

ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) is a national program in over 80 cities across the country. It is a unique partnership among industry professionals who work together to introduce young people to their professions. Organized into teams, Mentors adopt a group of high school students for the school year.

Mentors help students develop a building project based on the various disciplines of ACE. Students create floor plans, elevations, structural framing plans, site plans, and 3D renderings for the design projects. Final projects are presented at an end-of-year banquet attended by local Professionals, Mentors, Parents, School Administrators and Faculty.

When ACE was kicked off in York in 2005, Wohlsen was one of the original companies to start and sponsor the program. We are still actively involved in the Central Pennsylvania Affiliate, which is now comprised of York, Lancaster, Dauphin, and Cumberland County Programs. Our ever-expanding territory shows how much ACE has grown locally over the years.

The key to making the ACE Mentor Program work is Mentors. Jon Grey, a Senior Estimator in our Lancaster Office, has been involved as a Mentor and on the Central Pennsylvania Board for six years. He commented:



“The bidding exercise I do involves negotiating deals and bid advantages. I am always amazed at how savvy some students are at this level. If you have ever wanted to be a coach, this is a great opportunity for you to be one. There is work involved, but watching a student accomplishing a task is very rewarding.”



if you are interested in being an ACE Mentor, please contact the Lancaster County Program Chair, Marcie Sorber, at 717-299-2500 ext. 116 or msorber@wohlsen.com. Even if you work or live in another county, we can put you in touch with the appropriate contact person so you can start mentoring as soon as possible.