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On behalf of the ACE Mentor Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Board of Directors, thank you for being here and welcome to our 3rd Annual ACE Mentor Spotlight Awards. Your presence here and your support of ACE are greatly appreciated.

ACE Los Angeles is run almost exclusively by volunteers - so the money we raise goes directly back to the students, mostly in the form of scholarships to our high school seniors and to our former students who are in college and continuing to pursue A/C/E careers.

With this tremendous volunteer effort, we have many to thank. Thus tonight's event celebrates our award honorees - a few of our very special volunteers and organizations who have been long-time dedicated supporters. Please read about them in the following pages and join us in recognizing their contributions to ACE and to our students.

Given this large volunteer effort, there are many others to thank as well. Our mentors, team leaders and faculty advisors are the cornerstone of our program. Their dedication to our students and their generous donation of time is our most valuable asset. We cannot thank them enough. In addition, we have a very active Board of Directors, all of whom provide support and hands-on involvement in our operations.

And finally, special thanks to all of our donors and table sponsors who make this event and the students' scholarships possible. Last year, with the help of our industry sponsors, we were able to award $90,000 in scholarships - 40 to local high school seniors and 50 to former students of our program who are now in college and continuing to pursue A/C/E fields – and we hope to increase that number each year!

Tonight's event benefits our students. They are our inspiration –and they are our future. They are also a joy to work with. They are enthusiastic about learning what the Architecture/ Construction/ Engineering industry is all about - and we do our best to give them as much information as possible to assist them in their career decisions.

To all of the professionals here tonight, we hope that you enjoy the students' presentation. We also hope that you have an opportunity to interact with some of the students and to share with them some of your experiences in your career and in our industry.

Again – welcome & have a wonderful evening.

Lori Guidry
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ABOUT ACE MENTOR

These students are our future.

The ACE Mentor Program of America is a national organization founded in 1994 and stands for Architecture, Construction and Engineering. In Los Angeles, ACE's mission is to expose, educate, and motivate high school students toward architecture, engineering, construction, and related construction trades. We engage industry professionals to volunteer as mentors and to expose students to real-world opportunities. In addition, we financially support each student's continued success through scholarships and grants.

ACE is now the construction industry's fastest-growing high school mentoring program, reaching over 8,000 students annually across the nation, and since 1994 ACE Mentor Program of America has awarded over $14 million in scholarships to promising participants throughout the U.S.

An education that goes well beyond textbooks - by working with real professionals in real work environments, ACE students receive an invaluable hands-on education. They learn to understand the day-to-day workings of a business by living it and experiencing it - not merely reading about it.

ACE Mentor Los Angeles started in 2002 with 3 schools and a small group of professionals who volunteered to be mentors. Through the efforts of these very dedicated volunteers, board members, and our founder Terry Dooley, ACE LA has now grown to 15 mentor teams from 30 Los Angeles Schools and 5 teams in Orange County. The Los Angeles group has also assisted startup of new affiliates in San Diego and most recently in the Inland Empire. Last year, we awarded $90,000 in scholarships - 40 to local high school seniors and 50 to former students of our program who are now in college and continuing to pursue A/C/E fields.

This event makes these scholarships possible - and on behalf of our students, we thank you for your attendance and your support. These students are our future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:30 PM REGISTRATION/RECEPTION/SILENT AUCTION

6:25 PM SILENT AUCTION ENDS

6:30 PM WELCOME
Eric Van Aukee
ACE Board Director & 2014 Spotlight Awards Committee Chair

6:35 PM GUEST SPEAKER
Arthur T. Leahy, LA Metro CEO

6:45 PM STUDENT TEAM INTRODUCTION
Lori Guidry, ACE Board Chairman

6:50 PM PASADENA TEAM STUDENT PRESENTATIONS
Mentor Team Leaders
Kent Kaewwaen
Ryan Sandstrom
Donald Barker

Students
Cheyenne Capener
Angelina Barsoumian
Anthony Cayetano

7:05 PM SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Jay Higgins
ACE Board Vice Chairman

7:10 PM ACE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS PRESENTATION
Lori Guidry, ACE Board Chairman
Jay Higgins, ACE Board Vice Chairman

7:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS
Lori Guidry
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RECEPTION CONTINUES UNTIL 8:30PM

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Centennial High School, Compton
Michael Wiggins, O&M Technologies, Chris DeHaven, McCarthy, Brad Fowers, Taylor Arch, Paul Martinez, Taylor Arch, Henry Hernandez, CSULB, Maria Mohammed, Structural Focus, Michael Seaworth, ACCO

Downtown LA Combined Team, Los Angeles
Maria Estrada, Swinerton Builders, Andrea Stalker, Steinberg Architects, Laura Basualdo, Degenkolb Engineers

