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Through the Lens - ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston hosts networking event

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Shown (from left) are: Charlie Bosworth of David A. Bosworth Co.; Michael Harris of Cranshaw Construction; Brian Lawlor of SMMA; Mike Tecci of Simpson Gumpetz & Heger; Alejandro Miranda and Justin MacEachern both of Boylston Properties.

Boston, MA ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston hosted the 9th annual networking event on May 23, at the Artists for Humanity EpiCenter. ACE is the city's leading, volunteer-based, non-profit mentoring organization for the education and advancement of high school students pursuing careers in the architecture, construction and engineering industries. The spring event serves as the primary fundraising event for the annual scholarship fund of the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, which over its nine years, has awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships.

The 2019 featured remarks from many of the 24 students who received scholarships this year ranging from \$3,000 to \$13,000, as well as a "Mentor of the Year" award ceremony. Food and drinks were served, including beer and wine from sponsors Sam Adams and MS Walker, respectively, a DJ for entertainment, and a silent auction for the guests who support or are affiliated with the ACE Mentor Program.

"It is with great excitement that we have the opportunity to award these 24 talented students with their scholarships," said Nigel Gallaher, former chairman of ACE of Greater Boston. "All of this is possible due to our committed mentors and our ACE volunteers who work tirelessly on top of their full-time jobs to engage our largest group of students in the program, to date. Also, our graduates who have successfully entered careers in the architecture, construction and engineering fields are our best advocates for the program and we can't thank them enough."

ACE of Greater Boston was launched in 2007 and is one of over 70 affiliates under the ACE national umbrella. Through practical, project-based, hands-on explorations, students work collaboratively and creatively to design innovative solutions to real world problems. With professional guidance by esteemed industry mentors who are full-time employees of construction, design and engineering firms, students embark on a five-month design project, through weekly sessions after school, to

develop the professionalism, teamwork, and collaboration that the industry requires. During this time, the students construct a hypothetical project in order to learn about each discipline and take part in activities such as the ABX (Architecture Boston Expo) exhibition hall scavenger hunt, site visits, Revit training and trade day.

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