows travel towards the CSO outfall during wet weather, but are diverted to the storage tank before discharging. Flow that cannot be sent directly to the treatment plant is stored in the tank until the wet weather event is over.



The team wanted to create single structure solution to the water management issues in NYC. The team decided on CSO tanks, which would become an integral part of the structure and could easily connect to existing outfalls.

# the belt

## FINAL CONCEPT

*the belt* is a sea level rise-resisting, water quality maintaining, asset securing structure, which will preserve Manhattan with the protection it needs from the force that is water. *the belt* will hold Manhattan together throughout the effects of climate change in the city, while also providing over 30 acres of new coastal greenspace and potential commercial/residential area to be developed by the city. *the belt* will be an innovative solution to the water management issues that exist in New York City.



### CSO STORAGE

Calculating the CSO storage would require the team to understand the hydrology in lower Manhattan, along with existing and projected rainfall data.

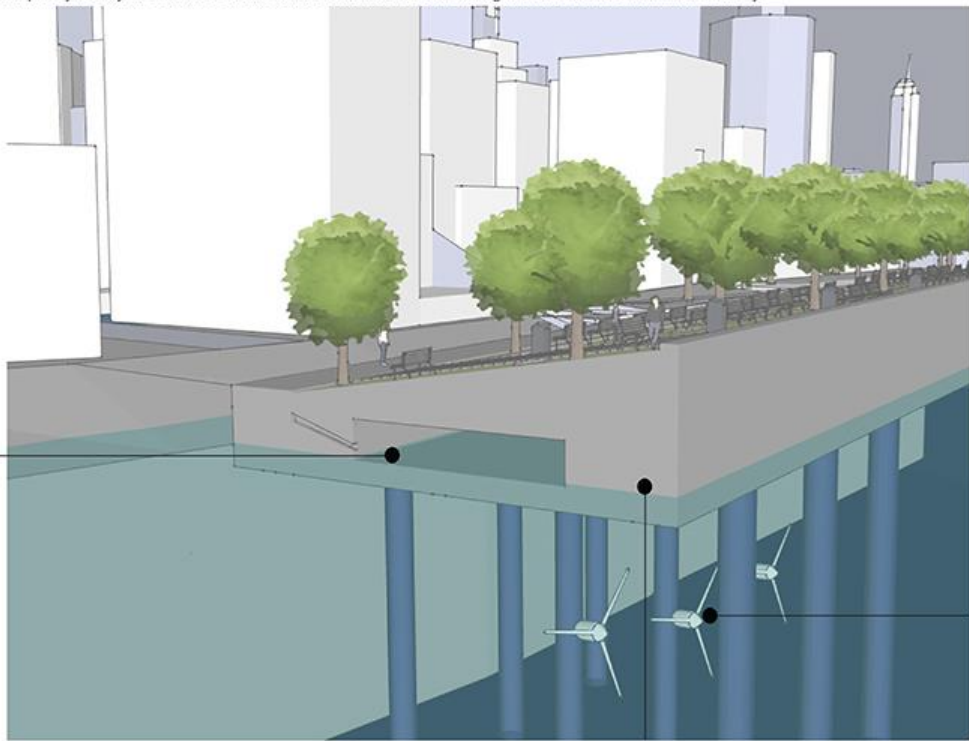
**-IDF CURVES:** The team utilized NYSWRA IDF (intensity-duration-frequency) curves to analyze 24-hour storm events for 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 year storm return periods, utilizing Manhattan rain gauge data.

**-DRAINAGE AREAS:** The team then utilized Manhattan ESRI drainage area maps (below) and existing outfall locations to determine the stormwater quantities that would fall on our project site during a 24-hour rain event for the 2.5, 5, 25, 50, and 100-year storms. Value engineering lead the team to plan for a 50-year storm, which would result in a 9-inch per 24-hour rainfall event.

**-TANK SIZE:** The team calculated the total storage required for a 50-year storm, separating the east and west drainage areas. Four tanks along each coast will store over 70 million gallons of water per rain event, providing massive alleviation on the existing system.

