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*ACE Mentor Program of Philadelphia Honors  
Anthony Naccarato PE, SECB  
With Award of Special Recognition*

Philadelphia, PA: O'Donnell & Naccarato, Inc. (O&N) is pleased to announce Anthony Naccarato's award of Special Recognition from the Philadelphia Affiliate of the ACE Mentor Program of America. Mr. Naccarato serves on the board of ACE, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing career directions for students in architecture, construction and engineering. The ACE Mentor Program serves high school youth who are exploring careers in these areas by pairing them with mentors who are professionals from leading design and construction firms who volunteer their time. The program is designed to engage, inform, and challenge youth, while at the same time helping industry professionals find talent from a dwindling labor pool. ACE makes special attempts to reach students who otherwise may not become aware of the challenges and rewards of a career in the design and construction industry. In addition, participating companies are encouraged to hire qualified ACE students for summer jobs.

Anthony Naccarato is one of the founding board members of ACE's Philadelphia Affiliate. He was also one of the first mentors. When the ACE program first began in the Philadelphia area, the Affiliate had one team from one school. Mr. Naccarato then stepped forward to become the Chairman of the Board of ACE of Eastern Pennsylvania and under his guidance and leadership, the Philadelphia Affiliate has grown to 6 teams with 100 children from 16 schools and 40 mentors. The Philadelphia Affiliate has also proudly distributed more than \$100,000 in scholarships.

Anthony Naccarato broadened his involvement with ACE when he became engaged on a national level. When the first national ACE board was created, Mr. Naccarato was invited to participate. Anthony Naccarato has been a dedicated member of the national board since its inception, in 2002. In 2006 he helped launch the National Affiliates Council, which oversees the governance of affiliate branches. Charles H. Thornton, Chairman and Founder of the ACE praises, "Our National Affiliates Council is fabulous, holding passionate meetings, generating creative ideas...and increasing scholarship opportunities." Mr. Naccarato also serves as Chairman of the ACE's Nominating Committee.

Mr. Naccarato was presented an award of "Special Recognition" at the ACE Mentor Program of Eastern Pennsylvania's sixth annual scholarship breakfast, held at the Downtown Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 9, 2007. This award was given in honor of his many contributions to ACE and was presented by Diana T. Eidenshink, Board Secretary and Breakfast Committee Chair. Ms. Eidenshink commented, "In addition to his career and his family, Tony has another passion -- the ACE Mentor

Program. ACE has been the beneficiary of Tony's commitment and leadership...the ACE Mentor Program of Eastern Pennsylvania proudly presents this special recognition to Tony Naccarato."

#### A Brief History of ACE:

The ACE Mentor Program was founded by the principals of leading design and construction firms. After several years of experimenting with various mentoring models, ACE was born in 1994 when seventeen firms banded together into 3 teams, each organized like a typical design and construction team, and "adopted" approximately 90 students from local high schools. Volunteers from each of the firms, serving as mentors, worked directly with the students to introduce them to the broad range of people and projects within the construction industry. Students were introduced to the various design professions and the role that each performs in planning, designing and constructing a project. Students also gained first-hand insight into the design industry by touring project offices and visiting active construction sites. Students worked closely with their mentors to solve challenging "real world" projects. In the spring of 1995, ACE held its first fundraising event, to establish a scholarship program for ACE graduates. Scholarships continue to be awarded on an annual basis to ACE graduates who attend college in preparation for careers in the design and construction industry. To date, ACE has initiated mentoring programs in 77 cities, with 51 additional programs "under construction". ACE reaches approximately 700 high schools and 90% of ACE graduates attend college.

During the past four years, the Philadelphia ACE Program has served approximately 248 students. O'Donnell & Naccarato has been a big part of its success. O&N was one of the original firms to participate in the ACE mentoring program and continues to support this important initiative with O&N employees mentoring ACE students on an on-going basis.

Anthony Naccarato was born and raised in Northeast Philadelphia. A graduate of Holy Ghost Preparatory School, he received his degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University in 1988. Upon graduation, he joined his father, Peter, at O'Donnell and Naccarato as a Project Engineer. He was promoted to Project Manager in 1994. In 1998, O'Donnell and Naccarato recognized his contributions to the company in making him a Partner. In 2004, Anthony Naccarato became Vice President and Principle in charge of Business Development. Mr. Naccarato maintains professional affiliations with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Delaware Valley Association of Structural Engineers, the Villanova Engineers Alumni Association, Chi-Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi. Mr. Naccarato currently resides in the Tacony section of Northeast Philadelphia with his wife, Kathleen and his children, Peter and Grace.

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**The ACE Mentor Program of America** is a 501(c)3 Corporation founded in 1995 as an innovative way of attracting students, particularly minorities, women, and the less privileged, into the architecture, construction and engineering professions. The program relies on mentors – professionals from leading design and construction firms – to volunteer their time and energy to introduce students to a broad range of people, projects and career possibilities within the construction industry. For more information about the ACE Mentor Program or for information on how you can get involved, please contact Pamela Mullender, Executive Director, ACE Mentor Program of America at (203) 323-8550 or at [pamela@mullenderassociates.com](mailto:pamela@mullenderassociates.com).



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