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## **Trimarco of Winnacunnet High School awarded Denron Plumbing Trade Scholarship**

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Shown are scholarship recipient Ashleigh Trimarco and Denron president Joel Pickering

Hampton, NH The ACE Mentor Program of New Hampshire is an after-school program designed to engage, excite, and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering. The Denron Plumbing and HVAC Trade Scholarship is awarded to one graduating senior who exhibits exceptional engagement in each year's program in addition to submitting a written essay and application. The ACE Mentor Program of New Hampshire said that Winnacunnet High School student, Ashleigh Trimarco, was selected to receive the 2020 Denron Plumbing Trade Scholarship.

ACE NH vice chair and senior project manager at PROCON Brian Knox and Denron president, Joel Pickering presented the scholarship as a part of the Winnacunnet HS Awards night virtual scholarship awards ceremony of which this message was shared.

"A huge congratulations to Ashleigh Trimarco on her ACE NH/Denron Plumbing and HVAC Trade Scholarship Award. Ashleigh was fully committed to the 2019-2020 ACE NH program and will be attending Southern Maine Community College in their Architectural and Engineering Design Program in the fall of 2020. The entire ACE NH board and mentors want you to know that we are proud of Ashleigh and excited for her future in our industry," said Knox.

This summer Trimarco and her family were met by the Winnacunnet High School principal, William McGowan, ACE NH Mentors and Denron to receive a check and celebrate the award. Trimarco said "Thank you to ACE NH and Denron for this amazing scholarship to help me with my double major in architectural and engineering design at Southern Maine Community College. Participating in ACE NH was such an amazing experience to see the collaboration of the architects, engineers and construction managers working seamlessly together in one team. The experience of working with Oyster River High School students was excellent because I was able to see a lot of different ideas come to the table for an even better outcome."

Ashleigh's father, Dan said "Honestly, Ashleigh is one of the first kids from our family to go to college. We are so proud of her."

Pickering said "Congratulations to Ashleigh! We are very proud to recognize her as the Denron Scholarship recipient this year. She is a very inquisitive, bright student and stood out during the ACE Oyster River Auditorium project. We are glad to be a part of the beginning of her career in the ACE Industry."

ACE Mentor Program of New Hampshire launched its pilot program at Oyster River High School in Durham, in 2019 and this year included a second year program at Oyster River which included students from Winnacunnet high school and another program was started in the Manchester school district with Memorial high school and the Manchester School of Technology. The ACE Mentor Program is a national not-for-profit 501(c)3 and free after school program. Their mission is to engage, excite, and enlighten High School Students to pursue careers in architecture, construction, and engineering (ACE) through mentoring and to support their continued advancement in the Industry. Last year the Oyster River High School Students embarked on a two-month project where they learned hands-on, real life skills associated with ACE fields as they relate to the Moharimet Elementary School renovation project and this year's project was focused on a new or renovation Auditorium project.

Principal William McGowan said that "ACE is a great program and had a large impact on our students at both Winnacunnet High School and Oyster River High School. They were able to work in the field, applying what they learned in the classroom, with hands on learning from top professionals in the field. We are proud of the partnership and collaboration with NH ACE, local businesses and Oyster River high school that has a great impact on students in this region."

The ACE Board and mentors are made up of a group of industry professionals who believe in mentoring students to give them a real worldview of what goes into a construction project and inspire them to further pursue a career in one of the ACE related fields. At the end of each ACE NH Program, there are typically student presentations held (cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and a local ACE NH sponsored scholarship awarded to one deserving senior enrolled in the program.

The ACE Mentor Board of New Hampshire is currently seeking sponsors, scholarships, and mentors in order to branch out and make additional school programs a reality around the State of NH. If you are interested in learning more about the program and how you can get involved as a mentor, sponsor or to donate, please visit our website at [www.acementor.org](http://www.acementor.org) or reach out to [NewHampshire@acementor.org](mailto:NewHampshire@acementor.org).