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CAPtain's Update

ACE Mentor Program Partnership



Westside CAPS is proud to partner with the ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Program. ACE is a 12-week program that includes 77 students from Omaha North, Omaha South, Benson and 15 Westside CAPS members. This program provides mentees with a

unique opportunity to gain professional experience on a real-world project. This year's project is to develop the design for the new addition to Norris Middle School in OPS. The participants will develop the design under the guidance of a mentor team. There are 4 mentors that will work with the CAPS team, Lead Mentor / Architect Mentor: Molly Macklin, Schemmer; Architect Mentor: Audrey Buckley, Alley Poyner; Engineering Mentor: Mike McMeekin, Lamp Rynearson, and Contractor Mentor: Kristopher Montgomery, McCarthy Building Co. Doc Kallstrom will facilitate the partnership for the Westside CAPS participants.

In the Know

Interested in becoming a CAPS Business Partner?

Contact Kathy McGauvran today

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Upcoming Dates

- January 18—ACE Mentor Program Kickoff @ MCC-Fort Omaha Campus, 6-7 PM
- January 19—CAPS Recruitment Fair @ WHS Warrior Walkway
- January 20—CAPS Recruitment Fair @ WHS Warrior Walkway
- January 20—STEM, OWH interview, Oakdale media desk project
- January 23—Club CAPS, 4-5:30 PM
- January 24—Parent Advisory Meetings @ WHS
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- January 25—Parent Advisory Meetings @ WHS

Did you know that Westside students have Dual Enrollment & Certification opportunities at both UNO, MCC & NMC?

Click a link for more information



Attention Please....



Westside CAPS is pleased to announce our new website is live.

Please visit us at

westsidecaps.yourcapsnetwork.org

TUTORING UPDATE:

The CAPS Tutoring Space is now in **Room 223**

Jeff Grinvalds

Tuesday & Thursday 6:45-7:45 AM

Thursday 4-6 PM

Maria Olvera

Monday through Thursday 6:45-8 AM

Friday 7-8 AM

Congrats!!

Congratulations to Reagan on being named one of Wendy's High School Heisman School Winners.

Reagan's commitment to excellence in community service, citizenship, academics, and athletics is truly remarkable. Way to go Reagan!!!

Student Spotlight



"CAPS is cool because it allows me to experience careers that I didn't even know existed, Environmental Engineering, Chemical Engineering, & Transportation Engineering"

**Reagan, Junior
CAPS STEM**

Please visit the new Westside CAPS website!!

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ALL CAPS



CAPS Members from all 4 CAPS' strands participated in a professional development workshop, presented by Julie Lane from Tier Point, on giving & receiving feedback in a professional environment.



Professional Development Workshops led by Industry Professionals provide valuable real-world insight critical to building professional career skills

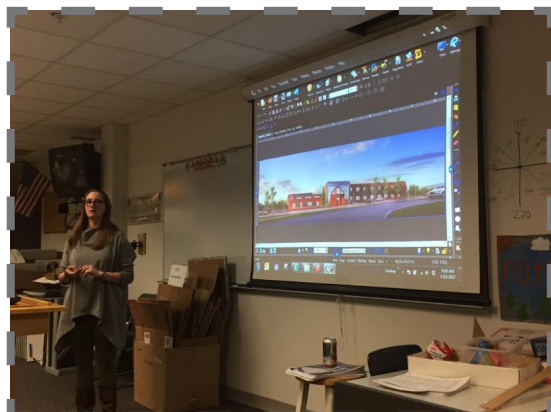
CAPS Breakfast at WHS



[CAPS Breakfast Gallery](#)

STEM

The Oakdale Project is in full swing. Vanessa Schutte, Principal Architect with DLR, along with Joel McWilliams, Project Advocates, are heading the Oakdale Project and the Oakdale Design and Build Competition. Vanessa presented the parameters for the competition to CAPS Members and numerous other WHS students on Tuesday, January 11, 2017



[Oakdale Design & Build Presentation Gallery](#)



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM

ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

Career Directions for Students in Architecture, Construction and Engineering

Press Release

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ACE Mentor Omaha kicks-off inaugural program with event for mentors, students, and parents at MCC

Omaha, NE – Jan. 16, 2017 –ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentor Omaha kicks-off the inaugural program with an introductory event for mentor professionals, students selected for the program and their parents at Metropolitan Community College, Fort Omaha Campus on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, 6 – 7pm.

A total of 77 students from Omaha Public Schools: Omaha South, Omaha North, and Benson High Schools; together with students from Westside Community Schools' CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies) will participate in the 12-week ACE program.

This year, student teams will be developing the design for an addition for OPS's Norris Middle School. Norris is currently being renovated as part of the OPS Bond Program. Mentors will help the students understand the many aspects of design and construction. Mentors will lead students on a tour of Norris and another school currently under construction, to see actual work in progress. Throughout the semester, teams will work to develop a 10 classroom addition, additional parking, reconfigure existing space for administrative offices, and develop a new entry for the school. At the end of the semester, students will present their project designs.

Forty-seven mentor professionals have been trained by ACE Mentor Program in collaboration with Midlands Mentoring Partnership and represent engineers, architects, and contractors from 22 local professional service firms,

“As a graduate of Omaha Public Schools, I am thrilled to be a part of this program. The more real world insight we as professionals can expose the students to, the more opportunities and choices they have to choose a career they are excited and passionate about.” Brittany E. McClure, AIA, Holland Basham Architects.

The agenda for the kick-off event on Jan. 18 will include brief remarks by Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert; a welcome to campus from MCC President, Randy Schmailzl; ACE Mentor Omaha overview provided by ACE Mentor Omaha Board of Directors members, Mike McMeekin, Lamp Rynearson & Associates and Karlus Cozart, Omaha Public Schools Project Director for Economic Inclusion; followed by a mentor/student meet-and-greet where students will learn more about their upcoming ACE Mentor Program experience.

For further information about the national ACE Mentor Program network and services, visit www.acementor.org.