

Boylston Properties Makes 5-Year Commitment to the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston

Strategic investment will support ACE in educating high school students in architecture, construction and engineering industries, including as Presenting Sponsor at this year's ACE Networking Event on Thursday, June 9, 2022

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – Boston, MA – <u>Boylston Properties</u>, a Boston-based developer of mixed-use properties, today announced a 5-year, \$125,000 investment in the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, including the Presenting Sponsor at this year's ACE Networking Event, this Thursday, June 9. Committing to this multi-year investment, Boylston Properties will put concerted funds, time and team effort into supporting the incredibly vital work ACE Mentor Program does to introduce high school students to the industries of architecture, construction, and engineering.

This year, ACE Greater Boston and Boylston Properties have raised over \$515,000 in scholarship funds, and counting, heading towards 100% growth from last year's event. In a time where there are many causes to support, Boylston Properties decided to put significant support behind ACE Greater Boston for the impact it has on students who have yet to be exposed to the vast opportunities within these growing industries.

"It's become evident that college is not attainable for everyone and we firmly believe students in local public and charter schools should be afforded the opportunity to learn about the full range of well-paid career options within our industry," said Bill McQuillan, Principal Founder of Boylston Properties. "We're thrilled to throw our weight behind this organization, and also to support two of our own Directors, Alejandro Miranda and Justin MacEachern, who have believed in and supported this cause for many years."

Much more than a free after-school program, ACE Greater Boston impressively awarded \$142,000 in scholarships to 16 dedicated, high school seniors this past year, despite the pandemic. Varying from \$2,000 to \$15,000, the scholarships awarded to participating seniors in the Greater Boston area aim to help fund their next educational venture. ACE's mission to provide participants the support and resources needed to further their education, in part by leveraging community-based organizations to serve as mentors and hosts for on-site visits, is part of what makes the work so impactful – getting young adults out into the field to ultimately drive greater diversity of interest within these industries.

Alejandro Miranda, Director of Project Development at Boylston Properties, said: "Being involved in ACE for so many years has been very rewarding, and even more so this year to see Boylston Properties step up in such an impactful way. The fundraising support we've seen this year is monumental and we couldn't have done it without the hard work of every single person on the ACE team, and our peers and colleagues in these industries. We are so grateful for the support from our industry partners -- from builders, to suppliers, to architects, designers, and more - the investment is tremendous. We are helping shape the future of an industry that we all love and are passionate about, and truly helping students pave their way to a successful future."

Justin MacEachern, Director of Construction of Boylston Properties, added: "Being involved in ACE since 2008, I can say that it is unbelievably fulfilling to see the impact that the program has on local high school students year after year. After a bumpy start to raising money many years ago, Alejandro Miranda, Brian Lawlor, Executive Vice President of SMMA, and I decided to make a fundraising committee which we would co-chair. Since then, the fundraiser continues to bring more cash into the organization for scholarships. It's humbling to see the support and effort of the Boylston Properties executive team and it's going to make this year the most successful fundraising effort we have ever had – by twice the prior level."



The Networking Event is finally back to in-person this year and will be this Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Artists of Humanity Epicenter. It's not too late to donate, get involved, or attend the event. For more information on how to sponsor, donate or purchase tickets for the 8th Annual ACE Networking Event, please visit the Eventbrite page. For more information on the ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, please visit the website.

About Boylston Properties

Boylston Properties is a Boston-based real estate developer of mixed-use places including retail, residential, hotel, corporate, and lab buildings. With four decades of experience and a contemporary vision, our distinctive projects have become part of the Greater Boston's new urban landscape. For more information, please visit www.boylstonproperties.com.