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Greg McCool, Degenkolb Engineers

Franklin High School, Los Angeles
Darrell Fernandez, Parsons Corporation, Amanda Shade, ACCO

Glendale High School, Glendale
Dan Leveque, Hathaway Dinwiddie, Kristina Martinez, Hathaway Dinwiddie

Green Dot Public Schools – Locke College Prep Academy, Los Angeles
Jeff Anglada, RNL Design, Will Todd, RNL Design

Jefferson High School, Los Angeles
Jonathan Breen, Gensler, Greg Kromhout, Gensler, Lauren Mishkind, Gensler, Eric Mergen, Hensel Phelps, Jordan Quentin, Hensel Phelps

John Marshall High School, Los Angeles
Thai Nguyen, PCL Construction, Jake Martinez, RTKL Architects

Lennox Academy, Lennox
Ricardo Zendejas, Clark Construction Group, Lee Ishida, Thornton Tomasetti

Long Beach Jordan High School, Long Beach
Vernon Southerland, Turner Construction, Jose Rodriguez, Turner Construction

Pasadena Team, Pasadena
Allen Escobedo, KPFF, Kent Kaewwaen, KPFF, Ryan Sandstrom, KPFF, Don Barker, Architect

Santa Monica/ West LA Combined Team
Christi Fu, ARCADIS U.S., Inc., Bernice Ngo, DLR Group

Susan Miller Dorsey High School, Los Angeles
Noah Boro, Turner Construction, Nataka White, ARUP

ORANGE COUNTY

Century High School, Santa Ana
Tom Nusbickel, Architect

Costa Mesa High School, Costa Mesa
Christopher Tindall, McParlane & Associates, Inc.

Hector Godinez High School, Santa Ana
Michael Gonzales, Turner Construction, Andy Kim, Turner Construction

Segerstrom High School, Santa Ana
Robert Smith, Jacobs Global Buildings, Steven Lopez, Jacobs Global Buildings

Valley High School, Santa Ana
Alex Montoya, Turner Construction

GUEST SPEAKER

Arthur T. Leahy, LA Metro CEO

Arthur T. Leahy is CEO of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Metro is the third largest public transportation agency in the United States with an annual budget of $4.2 Billion and more than 9,000 employees with an operating fleet of over 2200 buses and 5 rail lines with annual rider ship exceeding 400 million boardings.

Leahy is heading one of the nation's largest public works programs through Measure R that will, literally, change the urban landscape and shape the future of Los Angeles for generations to come.

He began his career 40 years ago as a bus operator. Having worked through the ranks, he rose to lead 3 major transportation agencies. He was recently recognized by his peers in Metro Magazine –a trade publication as being one of the country's most influential leaders in the transit industry.

Leahy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from California State University, Los Angeles (CSLA) in 1974 and a master's degree in public administration from USC.

Leahy grew up in Highland Park, CA and attended Franklin High School in Los Angeles.

"... I remember being in my junior year in high school and being so excited every Thursday to be in real firms, talking with architects and other mentors, and feeling that for one day each week I got to be a part of the community that I hoped would become a part of my life...I cannot help but look back at the first firm I ever visited, I was with ACE and all I remember is walking in and feeling at home. I feel that ACE made an incredible contribution to my life by giving me that sense that I belong. ACE gave me the opportunity to discover and affirm that architecture is what I want to do and I want to say thank you for putting me further on this track."

Meghan Grimes
Now attending Syracuse University for Architecture

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Perkins+Will is an interdisciplinary, research-based architecture and design firm established in 1935 and founded on the belief that design has the power to transform lives and enhance communities. Perkins+Will is ranked as one of the top global design firms and is recognized as one of the industry's preeminent sustainable design firms due to its innovative research, design tools, and expertise. We create spaces in which clients and their communities work, heal, live, and learn. Social responsibility is a fundamental aspect of Perkins+Will's culture and every year the company donates 1% of its design services to pro bono initiatives. We are regularly involved in ACE Programs across the country and have participated for over a decade.

We are located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. As mentors for the downtown LA combined team, our ACE team mentor local high school student participants. Perkins+Will's ACE mentors love teaching basic principles of design, supporting hands on design exercises, ambitious design projects and always have a lot of fun in the process. We aim to impress the values of confidence, effective communication, curiosity, and creativity in the hopes that we inspire participants to embark on a professional path with a more informed perspective. Perkins+Will is thrilled to inspire participants to follow in our footsteps and join the dynamic professions of Architecture, engineering and construction. Through mentorship, the youth participants give gifts back to ACE mentors that is beyond measure….enthusiasm, a fresh perspective and energy.

CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Hathaway Dinwiddie

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Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company has been a vital supporter of the ACE Mentor Program in Los Angeles from the beginning of the program here in 2002. It has been THE cornerstone of our financial structure, managing dependably all banking and financial record-keeping. Steve Smith and Emelita Montana have produced clear, timely and understandable financial reports that have told us how we have been doing and helped us to plan for where we might go in the future. With help from an outside accountant, they have produced the annual reports that we as a not-for-profit corporation file annually with the Internal Revenue Service and with the State of California.

Hathaway Dinwiddie is a century old general contractor, with origins in Portland, Oregon followed by a century of accomplishment in San Francisco. Landmarks there include the Russ Building, Grace Cathedral and the Transamerica Pyramid. Since opening a Los Angeles office 50 years ago, highlights of their work include the Getty Center in Brentwood, California Plaza and the Omni Hotel on Bunker Hill, and the just-finishing Cedars Sinai Advanced Health Systems Pavilion.

In the mentoring ranks recently, company employees have included Tom Rafferty as a co-leader of the ACE mentoring team at Fairfax High School and Kristina Martinez as a mentor at Marshall Fundamental High School in Pasadena. Kristina met ACE as a student at the same school, attended UCLA, and then was hired by Hathaway Dinwiddie. She and Dan Leveque are mentoring now with our ACE team at Glendale High School.

ENGINEERING FIRM OF THE YEAR

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John A. Martin & Associates (JAMA) was one of the first firms in Southern California to volunteer for ACE Mentoring in 2002. JAMA has engaged mentors at all levels, including senior partners, project managers and project engineers. Recently they added Building Information Modeling (BIM) operators and marketing/business development staff.

Since the beginning, JAMA has been a mentoring partner at John Marshall High School in Los Angeles. Also, JAMA engineers and BIM drafters now are mentoring at the Applied Technology Center in Montebello. Shane Fitzgerald spearheads the firm's mentoring efforts. The firm currently has twelve active mentors.

John A. Martin & Associates is an internationally recognized structural engineering firm headquartered in Los Angeles. The firm operates from eight affiliated offices in the western United States and China, with about 400 employees worldwide. Its engineers have designed over 12,000 buildings in southern California over the past 60 years. Among the best known are L. A. Live, Staples Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall and the recently completed Tom Bradley International Terminal Addition at LAX.

During his years with John A. Martin & Associates, Chuck Whitaker served the ACE program as a Mentor, Director, and Chairman of the ACE Board. He hosted numerous events at JAMA offices and construction sites.

MENTOR AWARDS

ANABEL MARTINEZ
Bell High School

Anabel Martinez has been involved in the ACE Mentor Program since 2004. She led our team at Santa Monica High School and then helped to expand that team to include Palisades High and University High School, where she is a graduate. Anabel took the initiative this year to start new ACE team at Bell High School in southeast Los Angeles.

She was the first in her family to go to college and has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Woodbury University. She practiced architecture with DLR group in Santa Monica for seven years, where early on she worked on the design and construction of a new primary school in the city of Bell. She is now a project manager at KTGY Group, architects in Santa Monica.

RICARDO ZENDEJAS
Lennox Academy

Ricardo Zendejas leads our ACE Mentor team at Lennox Academy, and also is a member of the ACE Los Angeles Education Committee. This is his 11th year in the ACE Program here. He began as one of our students at Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights, and accepted an early ACE scholarship. He progressed through two college degrees, interning with ACE firms along the way.

His degrees include a Bachelors in Civil/Structural Engineering from UCLA and a Masters in Design/ Construction Integration from Stanford. Ricardo joined Clark Construction following graduation and now is a Project Engineer on the Hall of Justice modernization project in the downtown Civic Center. Ricardo touched all the bases over a decade, truly one of our "Home Runs".

GREG MCCOOL
Fairfax High School

Greg McCool co-founded and presently leads our ACE team at Fairfax High School, Los Angeles. Previously, he mentored on the Los Angeles Downtown Team, with students from several schools in the West Third Street area around Belmont High. Field trips to construction sites have been highlights of student activities, and have included trips to both Cedar Sinai Medical Center and L. A. Live.

Greg was born and raised in Minnesota, and attended both the University of Notre Dame and the University of Texas at Austin. He currently is a Design Engineer for Degenkolb Engineers, Los Angeles. His greatest satisfaction comes from seeing his students succeed in college programs after high school graduation.

FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

ADRIANA HUEZO
Segerstrom High School

Adriana Huezo helped to establish the ACE Program at Segerstrom High School in Santa Ana in 2005. She nurtured the program as it served approximately 150 students there during the years since. Many of those students became the first in their families to attend college, as Adriana was herself.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California Irvine, and a Master's Degree from Azusa Pacific University. Adriana was instrumental in establishing the first Higher Education Center at Century High School in 2002, and took that initiative with her when she transferred to Segerstrom High School at its opening in 2005. She is now the Higher Education Coordinator at Segerstrom.

