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Element Consulting, Inc. Supports Future Industry Leaders through ACE Mentor Program

EL SEGUNDO, CA (June 22, 2026) – Element Consulting, Inc. is proud to support the next generation of architecture, construction, and engineering professionals through its participation in the Architecture, Construction & Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program, a nationally recognized initiative that introduces high school students to career opportunities within the design and construction industry.

The program gives students a hands-on approach to learning about architecture, construction, and engineering. Throughout the program, students learn from industry professionals, explore real-world projects, and develop skills that can help shape their future careers.



Element Consulting Project Engineer and ACE Mentor Eric Bañuelos supporting Santa Monica High School students at the ACE Build Day.

Element Consulting, Inc. Project Engineer Eric Bañuelos served as a mentor, helping guide students through the program while sharing insights from his professional experience in the construction and project management industry.

This year's capstone project challenged students to develop an affordable housing concept for a site at Dodger Stadium. Working in teams, students applied design, engineering, and construction principles to create innovative solutions while gaining valuable experience collaborating on a real-world development scenario. In addition to the capstone project, students participated in a hands-on ACE Build Day, where they worked together to construct and install free mini library for the community.

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The experience allowed students to apply practical construction skills they learned while giving back to local communities, reinforcing the program's emphasis on service, teamwork, and real-world learning.

"For me, mentorship is about showing students what's possible," said Bañuelos. "It's an opportunity to answer questions, share experiences, and help build confidence. Organizations like the ACE Mentor Program also help students connect with real-life industry professionals who can guide and support them as they explore career pathways. Seeing students grow throughout the program and present their ideas at the end is incredibly rewarding."

Element Consulting's involvement reflects the firm's commitment to investing in future generations and helping build a diverse pipeline of talent for the architecture, engineering, and construction industries. By connecting students with professionals and exposing them to real-world projects, the ACE Mentor Program helps participants better understand potential career paths and the educational opportunities available to achieve their goals.

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