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Mentoring program gets involved at Plantation High

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Current Builders, a construction company with offices in Pompano Beach and Naples, is on a mission to encourage high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction and engineering. To accomplish that mission, the company has become heavily involved in the National ACE Mentoring Program.

The South Florida ACE Board has implemented mentoring programs in six local high schools, including Plantation High School, and helped each school to establish construction career academies.

During the program, students are introduced to various design professions and the role that each performs in planning, designing and constructing a project. Students also gain firsthand insight into the design industry by touring project offices and visiting active construction sites.

The mentors meet with students about 15 times during the school year. The students also meet with their school mentors weekly to develop their year-end final presentation – a Request for Proposal.

The students build their proposals from conception to design, including estimating cost. Throughout the year, students will be working on their year-end presentation and competing against each other and other schools for scholarship opportunities.

Current Builders has engaged industry professionals, including university representatives, architects, and LEED certified structural and civil engineers, and plumbing, and electrical contractors, as mentors for the students.

For more information on Ace Mentoring, and to see a list of participating mentors and affiliates, visit www.acementor.org.

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