



# CAP ACE Program



## 2020 National Award Winners



- The program started in 2007 as the *CAP Jr Cadet Program*.
- In 2008, the program became [ACE: Aerospace Connections in Education](#).
- The [Air Force Association \(AFA\)](#) has been a sustained sponsor of both ACE shirts and ACE program awards/grants. Appreciation to the AFA!
- 2020: Record # of students (over 76,500) all across America! [ACE School List](#)
- Click on each award, below, for each winner's story!

### **National ACE Teacher of the Year: Tammy Clingenpeel**

Fellowship Baptist Academy (AFA Chapter 179 Sponsor) Carson City, MI

### **National ACE School of the Year: Silver Sands Elementary School**

Principal, Stephanie Wheat; ACE Coordinator, Marian Gilmore Ft. Walton Beach, FL

### **National ACE Collaborative Point of Light Program:**

**THRIVE, CAP, & AFA- Mt Vernon, IN**

Lt Col Brian Schmuck, IN CAP AFA IN P-47 Memorial Chapter, Col (ret) Brugh  
THRIVE Ex Director, Joy Millay, and ACE Teacher, Jessica Voltz

### **National ACE Students of the Year:**

**Brooklynn Shortt and Isabel Kaul**

Eureka McCormick, Teacher Syring Elementary, Swartz Creek, MI

### **National CAP ACE Cadet/Student of the Year:**

**C/SrA Anthony Beckley**

St Nicholas School & CAP Kansas City Composite Squadron, KS Wing

### **National CAP ACE Excellence Award:**

**Andrew Notarfrancesco (aka Lt Col and Mr. N)**

St. Laurentius Catholic School & NE Philadelphia Composite Squadron  
Philadelphia, PA



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## *How are our ACE Awards determined?*

**F**irst, nominations are accepted for ACE major awards of National Teacher, School and Student of the Year.

Then, the CAP National HQ team in Montgomery, AL, decides which school has gone above and beyond; which school coordinator has worked tirelessly to ensure the teachers conduct the ACE program; and which individuals have uniquely stood out (with our knowledge by keeping us updated on what they are doing via photos and communications). All awardees are then selected.

**P**lease join CAP for the 2020-2021 ACE program and keep us informed of all you and your school are doing with our youngest students, ACE kids!

*Thanks to the Air Force Association for our national ACE award grants!*

## *Points of Pride for 2019-2020*

**R**ecord number of participants this year!

Schools: 517 (51%<sup>▲</sup>) Teachers: 1,287 (40%<sup>▲</sup>) Students: 76,537 (50%<sup>▲</sup>)

50 states+ DC & PR + Europe (DoD) <sup>▲</sup>

- 98% educators view ACE as fitting well with standards; supporting STEM education; a valuable use of time; and a positive influence on behavior and learning

## *Twelve Years—By the Numbers*

Schools: 1,955 Teachers: 6,6414 Students: 297,629

50 states + DC & PR + Europe (DoD)

*The Air Force Association has been a steady partner, providing grants, shirts, support and awards!*



- See [10-year ACE anniversary story](#) in CAP's Volunteer Magazine.

## *News about 2020-2021*

**W**ill have revised online curriculum, updated by ACE teachers with more interactive options to enhance each lesson. Registration will open August 1<sup>st</sup>, and we hope to see YOU again as a FACE of ACE! [ace@capnhq.gov](mailto:ace@capnhq.gov)