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**Students from Dallas/Fort Worth Schools Ace End-of-Year Event;
ACE Mentor Teams Present Four Original Design Projects and
Board of Directors Awards \$24,000 in Scholarships**

Dallas, TX, June 13, 2007 – The ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Board of Directors awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to six students from among 13 juniors and 31 seniors from DFW area schools at its annual end of the school year presentation and scholarship event in April, hosted by **ACE Mentoring of DFW**. Four student teams presented their design projects to the ACE Board, mentors and an audience of family and Dallas school officials.

“ACE is a program which can develop minds, create opportunities and change lives for the youth today and the future of our industry,” said Matt Papenfus, vice president and general manager of Turner Construction Company and president of the ACE Board of Directors. Papenfus said, “The mentors learn as much from the mentees as the mentees learn from the mentors. We would encourage more students and industry professionals to become involved.”

Dr. Geoffrey C. Orsak, dean of SMU’s School of Engineering was the keynote speaker for the event and spoke about “The Power of Engineering.” According to Orsak, “The ACE program offers students a very special and close-up view of the creative power of engineering and construction. I was impressed with the quality of work that the student teams produced and the support and commitment from ACE’s generous supporters and volunteers.”

ACE of DFW organized mentors from top-tier Dallas firms into four teams, each having architecture, construction and engineering components that model the relationships among disciplines in real construction projects. Throughout the school year, ACE teams met weekly to explore the industry through hands-on experiments, firm tours and high-rise construction site visits. Each team also chose a single major project that they conceptually designed through drawings and models.

Student projects included a sports-anchored multi-use development centered around the new Dallas Cowboy’s Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Each team designed a separate building within the development, including: a Cowboy’s fan and merchandise shop, a 10-screen movie theater, an 8-story office building, and a bar and grille.

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The six students who received scholarships were:

Ricardo Leon, Bishop Lynch High School
Jesse Montgomery, Wolfe City High School
Genaro Berrones, Skyline High School
Matt Leinart, Bishop Lynch High School
Joe Cannon, Skyline High School
Jose Ramirez, Molina High School

Mentoring and Board member firms are:

Auerbach Albert and Gold, LC, BECK, ccrd partners, Balfour Beatty Construction, Dallas County Community College District, Dallas Independent School District GSR-Andrade, HKS, HOK, Hunton & Williams LLP, Jaster-Quintanilla, Johnson/McKibben Architects, Inc., Lopez Garcia Group, Manhattan Construction Company, McCarthy, Perkins + Will, RTKL Associates, Skanska, Thornton Tomasetti Turner Construction, UT Arlington, Vidaud + Associates, Inc., Walker Engineering and Walter P. Moore.

The ACE Mentor Program introduces high school students to careers in architecture, engineering and construction through mentoring relationships with industry professionals. During the 2006-07 school year, 44 juniors and seniors from participating schools in the Dallas/Fort Worth area were given the opportunity to earn scholarships through the program.

Additional information is available at: www.acementor.org