**-CONNECTION TO EXISTING OUTFALL:** The 8 new CSO tanks would be connected via pipes to the existing CSO outfalls.

**-POST-STORM TREATMENT:** After the storm event, the retained water would be fed back into the sewer system, and then conveyed to the wastewater treatment plant. The plant would treat the water to effluent standards and discharge to either the Hudson or East Rivers. Retaining storm event water and not overflowing outfalls could save NY rivers, and provide clean recreational water for long-term use.



## SEA LEVEL RISE AND HISTORIC FLOODING PROTECTION

*the belt* would create a perimeter around NYC, impacting existing structures such as ferry stations, loading piers, and marinas. These facilities would be relocated off the outer edge of *the belt* in order to maintain functionality.



*the belt* will span the coast of Manhattan from 14th street on the West-side to 14-street on the East-side. During Superstorm Sandy, all of Manhattan below 14th street was left flooded and without power. We've decided to protect the most vulnerable part of Manhattan within *the belt*.

To create the footprint of the belt, we measured existing elevations at the coast line, which varied from EL +6 to EL +10. We then used the DFE of EL +14.5' and an average slope of 4%, to find the length of the belt. Below are length dimensions:

Point ID	Location	Elevation (NAVD 88 feet)	delta (DFE-Elevation)	Berm Length (feet)
1	14th Street-West Side	10	4.5	112.5
2	10th Street-West Side	8	6.5	162.5
3	Pier 25	5	9.5	237.5
4	Brookfield Place	0	14.5	362.5
5	Battery Gardens	7	7.5	187.5
6	Brooklyn Bridge	9	5.5	137.5
7	Manhattan Bridge	7	7.5	187.5
8	Williamsburg Bridge	9	5.5	137.5

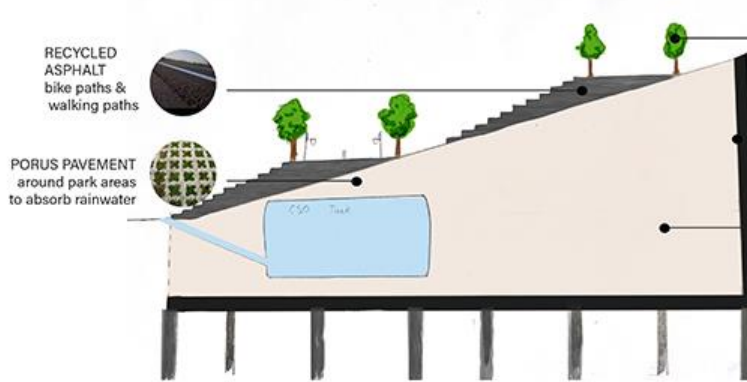
*the belt* would also utilize a permeable barrier, which would be constructed between the deck and the existing coast line, this barrier would create a waterproof seal around Manhattan, preventing any water from infiltrating into the city.

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### SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS

In order to lessen the belt's environmental impact, the project will use locally sourced and sustainable materials.



- NYC NATIVE TREES to adapt to climate conditions
- RECYCLED WOOD benches, park areas
- RECYCLED CONCRETE decking, piers



### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Construction of *the belt* would impact impact water bodies which serve as a recreational space for New Yorkers and habitats for other species. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared during the planning phase of the project. An EIS would analyze the impact of the project to all life (both humans, marine life, bird life, etc.) which would be impacted by the construction of *the belt*. The major state and federal agencies shown on the right would be coordinated with, along with local environmental conservation groups to ensure that habitats are protected for all species in the Hudson River, East River and surrounding land.



### SECURITY

*the belt* will be connected to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection wastewater treatment system, which is considered critical infrastructure. Water stored in the CSO tanks would be treated and discharged to the Hudson and East Rivers. Limiting access to only NYC Department of Environmental Protection personnel and other personnel will protect the tanks and the water treatment system from any contamination or security threats. Authorized personnel will access the tanks for maintenance through locked manholes, hatches, or other means. These security measures are in place to mitigate CSO discharge in the rivers and protect recreational users, waterways, and ecosystems.

