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Dear Blake:

Thank you for being a mentor to my son Johann-Paul James through the ACE program . Johann-Paul is grateful and has benefited from being a part of the nationwide program of ACE. As a proud parent, I am very happy that ACE offers students such as Johann-Paul an introduction to career opportunities in fields of study such as architecture, construction and engineering. Johann-Paul wants to major in engineering in college, so the ACE program offered to him at De La Salle High School has been a blessing.

Blake, as one of Johann-Paul's mentors this past school year in ACE, I can honestly state that he had a rewarding experience working very closely with you and all of the other mentors on their school's team assigned project. The project provided my son and his team at De La Salle hand's on experience in problem solving their respective challenges in the aforementioned fields of study. I thoroughly enjoyed De La Salle's team presentation at this year's 2016 end of school year ACE Banquet.

My sincerest gratitude to you and your company Gulf South Engineering for giving Johann-Paul the opportunity this summer to come and work with you in your office and field environment as a student volunteer. I am happy that Johann-Paul committed and put in over 75 hours of service to your company helping you with job duties such as: sub surface investigation field operations, lab testing, and geotechnical reporting. He also learned about pre-plan drilling, boring logging and density testing. This opportunity instilled in him a deep sense of work ethic and office responsibility. He had an opportunity to experience what it's like working in the real-world, real-time office and field environment. This experience was something he'll treasure for a lifetime and will come in handy somewhere in his engineering future.

We thank you Blake, Gulf South and all of the ACE mentors and moderators for having and conducting such a very important program at De La Salle High School. We also thank all of the companies who are committed and dedicated to the ACE program nationwide. I hope that ACE will continued to be offered at DLS and other schools across the nation because it is truly a very beneficial and rewarding program which is helping shape the future careers of some of the brightest and brilliant minds of the future. Johann-Paul is looking forward to working with the ACE team project for the 2016/2017 school year.

All The Best,

Maxine Summers-James

proud mother of

Johann-Paul James - ACE Team Member

De La Salle High School