

# ACE LEADERSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## Community Partner Spotlight

### Moneka Stevens - ABQ Mutual Aid

Moneka Stevens serves as a Community School Council Member at ACE Leadership High School. She is also the Community Engagement Director at Future Focused Education and one of the community members who supported launching ABQ mutual aid in March 2020. ABQ Mutual Aid has been in operation for two years and is a coalition of local organizations and individuals in solidarity to support our community members during the COVID-19 emergency in Albuquerque and surrounding communities by delivering non-contact care packages. Collectively, as a community we have impacted over 75,000 community members which includes our unsheltered neighbors. ABQ Mutual Aid is focused on how we co-create systems that uplift community care through a solidarity framework, not charity.

Moneka Stevens tells us, "ABQ Mutual Aid deeply appreciates our reciprocal partnership with ACE Leadership High School and the opportunity to do projects in the community together in the future. We have been able to identify some resources to gift to ACE to support students and families. ACE has also gifted food to share with families, our unsheltered community members, and more. We are also exploring opportunities for students in the Food Justice Project at ACE to volunteer making care packages as well as students sharing food they grow to grow into care packages.

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Pondemonium 3

Our Pondemonium 3 class is focused on teaching students scientific processes such as the scientific method and water testing, and mathematical processes such as calculating area, perimeter, and volume of 2D and 3D shapes. This class will culminate in students using what they have learned throughout the trimester to remodel our entire campus pond to ensure that the pond is both beautiful and life-sustaining for years to come!



# Senior Capstone Spotlight

## Kaila McClendon

Kaila McClendon is currently a Senior at ACE, and she is the subject of our first Senior Capstone.



Kaila has been a student at ACE since 2019, and during her time here, Kaila has been an exemplary student. Kaila told us that one of her favorite things about ACE is that the teachers here really want their students to succeed, and they are willing to work hard with each student, dedicating individual time to them, to ensure their academic success. One of the most important lessons she has learned here is that even though sometimes things do not work out as you had planned, that does not mean that all is lost. Kaila said that ACE has taught her to problem solve and look for solutions, even when the answer is not obvious. Kaila told us that ACE has really helped her set a path for the future, and that she is very grateful to everyone who has helped her get to where she is. We are so proud, Kaila!

# American Society of Professional Estimators Construction Trade Award

Recently, two of our students, Yoshi Loretto and Brayan Segovia, applied for and won the ASPE Roadrunner Chapter 47 Construction Trades Award. The winners of this award are given \$250 worth of tools or college supplies in order to get them started in the construction industry. Yoshi and Brayan's interviewers told us that they spoke with professionalism and conviction, and that they both are more than deserving of this amazing award! Great job Yoshi and Brayan, you both have represented ACE so well and we are all very proud!



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# ACE Influencer Award

## "We are a Family" - Estevan Lovato

This week, ACE is doing its Elective Rotation process, an opportunity for students to try each available elective and see which one interests them most. At times, elective rotation can be confusing, especially for newer students who have yet to experience this process. The other day, Estevan noticed that two of his classmates were confused by the elective rotation process and he

made sure to bring these students to a school leader to answer questions they had about the process. He also explained the benefits of having elective rotation and how it has worked for him in the past! Great job, Estevan!