JOHN LEE
John Marshall High School

John Lee has taught at John Marshall High School for 16 years and has been advising the ACE Mentor team there for half that time. He enjoys the interaction among the mentors and students, and gets satisfaction from watching then progress toward careers beyond high school. ACE helps them to make personal connections with inspiring role models in the design and construction professions.

John grew up in central Los Angeles. He graduated from Daniel Murphy High School and then from the University of California Santa Barbara with a degree in chemistry. His personal time now is occupied largely with his wife and three children, driving them and coaching their teams. He is active in the Sunday School Program at his church.

KEVIN NAGAISHI
John Marshall High School

Kevin Nagaishi has taught science at John Marshall High School for 19 years and served as a Faculty Advisor to the ACE program beginning in 2005. He has especially enjoyed field trips to the PCL Construction offices, to L. A. Live offices and construction sites, and to the All-Schools Day competitions at SCI-Arc.

Kevin grew up in Monterey Park, and earned a degree in biochemistry from the University of California at San Diego. He enjoys seeing his students move ahead into careers in the ACE professions. A particular joy is Thai Nguyen, who was Kevin's student while in high school at John Marshall, then left for college, and now is back at Marshall as leader of the ACE mentoring team.

ALL SCHOOLS DAY

"Now that I am in third year, I have clear knowledge of how buildings come together... I also keep in touch with my ACE high school mentor Mario Zamora, who has helped in severla ways such as academic advising & software counseling"

Roberto Oceguera
Alum: Indio High School; Now 3rd year Architecture at Woodbury University

ACE GOLF CLASSIC

ACE Mentor Los Angeles wishes to express tremendous appreciation to Morrow Meadows Corporation, and especially to Karen Price, Brian Kirby and Mark Freedman, for hosting our annual Golf Tournament which raised $100,000 this year for our students.

On September 9th, 2013, 41 foursomes comprised of 164 players gathered in support of ACE at South Hills Country Club in West Covina. It was a fantastic event that allowed our friends and industry partners to "give back" and support our students while enjoying a fun day of golf and networking at this terrific venue.

- Three Hole-in-One Luxury Car prizes
- A wealth of raffle and gift prizes
- Wonderful food, drinks and venue
- Continental Breakfast
- Barbeque Lunch
- Dinner and Networking

SAVE THE DATE - THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 8th, 2014

Additional thanks to all who participated and to the committee members who made the event a great success:

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Morrow Meadows

A special welcome to our third annual ACE Spotlight Awards. Please join us in recognizing this evening's awardees and thanking the generous sponsors and donors for their contribution to the ACE Mentor Program–Los Angeles and Orange County.

The ACE Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the sponsorships, contributions and in- kind services donated to make this Annual ACE Spotlight Awards a successful fundraising event. The amount raised for scholarships and programs will make a tremendous difference in helping high school students who are inspired to pursue careers in the design and construction professions to follow their dreams and achieve their goals to be a part of our dynamic industry.

This evening we also recognize the exemplary contributions of the firms and individuals who invest in the future of our professions. Without their ongoing commitment to the mission of the ACE Mentor Program, our reach into challenged neighborhood schools would not be possible. They are the ones who make this program great.

A special thank you goes to the members of the 2014 ACE Spotlight Awards Event Committee for their tireless devotion to planning and executing an event that continues to be a valuable activity for the community and worthy of your support and of the ACE Mentor Program mission.

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NBC4 Universal
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NMN Construction
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Parsons Corporation
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Saiful-Bouquet Engineers
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Southern Calif Development Forum
Southern Calif Institute of Architecture
Steinberg Architects
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Structural Focus
Swinerton Builders
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TRADES DAY

Message from Matt Barnard, S.E. of Degenkolb Engineers and Chair of the Trades Day Committee:

Over the past eight years, ACE has been proud to offer an annual Trades Day to highlight the rich and rewarding career opportunities within the construction trades to our students. For the 2013/2014 program, ACE expanded our efforts to include a record three Trades Days. Without the wonderful support of our volunteers and supporting firms and organizations, we could not bring these special events to life. To those who have made this possible, thank you on behalf of a grateful Affiliate and our hundreds of students who have been treated to an experience that they will always remember.

WE WISH TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS, AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 20TH EVENT:

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MOST RECENT TRADES DAY:

February 15th, 2014
Electrical Training Institute, Commerce Training Center
With thanks to *Jane Templin, Dave Nott, Brett Moss*

NEXT TRADES DAY:

March 1st, 2014
Associated Builders and Contractors, Anaheim Training Center
With thanks to *Douglas Sawyer, Sue McNiel*

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