



Anthony 'Ace' Barnes is Detroit, Michigan native and a Purdue University alumnus with over 15 years in aerospace engineering and program management working for Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company. At Sikorsky, Ace led various internal employee resource groups as well as external STEM scholastic programs for the local communities. Ace has held active and leadership roles in various organizations such as NSBE, INROADS, and the NAACP. Throughout Ace's professional career he has personally hosted or participated in over 100 community STEM scholastics and urban community events benefiting over 5,000 youth. With his professional and civic leadership and service, Ace has received various awards for community engagement and mentoring.

Most importantly, Ace Barnes is also a humble survivor of a 2010 suicide attempt. Through faith, family and counseling, Ace leveraged his spirituality, positivity, and professional therapy to overcome his mental health challenges. Ace's journey to better mental health illustrated the importance of counseling, education and access to resources as well as a interpersonal support systems. Ace brings an insightful and interpersonal perspective to the strategy of Caleb's Kids.