## SCHEDULE AND CONSTRUCTABILITY

*the belt* cost will be constructed in a 5-phase approach. Each segment is estimated to take 3 years to construct. Phases 1 through 5 will all have the same construction work breakdown schedule.

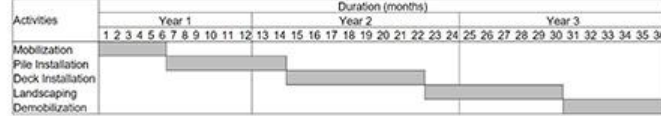
Phase 1 staging area will utilize existing abandoned piers on the west side. After construction of Phase 1, Phases 2 through 5 will mobilize the finished area from the previous segment as staging area. The piles, pile caps and grade beams will all be built using barges, and the concrete deck will also be constructed via barge, using a concrete plant stationed on the Hudson or East Rivers.

Each phase will be constructed and completed for use by the public while the other segments are being constructed.

Construction duration is estimated to be 15 years. Below is a typical construction schedule for a single phase.



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## COST ESTIMATE

*the belt* cost estimate was developed using quantities and unit costs. The cost suggests an approximate value of \$12.7B net including soft costs, such as land acquisition, permitting and environmental impact mitigation measures. The costs include labor, materials and equipment. The units that are represented are the average height and width of the belt.

Item	Quantity	Units	Cost/Unit (\$)	Total Cost (\$)
<b>belt structure</b>				
Pile (36-inch diameter drill shaft, 100 ft depth)	18,594	units		
Total turbines (15-ft diameter)	2,324	units		
Concrete pile caps and beams (8ft by 2.5ft)	1,859,400	VLF	500	929,700,000
Concrete Deck 1ft thick	258,189	CY	5,000	1,290,945,000
Concrete Retaining Wall (8ft by 1ft)	469,333	CY	3,000	1,407,999,000
Berm/Backfill (average 200ft by 8ft)	18,773	CY	2,500	46,932,500
CSO Tank 150 by 800 by 40 (average size)	8	EA	25,000,000	200,000,000
<b>belt landscaping/development</b>				
Total New Land Area Created	300	ACRES		
Landscaping/Recreational Area	90	ACRES	2,000,000	180,000,000
Private Re Development	90	ACRES	250,000	22,500,000
Bike Paths and Circulation	30	ACRES	2,500,000	75,000,000
Public Facilities	90	ACRES	5,555,556	500,000,000
Marine Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (2.5% of structure & landscaping)	1	LS	122,000,000	122,000,000
<b>Sub-Total Direct Cost</b>				<b>4,962,809,800</b>
Contingency			30%	<b>1,488,842,940</b>
Contractor Overhead & Profit			15%	<b>967,747,911</b>
<b>Bonds &amp; Insurances</b>				<b>21,348,013</b>
Escalation (5 year design, 15 year construction)			4.25% per Year	<b>516,940,085</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>				<b>12,732,728,749</b>
Cost/Square Foot (total cost/berm area)	1,056,000	SF		12,057

## FUNDING SOURCES

*the belt* is estimated to cost a \$12.7 billion. The team understands that this is a lot for one entity to take on, and so the belt will have to be built via the financial support of many groups. Because the belt will provide NYC with 30 new acres of land for residential, commercial, and recreational use, and also incorporates critical water infrastructure, we expect agencies such as United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Housing, NYC Department of Transportation, and private developers to provide funding. All of these groups would benefit from the building of the belt.

Grant programs within the Environmental Facilities Corporation, such as Green Innovation Grant Program and the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, as well as the Clear Water State Revolving Fund, the USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Program, and non-profit foundations such as the Jonsson Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and Ford Foundation could all support the construction of the belt.

## LESSONS LEARNED

The RFP challenged us to learn about a topic that was unfamiliar to most of the team. Water management and preservation is not something we think about often, however, water management systems are working all around us, 24/7, to provide clean drinking water, treat wastewater, protect us from natural disasters and, overall, keep the public safe. Throughout the project, Team 30 learned about the water infrastructure in NYC and how we could improve water management locally in order to develop our final concept: *the belt*.

