



# **ACE Champions Equity and Opportunity in Education**

#### **CEO CORNER**



Lorita Williams

Federal funding cuts are forcing institutional providers of education and workforce development

programs to limit or eliminate services that drive broadbased student success.
Considering the recent political erosion of diversity and inclusion in higher education and various organizations, it is imperative to assert ACE's unwavering commitment to these critical values.

As we witness a concerning decline in these initiatives, it is crucial to emphasize how Accelerated College Experiences (ACE) remains steadfast in addressing the urgent need for the continuous development of marginalized students seeking educational opportunities and economic mobility. The United States thrives when all its people, especially students, are empowered to lead fulfilling, high-quality lives.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**





# ACE CEO served as a Mentor at the South by Southwest (SXSW) Education Conference in Austin TX

Educators, administrators, policymakers, students, entrepreneurs, industry leaders, creatives, and visionaries come together every March to share their expertise, learn from each other, and engage in thought-provoking discussions impacting the future of education across the learning landscape from early learning to K-12 and higher education

to continuing education and beyond.

The One-on-One Mentor Program features experienced professionals as mentors for the SXSW EDU community. Mentors facilitate five (5) purpose-driven, 12-minute one-on-one connections between experienced professionals and solutionseeking attendees.

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# **ACE Hosted its first alumni Networking Luncheon sponsored by Fidelity**

Topics included Global Financial Trends, the financial industry landscape, wealth management and planning for your financial future. Additional topics included Creating your personal Brand, building your network, mentor vs. sponsors and company culture.

## **ACE Coach earned her PhD in Biochemistry and Biophysics**



Congratulations to Dr. Rishika Baral who earned her Doctorate in Biochemistry and Biophysics at Brandeis University. Rishika has accepted a position at Stanley Lab at UC Berkeley as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

### First-gen college graduate accepted into medical school



Congratulations to Rachel Huynh on her acceptance to medical school. As a first-generation college graduate from Tufts and a clinical research coordinator at MGH, Rachel has shown extraordinary perseverance and passion for community health.



86.4%

of students graduating in May 2025 with 3.0+

students graduating in May 2025



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