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, CAP AFAP-17 Memorial Chapter President, Col 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:
Anthony Notarfrancesco (aka Lt Col and Mr. N)
St. Laurentius Catholic School & NE Philadelphia Composite Squadron Philadelphia, PA
How are our ACE Awards determined?

First, we accept nominations for our major awards of National Teacher, School and Student of the Year.

Then, we work as a team at the CAP National HQ in Montgomery, AL, to decide 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).

Please join us again for the 2020-2021 ACE program and keep us informed of all you 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

Record number of participants this year!
Schools: 517 (51%↑) Teachers: 1,287 (40%↑) Students: 76,537 (50%↑)
50 states+ DC & PR + Europe (DoD) ↑
- 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: 6,414 Students: 297,629
50 states + DC & PR + Europe (DoD)
The Air Force Association has been a steady partner, providing grants, shirts and awards!

- See 10-year ACE anniversary story in CAP’s Volunteer Magazine.

News about 2020-2021
Will have revised online curriculum for next year, updated by ACE teachers with more interactive options to enhance each lesson. Registration will open August 1st, and we hope to see YOU again as a FACE of ACE!
Contact ace@capnhq.gov for more information.