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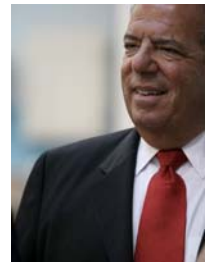
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### April Design Charette with ACE Academy is a Home Run!

Our innovative April program, created by board member Matt Simon, drew over 100 participants to Long Beach Community College to design a new little league baseball concession booth.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Foster threw the first pitch of the evening by thanking us for our commitment to mentorship, and then ten teams took to the field.



*Mayor Foster*



*Design Team at Work*

Each team was comprised of architects, associates, faculty and students. Registered architects served as coaches, and associate and student AIA members joined with ACE Academy students to develop unique designs that incorporated both aesthetics and function. With a lot to accomplish in 90 minutes, there was no time for a seventh-inning stretch.

At the end of the evening, ACE Academy students from each team presented their designs, and what an impressive variety of solutions they were! The umpires ... er, jury... will announce the winning design during a presentation at the little league baseball field later this month.

Originally meant to be a mentoring session for the ACE students, it was clear from the lively interaction within each design team that the ideas flowed in both directions. AIA architect members commented that they gained as much from the evening as the students did!



*Design Presentation*

Thank you again to all who participated in this rewarding program.

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