

What is iSEE?

iSEE is an exciting two-phase program designed to engage, expose and challenge LAUSD high school juniors and seniors to explore architecture, engineering and construction.

Phase one of the iSEE program starts with a design software curriculum, followed by a five-month seminar series, during which students are offered unique insights into careers in these fields. Phase two provides students with hands-on experience through a six-week, paid internship position with iSEE Industry Partners.



Phase I College & Industry Orientation (January - July 2008)

- College AutoCAD/Design course (January - July)
- Monthly Saturday seminar sessions (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
- Orientation to architecture, engineering and construction
- Industry site visits
- Participation in a studio work project



Phase II Summer Internship Program (July - August 2008)

- Students will have internship opportunities with:
 - Architecture firms
 - Engineering firms
 - Construction Management firms
 - Construction companies
 - Labor Trade Unions
- Part-time and full-time internships depending on the needs of the firm and availability of the student
- Paid internships - \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour
- Students must complete Phase I in order to participate in the summer internship program



Eligibility:

- Juniors and Seniors
- Must currently attend a LAUSD high school or be a recent dropout

iSEE Industry Partners:

LAUSD is seeking partnerships with firms interested in hiring interns for the summer and fall. Become an Industry Partner today!

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iSEE Architecture & Engineering Internship Program
I'm a Student Exploring Excellence

ISEE students with volunteer architects and engineers during a hands-on design seminar at Los Angeles Trade Technical College - June 30, 2007.

iSEE Mission Statement

To engage, expose and challenge LAUSD high school youth to explore architecture, engineering and construction as career opportunities by capitalizing on the District's ownership of the nation's largest School Construction and Renovation Program.

iSEE Program Goals

- Provide an engaging learning environment that provides an introduction to architecture, engineering and construction.
- Increase the diversity of students entering the design and building industries.
- Develop sustainable mentorship relationships with students.
- Facilitate student access to college architecture, engineering and construction management academic programs, and to available scholarship opportunities.
- Provide hands-on experiences that makes students capable and marketable prior to attending college.
- Connect eligible graduates of the high school internship program to the LAUSD Construction Management Intern Program.



ISEE students work together to design a floorplan for a conceptual high school student facility - June 30, 2007

iSEE Student Voices



"I want to thank you for this opportunity. Because of this program I now have networks within the engineering community. This internship helped me decide to major in structural engineering and has increased my chances of pursuing a career in this field."

Erick Acevedo
Senior
Bravo Medical Magnet High School

"I'm very glad to be part of iSEE. I have definitely learned a lot."

Brandon Pollack
Junior
Grover Cleveland High School



What I enjoyed the most about my internship was "learning and doing new things, that I would never have done without this program, and meeting new people."

Martin Castro
Junior
Orthopaedic Hospital Medical Magnet High School

It's wonderful getting to know more about a major that you're interested in, and you feel really great once you get paid. Thank you so much to everyone coordinating iSEE! I would recommend this to many of my younger friends. I enjoyed it very much!

Andrea Magbanua
Junior
Carson High School



"The fact that I'm in the industry doing what I would be doing when I graduate from college ... has helped me decide if I really want to do this. I wanted to, but wasn't sure about the day-to-day things that architects do. This is exposing me [to the field]."

Rahman Pasha
Senior
Grover Cleveland High School

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"We were very impressed with Rolando Rodriguez, one of your LAUSD high school students who interned with us this summer. It would be our pleasure to hire him for the fall semester as well. However, if the other students in your program are as intelligent and dedicated as Rolando, I'm sure we would be pleased to hire any of them."

Harry R. Drake, AIA
Principal
Gonzalez/Goodale Architects

"It's [iSEE] a mutually beneficial program. It exposes young people to a new industry, before they even get to college, but it's also good from a company standpoint, because it lets us expose our work and culture to them, giving us an opportunity to bring someone back as a full-time employee."

Frank Pollare
Vice President of Corporate Communications
Earth Tech



"I have a lot of confidence in LAUSD students. My company needed an Engineering CADD Operator and Brandon filled the need. This is a great program to help find new talent."

William Yang, p.E.
Principal
William Yang & Associates

"We had a great experience with our intern Carolyn Agustin. We could not ask for a better intern, as she was always on time, quickly applied new skills taught to her and did a fantastic job on anything we gave her to do. We had her build an architectural model, color elevations with Photoshop, edit/clean up CAD drawings, conduct marketing research, and organize the product library. She was smart, easy to teach, and accurate in her work. We would definitely like to get an intern like Carolyn again."

Michael H. Anderson, AIA
Principal
BASE Architecture

