

# CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

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## Eighth Annual MCA Scholarship Golf Tournament a Success



On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, MCA hosted its 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Event at Deer Run in Victoria, MN. The organization filled the course with construction industry professionals. The popularity and success of this event continues to hold strong, selling out three years in a row! Contributing to the success were the golfers, raffle item donors, event, hole and GPS sponsors. With their high spirits and good attitudes, everyone involved enjoyed the gorgeous weather, impeccable greens and well-prepared dinner.

Following dinner, prizes were awarded for skill on the course and pure luck in the raffle drawings. Pictures are featured here for 1st, 6th and 12th place. Additionally prizes were given for contests on the course, including longest drive and closest to the pin. While not everyone who left the event at the end of the day had a prize in hand, they all went away winners. The true winners will be the scholarship recipients who benefit from the funds raised by this event.

*Thank you so much to everyone involved!*



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FIRST PLACE

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**Mission:** The Minnesota Construction Association fosters education, recognition and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate, plan, create and sustain best construction practices.

**Vision:** The Collaborative place for the building industry



# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Nick Reynolds, Rochon Corporation**

Is it just me or is anyone else out there wondering where the first half of the year went!? It is that time of year again when the construction industry is in full swing. Construction projects are well underway and all hands on deck are busy with current projects and upcoming ones.

This is also the time of year when the MCA is active providing our members with networking, education and recognition opportunities. The most recent event which many of you were able to attend was the sold out MCA Golf Tournament. This will sound like a broken record for the attendees, but much praise was given- "Great Turnout", "Very generous Sponsors", "Awesome meal and raffle prizes" and "We had a great time". With that, great job to the golf committee and to all the volunteers and a big thanks to all of our sponsors. The funds raised from this event will be used in collaboration with the MCA and Construct\*ium to further benefit students and provide scholarship funds.

As I reflect on recent MCA events, they really epitomize what the MCA is about as well as what it takes for good companies to be great companies. All of the volunteers and attendees to these events are recognizing the importance of taking time from their busy work schedules to excel in core values of the MCA:

- Networking (Stahl's Breakfast networking event)
- Recognition (Sponsorships at the Annual Golf Tournament)
- Fostering Education (Nick Ruehl's presentation on Company Culture and Next Generation leadership)

***"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."*** – Henry Ford

Be a part of our team! Use the MCA as a platform for your company updates with the newsletter by submitting to [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org) or twitter feeds @MCAConstruction.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next MCA Event!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, July 18, 2016**  
MCA Board Meeting

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016**  
2016 MCA Networking  
Boat Cruise

**Monday, August 15, 2016**  
MCA Board Meeting

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**  
Inbound Marketing

Visit [www.mnconstruction.org](http://www.mnconstruction.org)  
for more information and to  
register today!

## Don't Miss Out on MCA's Upcoming Networking Events and Programs

### 2016 MCA NETWORKING BOAT CRUISE

**Wednesday, August 3, 2016**

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

St. Croix Boat and Packet Company

525 Main St S, Stillwater, MN 55082

Join fellow construction industry professionals for a networking boat cruise on the scenic St. Croix River!

Register early, limited to the first 75 registrations.

Last day to register - Friday, July 22.

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### INBOUND MARKETING – JENNA ENGEL (JÜL CREATIVE)

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

Breakfast & Networking 7:30 am – 8:00 am

Program 8:00 am – 9:30 am

American Engineering Testing

550 Cleveland Avenue North, St. Paul, MN 55114

In this session, you will learn about “Inbound Marketing” and how you can effectively elevate your marketing and sales efforts by leveraging today’s technology to attract targeted prospects to your website. The foremost emphasis will be on new digital marketing methods and the best ways you can attract desired customers.