## Construction Industry Round Table

## CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE CENTER



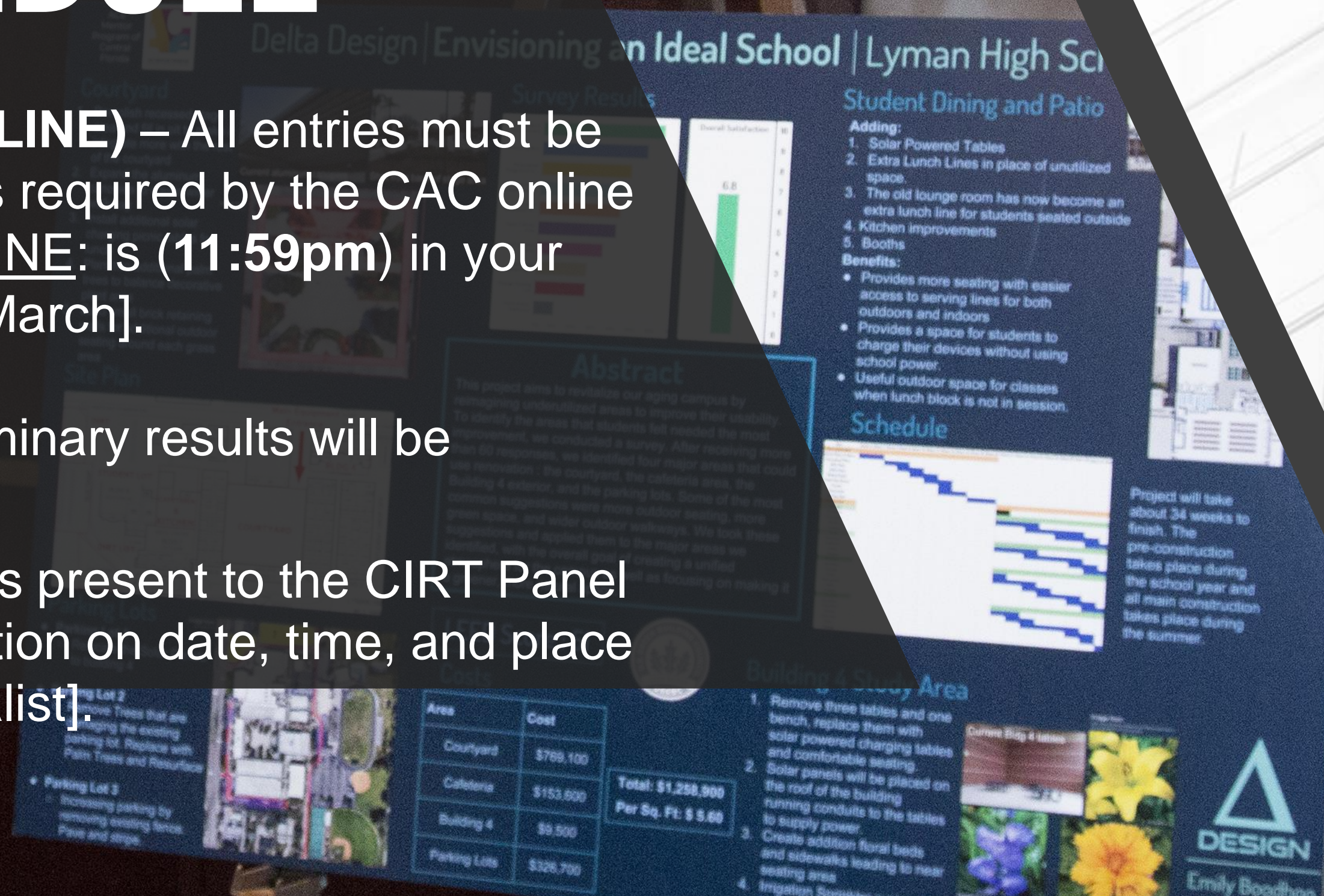




# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## CIRT SCHEDULE

- **MARCH 17, 2021 (DEADLINE)** – All entries must be OFFICIALLY submitted as required by the CAC online platform process [DEADLINE: is (11:59pm) in your time zone on the 17th of March].
- **MARCH 29, 2021** – Preliminary results will be announced.
- **APRIL 26, 2021** – Finalists present to the CIRT Panel of Judges. [Exact information on date, time, and place will be provided to the finalist].





