

On Monday, May 14, Congressman Earl Blumenauer visited the ACE Academy, a public, tuition-free charter high school that focuses on Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE). A partnership between the Oregon Building Congress and Centennial, Gresham-Barlow, Parkrose, and David Douglas School Districts, the 3-year-old Academy employs educators and building professionals to teach math, science, English and specific design, engineering, and construction skills to approximately 150 junior and senior high school students.

“It’s fascinating to learn how these high school students have applied their technical knowledge to create remarkable scale models of the new Sellwood Bridge and the renovated federal Edith Green/Wendell Wyatt Federal Office Building,” noted Blumenauer. “ACE Academy clearly demonstrates how a partnership between public schools, the trades, and local businesses can help students gain a foothold in the skills needed to build our communities and rebuild our infrastructure.”