[Click here for more information and to register today!](#)



# Ask MS. AWARDS

*Dear Ms. Awards,*

*There seem to be improvements or changes with the Awards of Excellence every year. Do you have any changes that you can make public for this year's event?*

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Inquisitive*

*Dear Mr. Inquisitive,*

*You're correct. The awards committee meets nearly every month during the year and is continuously searching for ways to improve the event. There are already a few rather large adjustments that are planned for 2017.*

- The biggest change is moving the event from the Minneapolis Golf Club to the Minneapolis Marriott West in St. Louis Park. We outgrew the Minneapolis Golf Club, so we are moving the event about five minutes north to a great event center. Many MCA members are familiar with the Minneapolis Marriott West facility as it includes Kip's Irish Pub, where many MCA social hours/events have taken place over the past five years.*
- There are two new awards that will be voted on by members just as the "General Contractor of the Year" and "Subcontractor of Year" awards are. These awards will be the "Construction Service Provider of the Year" and "Design Professional of the Year."*
- We have made things easier to nominate projects and get the information submitted by the early bird deadline, so companies are able to take advantage of the cost savings. The new process is included on the nomination forms. The short explanation is that we only need limited information at the early bird deadline with the remaining, more detailed information due at the final deadline.*
- There are revised dollar amount levels for the New Construction Awards. Recently the cutoff was \$10 million, but in 2017 the new cutoff will be \$15 million (two categories – over \$15 million and under \$15 million) to better reflect what we are seeing across the industry for sizes of projects.*
- The event used to start at 6:00 PM, but will start at 5:30 PM this year. This change is in an effort to allow people to start the social hour sooner which will in turn allow for dinner to be served sooner.*

*We hope everyone enjoys the changes in 2017 which we are very excited about! If you have any suggestions, feel free to contact anyone on the awards committee or email [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org).*

*Thanks,  
Ms. Awards*



# Congratulations to the 2016 Winning Teams



**FIRST PLACE:  
SCORE 60**

Darrel Mullenbach  
(CliftonLarsonAllen),  
Brian Duren (CliftonLarsonAllen),  
Ryan Johnson (Doran Companies),  
Jason Wilsey (Willis)



**SIXTH PLACE:  
SCORE 63**

CJ Becker (Anchor Bank),  
Ben Canning (Cobb Strecker  
Dunphy & Zimmerman),  
Joe Eichten (Cobb Strecker  
Dunphy & Zimmermann),  
Brett Grendahl (Grendahl Mechanical)



**TWELFTH PLACE:  
SCORE 66**

Ryan Byrne (JE Dunn),  
Alex Delimont (JE Dunn),  
Rik Myhre (JE Dunn),  
Steve Myrum (JE Dunn)

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# Member to Member

To support its continuous growth, **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has hired Tony Sjolander as director of project planning and development. KA has also hired Brooke Peterson and Dave Route as project superintendents. They will work in the company's Twin Cities office.



**TONY SJOLANDER**, LEED AP, most recently was the director of business development for DLR Group

Architects and Engineers where he oversaw development of K-12 school projects valued at more than \$900 million in the North Central region. During his 29-year career as director of planning and preconstruction services, he has served over 50 public school district clients and on projects in multiple sectors valued at more than \$1.8 billion.

Sjolander has worked with school districts to identify educational needs and develop facility solutions. A bond referendum expert and client advocate, he served on more than 40 school bond elections, over 80 percent of which resulted in favorable votes. Sjolander has implemented communications plans and helped school districts and grass-roots citizens committees tell their stories that are tailored to the unique dynamics of their communities.

Sjolander earned his B.S. degree in Industrial Technology and Building Construction from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie. As president of the District 279 Foundation, he established the district-wide character education program. He also has served on the board of

the Minnesota Association of School Administrators Foundation, and is active in Minnesota Association of School Business Officials, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders, North Dakota Association of School Administrators and North Dakota School Boards Association.



**BROOKE PETERSON** is a 30-year industry veteran who worked for 17 years as a construction superintendent

and project manager for Golden Valley, Minn.-based Wenck Construction (formerly Bossardt Corporation). He managed numerous projects in K-12 education, health care, municipal facilities, banking and retail. Peterson received his B.S. in Industrial Technology and Building Construction from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wis.



**DAVE ROUTE** most recently served as a field superintendent for Eden Prairie-based Shaw Construction, where he managed commercial

building and remodeling operations. Route also worked for Engelsma Construction and was a project superintendent for Kraus-Anderson. His experience includes projects in education, financial, healthcare and commercial business sectors.

In addition, **MOLLY JUTZ** has been hired as project engineer and **MATT ASH** as estimator.

The Bemidji office of **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** has hired **BRYCE STORDAHL** as project manager.