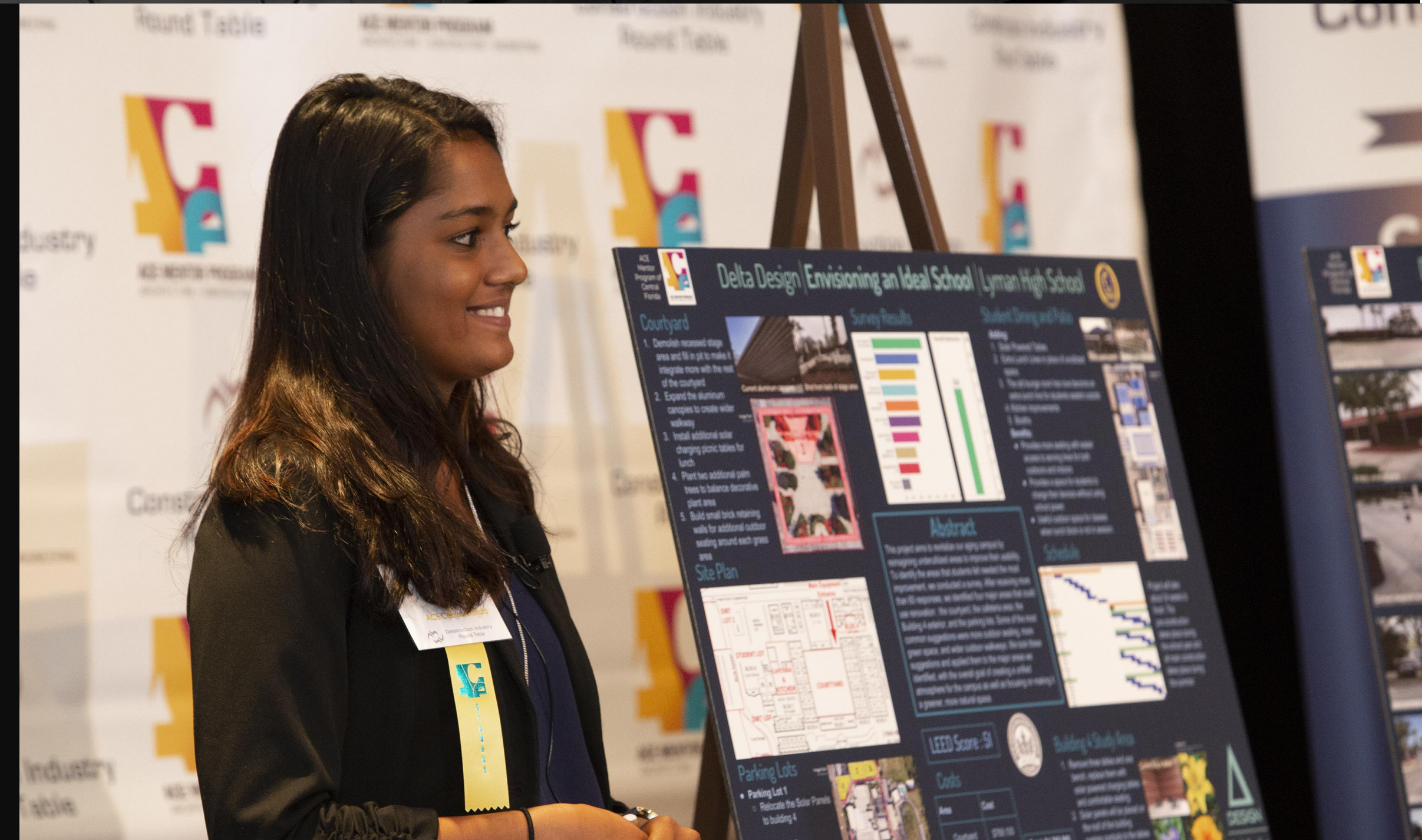


# CIRT NATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION

## CIRT LOGISTICS

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- Digital platform in collaboration with the Chicago Architecture Center (CAC) to conduct the process.
  - **All materials must be submitted to the platform with an official entry to be judged.**
  - A jury will select the top three in each category. One finalist and 2 runner ups in each category.
  - The three finalist teams will move onto the final “presentation” round in Washington D.C. or (virtually) to determine the National Champion
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# CIRT Competition Best Practices

