

# ACE September Newsletter

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Our school year is entering its third month, and our projects are well underway! Read on to learn about some of the great work our students, faculty, and staff are doing!

### First, what is this Monthly Newsletter?

The Monthly Newsletter is a new initiative that ACE Leadership High School is rolling out to keep students, parents, and industry partners in the loop with what is going on at ACE. These newsletters, which will be emailed out once a month, will feature Project, Student, and Industry Partner Spotlights, as well as a space for community announcements, alumni highlights, and so much more!



### Letter from the Director

As we launch our monthly newsletter, the first thing I want to say to families is thank you for choosing ACE Leadership High School. You are trusting us with the growth and development of your child, something you love more than anything. We do not take this responsibility lightly and are committed to partnering with families, students, and school staff to support and help students to graduate and successfully transition to meaningful careers and a healthy life.

Returning to in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenge, and I am proud of the work that ACE students, families and staff have done to keep everyone safe and healthy. **We are committed to in person learning** and are taking the following steps to ensure the safety and wellness of the ACE family including: properly wearing masks indoors and out, cohorting students in projects with default assigned seats, deep cleaning at least two times a week, surveillance testing for students and staff, and providing vaccination clinics on campus.

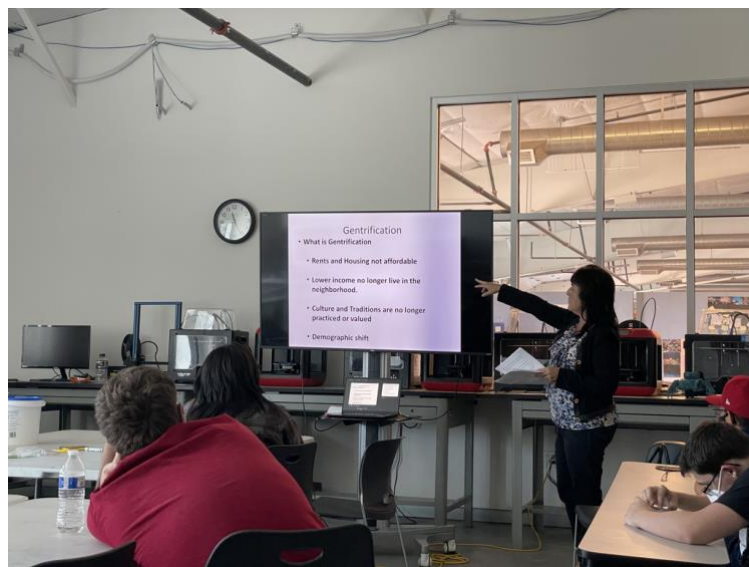
**Most importantly, I ask that we maintain open and ongoing multi-way communication between students, families and the school about any health issues.**

Together we can stay safe, healthy, and keep in person learning all year.

## Project Spotlight

### Building a Better Burque – Ms. Sofia and Ms. Bridget

In “Building a Better Burque,” students are learning about New Mexico’s history and are practicing their English Language Arts Skills through the lens of city planning in Albuquerque. We began the project with a historic analysis of Albuquerque, drawing a map of this city in phases – from its beginnings as a small agricultural community, to its status as a fully incorporated city with over 8,000 inhabitants after the arrival of the railroad. We then went back in time and took a deep dive into the history of prehistoric and indigenous people in New Mexico. Students researched the Laws of the Indies and visited Old Town Albuquerque, which was designed in accordance with those Spanish laws. The students then took these ideas and designed a city of their own! The end of this project will give students the opportunity to learn about the Barelmas and Martineztown neighborhoods, and to design their own neighborhood revitalization plan that avoids the harmful impacts redevelopment can have on our local communities. In this project, students take on the role of city planners, a design career in the ACE Industries.



## Student Spotlight:

### **Tesa McCracken – We are a Family**

This month's "We are a Family" award goes to Tesa McCracken for going above and beyond expectations to help a fellow classmate. During a practice exhibition in our "Building a Better Burque" class, Tesa, who had already presented excellently, was approached by another student for help. This student asked Tesa if she could explain the assignment to him and tell him some of the key points that were central to the project. Tesa clearly and patiently explained to the student the primary objectives of the project, and she made sure to point out some of the important terms and definitions that the student would need to know to perform well on the exhibition. Later on, when it was this other student's turn to present, they did an excellent job and surely this is at least in part thanks to Tesa's outstanding help. Great job Tesa!

### **Perla Franco – Build your Reputation**

Perla Franco is this month's recipient of our "Build your Reputation" award. Perla has been described by classmates and teachers as a natural leader, someone who is kind and welcoming to all, a great listener, and someone who is dedicated to and invested in the mission of ACE. In her interactions with her peers, she is uplifting and encouraging, and the staff here at ACE have taken notice. Congratulations, Perla!

### **Connor Lundeen – Do the Right Thing**

Throughout his tenure at ACE, Connor has consistently been a student on which teachers and students alike can rely. Most recently, despite attending school virtually through our Evening Program, Connor has been seen helping his peers with in-class activities, assisting classmates with their work when they need some help, and challenging himself to go above and beyond the expectations. Through his actions, Connor has truly exemplified what it means to "Do the Right Thing!"