Stordahl comes to Kraus-Anderson from KBW Associates, a design build contractor in Fargo, N.D. As construction

manager, he managed multi-million dollar commercial construction projects in the industrial and institutional business sectors. Prior to KBW Associates, Stordahl also was the construction manager for Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity in Moorhead, Minn.

Stordahl received his B.S. degree in Industrial Technology and Construction Management from Bemidji State University. He also served as a volunteer firefighter for the McIntosh Fire & Rescue in McIntosh, Minn.

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** has been selected to build a new 85,000-square-foot Campus Center at the University of Mary. The extensive \$21.75 million project includes renovation and multiple additions to the existing Leach Fieldhouse.

The new Campus Center will include a state-of-the-art, 24/7 dining facility, and meeting and activity space for student organizations. The building also will feature a clinic, bank, campus bookstore, as well as a ballroom with seating for 600 people. Renovations

to the McDowell Activity Center will include new locker rooms and public restrooms.

The Campus Center is expected to be completed August 2017.



### **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

has been selected to build a new \$22 million K-8 special education school for Northeast Metro Intermediate School District 916.

Construction on the 76,000-square-foot school will begin at the end of April 2016 and is expected to be completed in August of 2017.

Northeast Metro ISD 916 provides programs for students who display autism spectrum disorders (ASD), developmental cognitive disabilities (DCD), emotional/behavioral disorders (EBD), and other health disabilities.

The project is part of the district's strategic facilities plan, which includes construction of a consolidated K-8 facility in the northwest part of the district (Karner Blue Education Center); a consolidated K-8 facility in the southeast part of the district (Pankalo); and replacement of the existing Capitol View Center, built in 1958, with a purpose-built facility.

Karner Blue Education Center opened in 2014 as the first known school of its kind to serve children with specific disorders. Kraus-Anderson partnered with BWBR to design and construct the unique facility and is working with the district on plans for Capitol View Center.

"We are very excited to begin the second step in ISD 916's facilities plan, which has focused on creating

space designed to enhance learning of students with exceptional needs and to address challenges these students face in traditionally designed environments," said ISD 916 Superintendent Connie Hayes. "Pankalo will replicate the successes we are seeing at Karner Blue so we are better able to serve the students who our member districts enroll."

Designed by BWBR, Pankalo Education Center will serve students with ASD, DCD and EBD, disorders that challenge students to be successful in their home districts. BWBR, whose architectural specialties include behavioral health, education and secure environments, designed the school as a Healing Learning Environment -- national prototype for students with special health needs.

Until now, most special education classrooms have been retrofitted from conventional classrooms, which, for ISD 916, included a patchwork of owned and leased spaces throughout the school district's northeast metropolitan suburbs. The new facility's innovative design supports the students' unique learning styles and behavioral and mental health needs, including speech language and various related services.

A Healing Learning Environment is more than a place for students to learn. It is a center that acknowledges the extraordinary needs of children with mental and behavioral challenges. The design departs from traditional school floor plans by creating pods of learning communities, developing more open and daylight spaces that assist faculty and support the students as they learn life skills of self-regulation, coping, communication, self-efficacy and socialization.

The goal is to help students find success in an education setting. The open design empowers students to flow through the space, while providing staff the ability to maintain sight and control.

The name "Pankalo" comes from a

combination of the Greek words pan and kalos, which means complete beauty. The name ties into the vision for the school -- "Empowering students through creativity" -- and will use elements from the arts to support learning and enhance cognitive abilities, facilitate identity formation and self-esteem, foster a physically and emotionally safe environment, as well as support individual expression and communication.

The educational philosophy and focus on the creative arts will provide students with a palette of activities that will:

- allow students to grow academically, socially, and personally, while tapping into their creativity
- allow unique learners to access core content academics in creative ways
- provide a calming and creative atmosphere
- connect educational philosophies to the arts, helping students build relationships between their inner and outer worlds
- give students tools for communication, appropriate emotional release and self-regulation
- utilize the Compassionate School Model

Kraus-Anderson continues to lead the field of regional education construction projects and is currently ranked eighth in the nation in the construction of K-12 facilities by Building Design and Construction magazine. The company also remains the top construction manager of education facilities in the region.