## ACE of Central Iowa

- Competing in CIRT comp since 2013
  - Presented in D.C. (4) times
  - First place nationally (3) times

## Our Affiliate

- (6) Teams
  - (5) complete 16-week local RFP
  - (1) team submits to CIRT
- All teams meet once-weekly for (90) minutes after school; November - March







# CIRT Competition Best Practices

## The Competition Team

- We intentionally keep it small
  - 10-12 students; 4-5 mentors
- Application Required
  - Students must have been in ACE for at least 1 year
  - 3 short-answer / essay questions
- Every student learns every piece of the project; exposure to all trades
- Students work together to select which of the CIRT prompts they want to pursue







# CIRT Competition Best Practices

## Strategy

- Meet in an office / firm conference space
- Project Selection, Precedents, Design
  - CIRT prompt and Concept Statement
  - Call in the Experts
  - Students are subject matter experts
  - SketchUp Sessions
  - Milestone Schedule and Deadlines
    - 16 Sessions +/-
    - By week 13 or so we are wrapping up design
- Storytelling; Craft your message
  - Name the project, brand it, storyboard ideas and process















# CIRT Competition Best Practices

## Practice, practice, practice!

- We continue to meet after our local end-of-year presentation
- Practice presenting
  - Parents, professors, other mentors, local development groups, etc.
  - Opportunity to clarify and hone the message
  - Get used to answering tough questions; anticipate questions; how to answer questions when you don't have the answer







# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The **CMiC – Allen Berg Memorial Scholarships** are multi-year awards aimed at talented, deserving ACE high school seniors intending to pursue post-secondary education and training leading to careers in architecture, engineering, construction or the skilled crafts.

## 2019

- 25 Total Students
- \$10k-\$40k

## 2020

- 23 Total Students
- \$10k-\$40k
- 3 Alternative Paths





# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## ELIGIBILITY

### AFFILIATE (must be deemed in compliance by Dec 1, 2020)

1. Completed the 2020 program report
2. Filed a current list of its board members
3. Submitted current year-end financial statements, including a balance sheet and profit and loss statement
4. Submit documentation proving that the affiliate has filed a current Form 990 or 990-N tax report with the IRS.
5. Questions about eligibility should be directed to an affiliate's ACE Regional Director

### STUDENT

1. Senior in second year of participation with ACE
2. Be active participants in ACE.
3. Committed to a career in the design and construction industry
4. Demonstrate financial need.
5. Students should have strong academic records







# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The 2021 scholarship program will have two separate tracks:

- **COLLEGE BOUND**
- **ALTERNATIVE PATH**  
Skilled crafts and trade school

Affiliates have the option of nominating a student for either or both tracks, but they may nominate only one student per track.







# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 22, 2020** – Webinar for affiliate leaders about the 2021 scholarship program

**DECEMBER 9** – Nominations open. Affiliates may start submitting name(s) of nominee(s).

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020** – Deadline for students to submit applications

**WEEK OF APRIL 6** – Results announced







# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS



- Initial round of application reviews –  
Primarily on applicants' merit, and less on financial need.
- Final round -  
Considers both merit and financial need.
- Depending on the quality of nominations, the Executive Committee has sole discretion to award all or none of the scholarships available in a given year.
- The staff has no input on selection of winners and amounts.





