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A look back at the 2025-2026 Program

- Twenty students received scholarships totaling $27,000
- 30 students presented their final projects in a program held at Anne Arundel Community College
- 60 students participated in the program
- Students participated from three high schools; Old Mill, Severn Run and Severna Park

2026 Spring Presentations

30 students from Old Mill, Severn Run and Severna Park High schools presented their project designs at an event held in the auditorium at Anne Arundel Community College. There were three jurors that provided feedback to the students and to the Scholarship Committee.

The three panelists were:

- **Christine Reynolds, PE**

Principal - Wiss Janney Elstner Associates, Inc.

- **Linda Jackson, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP, NCARB**

Principal - OTJ Architects

- **Maria Viteri, RA, LEED, AP**

Architect – Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

The project that the students worked on was the “Carrs Beach Heritage Complex Park” - part of the future of the Elktonia-Carr’s Beach in Annapolis, Maryland.

2026 Scholarship Awards Winners:

Bhattarai, Aarushi	Old Mill
Bowen, Austin	Severna Park
Chen, Kyle	Old Mill
Cook, William	Old Mill
Cosh, Connor	Severna Park
Devine, Nora	Severna Park
Dickerson, Penelope	Severna Park
Fitzsimmons, Giuliana	Severna Park
Gleason, Cody	Severna Park
Hamilton, Charlee	Old Mill
Kuzkaya, Buket	Severna Park
Lavallee, Samantha	Severna Park
Maksim, Adam	Old Mill
McKenna, Victoria	Severna Park
Miller, Rebecca	Old Mill
Mohammadi, Edris	Old Mill
Orendorff, Kathryn	Severna Park
Saaed, Famya	Old Mill
Spriggs, Jaliya	Severn Run
St. Andrie, Elizabeth	Severna Park

2026 Winning Designs

Severn Run High School
Teacher: Christian Libdan

- Jaliyah Spriggs
- Karlyanna Beverly
- Keyly Ramos
- Rex Hairsine
- Somiya Partlow



2026 Winning Designs

Old Mill High School
Teacher: Matt Marlowe

- Rebecca Miller
- Famya Saeed
- Aarushi Bhattarai
- Madison Conley



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Severna Park High School
Teacher: Geoff Bernstein

- Connor Cosh
- Austin Bowen
- Kathryn Orendorff
- Buket Kuzkaya

Trades Day was a huge success!



Trades Day Photos!







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A Look Ahead at Program Year 2026-2027

- This fall ACE began the new program year to mentor students in four high schools; Annapolis, Old Mill, Severn Run and Severna Park. There are currently 48 students enrolled.
- An Orientation was held at all four high schools on Oct 7.
- The students were taken on an on-site visit to the site on Oct 21.
- The project for the year is ”240 West Street – Designing What’s Next”
- The project was designed by the ACE Program Committee:
  - Melanie Stern, Chair
  - Benedict Cozzi
  - Chris Crase
  - David Gebhardt
- Sessions began in October and will run for 16 sessions, ending in March. The students will present their final project in April at Anne Arundel Community College.
- There are a total of forty-nine (and growing) students, four teachers, and nineteen mentors participating!

Thank you to our Mentors and Teachers!

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Mike Vesely, MJV Architecture

TEACHERS:

Scott (Geoff) Bernstein – Severna Park
Christian Libdan – Severn Run
Matt Marlowe – Old Mill
Emmalee Teasley – Annapolis

Anne Arundel County Public Schools… our valuable partner.

Thank you to:

- Eileen (Leigh) Catterton, Co-curricular teacher specialist. She has connected us with teachers in Anne Arundel County high schools, arranged for supplies in the classrooms, and arranged transportation for students from all three schools when needed.

ACE Students in College at:

- Anne Arundel Community College
- Auburn University
- Clemson University
- McGill University
- Morgan State University
- North Carolina State University
- Penn State
- Pratt Institute
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Smith College
- Tuskagee University
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland – Baltimore Campus
- University of Pittsburgh
- Virginia Tech



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- Mentor, even if for one or two sessions.
- Attend student presentations and Trades Day.
- Donate snacks for the in-school sessions.
- Participate in hiring our students and alumni for internships.
- Participate in the “Shadow Days” by allowing students to visit your office or job site for a day.
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