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Jacksonville, FL (January 26, 2007) – The ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida recently hosted field trips for children participating in an after school mentoring program for students interested in the professions associated with architecture, construction and engineering.



As part of the newly formed mentoring program, students from A. Philip Randolph and Lee High School participated in the field trips to witness first hand aspects of the design and building industry. The students from Lee High School toured the Gate Precast facility followed by a tour of The Haskell Company. Students from A. Philip Randolph toured the offices of KBJ Architects followed with a jobsite visit under construction at Jacksonville University.

In this initial year, ACE mentors lead programs at both schools that consist of freshmen through seniors. The program started in October 2006 with 25 students at Lee and 37 at A. Philip Randolph. Each school team has selected a project that requires drawing plans and developing a budget that will expose



them to real-life activities such as drawing to scale and estimating project costs. A year-end culminating event will allow teams to present their projects to each other, their teachers, parents and mentors.

ACE is a newly established affiliate of a national organization whose mission is to “enlighten and increase the awareness of high school students to career opportunities in architecture, construction and engineering and related areas of design/construct industry through mentoring; and to provide scholarship opportunities for students.”

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