# CMiC ALLEN BERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## SUGGESTIONS FOR A WINNING APPLICATION



### 1. COMPLETE APPLICATION

### 2. STRONG AFFILIATE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- Go into detail on the student's participation in ACE
- Do not repeat what is on the student's application and essay
- Explain why the student is a good choice (strong details)
- If possible, explain the student's financial need

### 3. FAFSA

- Make sure information is correct
- Make clear if a student filed and got a zero vs a student that did not file

### 4. NEED

- Have student go into detail on how they will pay for college.
- Explain any family or life challenges
- Give details on need
- More details better

### 5. ESSAY

- Use essay to tell the committee why they should be selected



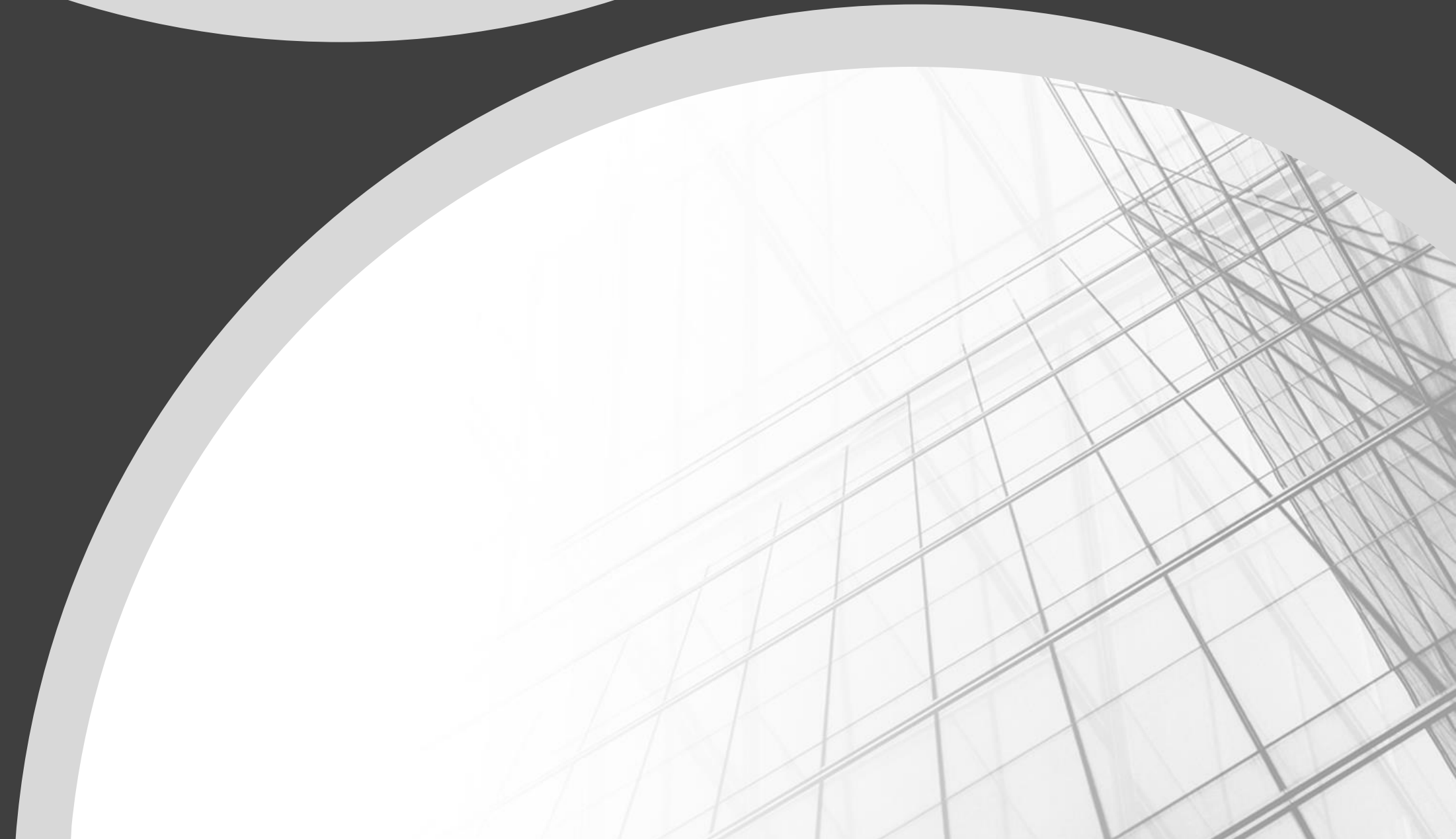


# OUTSTANDING MENTORS

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Volunteer mentors make it possible for all of us to achieve the mission of the ACE Mentor Program. We are grateful for each and every volunteer who gives their time and energy to our students.

