



## **ACEC New York continues to support ACE Mentor Program**

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Albany, NY Each year since 2011, the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (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. This donation is part of an ongoing initiative to support the built environment and a/e/c industry by encouraging and fostering the next generation of engineers. Hannah O'Grady, ACEC New York senior vice president, serves on the executive committee of ACE Mentor of Greater New York, and Jay Simson, ACEC New York president & CEO, is a member of the board of directors for ACE Mentor of Upstate New York.

This year, the scholarship was awarded to Robert Lee III, a senior at Urban Assembly School of Design and Construction at the time, who is currently studying Civil Engineering at Syracuse University.

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. ACE Mentor has chapters across the nation, including five in New York State, serving the New York Metro, Hudson Valley, Rochester, Upstate, and Western regions. Since its inception, the program has served over 10,000 students in New York Metro area. Currently 79% of student participants come from minority and underserved backgrounds, and 75% enter a college program in design and construction.

Many ACEC New York member firms participate in the program, including one of the firms represented on the scholarship winner's Team 17: M-E Engineers.

Many past ACE Mentor student participants who are pursuing a college degree in engineering apply for an ACEC New York scholarship. In 2019, five of the 21 ACEC New York scholarship recipients participated in the ACE Mentor program: Caitlin Stanton, (electrical/computer engineering), Cornell University; Aidan Smolar, (mechanical engineering), Cooper Union; Denise Claire Calungsod, (engineering technology), NYC College of Technology; Michevi Dufflart, (civil engineering), Manhattan College; and GinaMarie Napoli, (civil engineering), Manhattan College.

ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York is currently recruiting engineers and architects as mentors. For more information, including how to volunteer as a mentor or participate as a student, visit [acementorny.org](http://acementorny.org) or contact [GreaterNY@acementor.org](mailto:GreaterNY@acementor.org).

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of nearly 300 firms representing every discipline of

engineering related to the built environment—civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, geotechnical—and affiliated companies. Their shared goals are to further the business interests of their membership, enhance the quality and safety of the environment they live and work in, and help ensure the vitality of their communities.

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