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Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Offers Two Scholarships for High School Students

*Two Students in the ACE Eastern PA Mentoring Program will Receive Scholarships to the ABC
Apprenticeship Training Center*

East Norriton, PA – Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) today announced that it is offering two scholarships to area high school students participating in the ACE Eastern PA Mentor Program for its Apprenticeship Training Center in Harleysville, Pa.

The ACE Mentor Program is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to informing and motivating high school students towards careers in architecture, construction, engineering and related fields and to providing mentoring and scholarship opportunities to these students.

“This program has been a tremendous success providing great opportunities for the students to learn about the construction industry and a rewarding experience for the mentors,” said Bob Capps, vice president of business development at ABC SEPA. “We are excited about awarding these scholarships to two of the students and being the first ABC chapter in the country to offer a craft-level scholarship through the ACE Mentor Program.”

The ACE Eastern PA team has been serving the Philadelphia School District for 10 years. In 2008 the first ACE Mentor suburban team was formed with the guidance of [MontcoWorks](#), [American Infrastructure](#) and ABC SEPA. The suburban team meets bi-weekly at ABC SEPA’s headquarters in East Norriton. This year, the Eastern PA program has 12 teams with 190 students from 16 high schools and 90 mentors from area firms. The student teams work together on a project that addresses real-life situations and issues. The students begin with real blueprints of the project. They are taught how to read them, manage the project, create a timetable for completion and even how to budget for supplies.

The scholarships will be awarded at the 9th Annual Scholarship Breakfast on May 5 at The Union League of Philadelphia. ACE Person of the Year and ACE Project Partner of the Year Awards will also be given.

ABC is a national association representing more than 13,000 Merit construction employees in the Greater Philadelphia region. The Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter represents almost 500 member companies in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

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