



## **ACEC NY member firms continue to support next generation of engineers**

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As part of an ongoing focus on nurturing and supporting the next generation of engineers, each year since 2011, ACEC New York has provided a high school student participating in the ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York with a \$3,000 legacy scholarship to be used towards pursuing a degree in engineering. Winners in previous years have included Mohammad Zaryab in 2011; Emily Farella in 2012; Samantha Magnes in 2013; and Kembra Hall in 2014.

This year, the scholarship was awarded to Wade Lewis, a senior at Our Saviour Lutheran School in the Bronx. Lewis is a member of the ACE Mentor Team 19, which is managed by member firm AECOM. He plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering in the coming year. "I thought carefully of my interests," wrote Wade in his application essay. "The first was my love for mathematics; the second was my joy for creating new things. Those attributes led me to wanting to become an engineer."

ACE Mentor is a not-for-profit organization that helps prepare high school students for careers in design and construction through mentoring by industry professionals. The program was founded in New York City in 1995 by leading architects, contractors, engineers and owners. It has grown to more than 8,000 students and 2,500 mentors in 200 cities and 40 states.

ACE Mentor of Greater New York is currently celebrating its 20th Anniversary. "These young people represent the next generation of our industry," said Milo Rivero Ph.D., P.E., CCM, current chairman of ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York, as well as president and CEO of STV Group, Inc. and vice chairman of the ACEC New York board of directors. "They are the ones on whom we will depend to shape the way we travel, the space we work and play in, and the sustainability of our environment - and we've helped make that possible."

For more info on the 20th anniversary of ACE Mentor of Greater New York, including how to volunteer as a mentor/participate as a student and donate to this cause, visit [www.acementorny.org](http://www.acementorny.org). Applications will open in late August

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