There are so many fantastic mentors across the country — we want to hear their stories and recognize them. In 2020, ACE will honor up to five (5) Outstanding Mentors, nominated by affiliate leaders and selected by a panel of last years winners.







# 2020 OUTSTANDING MENTORS



**AMANDA SHADE, CEM**  
Los Angeles, CA  
Senior Project Manager, ACCO  
Engineered Systems



**DANIEL BLAISE, PMP, LEED AP**  
Washington, DC  
Senior Project Manager, Smoot Construction



**HOLLY SNOW, LEED Green Associate**  
Portland, OR  
Estimating Manager, JE Dunn Construction



**KATE DUNFEE, AIA, RID**  
Fort Worth, TX  
Project Architect, Huckabee



**JEFFREY MESSINGER, PE, LEED AP BD+C**  
New York, NY  
Vice President, STV Group



**ALEX BUSCHER, EIT**  
Houston, TX  
Senior Project Engineer, DPR Construction





# OUTSTANDING MENTORS

## ELIGIBILITY

1. Be classified as “active” in the ACE database;
2. Have successfully completed a background check; and
3. Have mentored for a minimum of three years, including the current year, (2020-2021).







# OUTSTANDING MENTORS

## NOMINATION PROCESS

An affiliate may nominate only one mentor based on criteria it establishes. The chair or other senior affiliate leader must submit the nomination on behalf of the affiliate. Self-nominations are not allowed.

In addition to the information requested on the nomination form, an affiliate may submit a maximum of two examples (total 20 pages) reflecting the range of a mentor's contributions (e.g., an activity for a mentoring session). In addition, affiliates have the option of including one letter from a nominee's current or former student.

## SCHEDULE

- 1st week in January – Packet and nomination link emailed to affiliates
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week in March – Nominations due
- 4<sup>th</sup> week in March – Final scores due
- 1<sup>st</sup> week in April – Notify winners





# OUTSTANDING MENTORS

## JUDGING

Nominations will be evaluated and ranked on the following basis:



### **ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES DEMONSTRATING WHY NOMINEE DESERVES AWARD (12 points)**

- 4 - Inspires other mentors and students to reach beyond themselves and achieve goals such as applying to college.
- 6 - Creates one or more individual activities. Helps recruit students.
- 8 - Recipient of any affiliate award(s). Leads and/or significantly contributes to creation of an entire curriculum for affiliate.
- 10 - In addition to mentoring, creates or organizes special activities such as a trades day.
- 12 - Assists other teams or even affiliates.



### **IMPACT ON STUDENTS (10 points)**

- 4 - Create new team or recruit new school to participate in program.
- 6 - Leads or serves on CIRT competition team. Develops close relationships in one or more students and persuades them to pursue an A-E-C career.
- 8 - Helps students find internships or other industry-related activities outside ACE.
- 10 - Keeps in touch with ACE alumni and advises them about their college students and perhaps even helps them find employment in the industry.



### **IMPACT ON OTHER MENTORS AND AFFILIATE (8 points)**

- 4 - Helps recruit new mentors.
- 6 - Serves as Team Leader. Assists or leads mentor training. Creates special program for affiliates such as a mentor social. Serves on one or more affiliate committees such as fundraising.
- 8 - Serves on affiliate board or junior board.





# OUTSTANDING MENTORS

## RECOGNITION GIVEN

Mentors chosen as the 2021 Outstanding Mentors will receive several forms of recognition.

- A scholarship named after them and awarded to a worthy student selected by the mentor's affiliate.
- Outstanding Mentors will be publicized on the ACE website and in ACE's 2021 Yearbook published as part of Engineering News-Record. In addition, ACE will notify the employers of Outstanding Mentors to ensure that they receive acknowledgement for their achievements.
- Affiliates should take this opportunity to also







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