



Founded in 1994, the ACE name stands for Architecture, Construction and Engineering. The ACE program stands for mentoring high school students and inspiring them to pursue careers in design and construction. It's now the construction industry's fastest-growing high school mentoring program, reaching over 8,000 students annually.

On Tuesday, May 1, Kinsley partnered with the ACE Mentor Program and Habitat for Humanity for a community service event. The mission of ACE is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering and construction through mentoring and to support their continued advancement in the industry. ACE of Central Pennsylvania offers both a "Professional" and "Trades" program for the students.

Kinsley has been participating with ACE for seven years. Our project management and Education Center staff volunteer their time to mentor the ACE participants and Kinsley volunteers its resources, such as meeting space, jobsite tours, and manufacturing facility tours to further provide enrichment to the students.

On this day of service, seven high school students from around the area joined Kinsley Apprentices to volunteer services to help reconstruct a home for Habitat for Humanity. The students and apprentices worked together on projects such as hanging drywall in a York City home that had been almost completely destroyed by a fire. The hands-on experience on an actual job site gives the students a real feeling of working in the construction industry. Corey Stoner, a student at Central High School, is in his first year with ACE. "It feels good to be helping out the community and learning a trade at the same time,"

he says, after a lesson on proper tape measure usage from a Kinsley Apprentice.



Jared Anstine from Dover has been interested in carpentry since he was five years old, and remembers spending time building things with his grandfather. "I've really learned a lot with ACE. Kinsley takes good care of us and it's a great opportunity to see a big company in action. It's an honor to work with these people."



Preston Ortmyer, a Kinsley Project Engineer who started out in the apprenticeship program, enjoyed his day with ACE and the student volunteers. "It was good working with the kids because they all had a passion for construction and were willing to learn." The students interested in construction as a career were encouraged to consider the Kinsley Apprentice Program after graduation. The apprenticeship combines on-site fieldwork guided by a construction professional, with classroom training, provided by experienced instructors. Upon completion of the program, apprentices achieve certified Journeyman status.

The ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. not only engages sponsors and volunteer mentors to expose students to real-world opportunities, it financially supports each student's continued success through scholarships and grants. Since 1994, ACE has awarded over \$12 million in scholarships to promising participants.