Pankalo is the fourth project in a recent partnership between Kraus-Anderson and BWBR, which brings innovative solutions to health and education settings. In addition to Karner Blue, projects include Regions Hospital Inpatient Mental Health Center in Saint Paul, Minn. and the Early Childhood



Family Center in Stillwater, Minn.

“We could not take on such major transformational building initiatives if it were not for our great partners, Kraus-Anderson and BWBR,” said Hayes. “Our member districts look to Northeast Metro 916 with trusted experience. So does our leadership look to our partners for that same quality.”

Northeast Metro ISD 916 includes 14 partners from Centennial, Columbia Heights, Mahtomedi, Mounds View, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, Roseville, South Washington County, Spring Lake Park, Stillwater, White Bear Lake, Forest Lake, Fridley, St. Francis and St. Anthony-New Brighton school districts. With students referred to ISD 916 from partner districts, the demands have been growing for the specialized services ISD 916 provides.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on April 28, 2016 for **KRAUS-ANDERSON’S** new five-story, 100,000-square-foot headquarters in downtown Minneapolis. The new headquarters will house approximately 300 employees. Designed by Pope Architects, planned amenities include a fitness center, educational training center, rooftop deck, cafeteria, formal and informal meeting areas, and an appealing, well-landscaped exterior.

The plan also includes two levels of underground parking to serve KA’s office employees.

KA teamed with Minneapolis-based ESG Architects to develop the master plan for the entire block. Guided by the Downtown Neighborhood District, the plan provides significant enhancements for the City and the neighborhood, and for KA employees and business partners. It also addresses the Portland Corridor initiative that focuses on the neighborhood’s economic, aesthetic, historic and environmental needs, including Elliot Park’s master plan with considerations for housing and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.

Pictured from left to right: Brent Pavia, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce; Michael Hille, SVP, KA Development; Mayor Betsy Hodges; Al Gerhardt, COO, KA Construction; Bruce Engelsma, Chairman, KA Companies; Dan Engelsma, President and COO, KA Realty; Barbara Johnson, Minneapolis City Council President; Dan Collison, East Downtown Council; Lynn Regnier, ED Elliot Park Neighborhood; Steve Cramer, Minneapolis Downtown Council.

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (KA) has hired AJ Lillesve as project

manager and Bill Anderson as project superintendent. They will work in the company’s Twin Cities office.



**AJ LILLESVE** served as a project engineer for M.A. Mortenson, where he worked on several notable projects, including United Health

Group in Minneapolis, DECC Arena in Duluth, Minn., and numerous projects for Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz. He received his B.S. in Construction Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wis.



**BILL ANDERSON** has 30 years of management experience in the construction industry. Most recently, he was

a superintendent for Minneapolis-based Benson-Orth Associates and for St. Paul-based Banks Brothers Construction. Some of the area projects he has managed include a 140,000-square-foot climate control storage facility for U-Haul, and medical clean room expansion for Teleflex, Minnesota Teen Challenge office build-out and 5-story façade renovation for Loops of Calhoun for Encompass. He holds a degree in Construction Site Management from Dunwoody College of Technology.

Kraus-Anderson also hired **TREY KOPACZ** as project engineer, **KEVIN ROGGMAN** has been hired as field engineer and **ANDY WORZALA** as project accountant.

The Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects has awarded **BILL SANDERS** the 2016 Theodore Wirth Award for Excellence in Parks. Sanders is a senior landscape architect with





**LOUCKS**, a multidisciplinary consulting firm that provides planning, civil engineering, land surveying, landscape

architecture, and environmental services to clients.

“This is a tremendous honor from such an important and respected organization,” said Bill Sanders. “I share the society’s continued commitment to promote and raise awareness of quality design, planning, and preservation work that makes an impact on our community. This is also an important award for Loucks and our amazing team of experts who bring passion and expertise to each project.”

The Theodore Wirth Award for Excellence in Parks is presented to an individual, group, organization, business, governmental or non-governmental agency who has been influential in the planning, design, development, administration, maintenance or preservation of a historic site, landmark or cultural landscape in a park, park system or wildlife preserve.

Sanders received the 2016 Wirth Award for his more than three decades of public service to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board maintaining the high standard of design for public and private projects in the Capitol Area, and for his overall distinguished body of work in park design including the design and planning work of the Irvine Park Historic District in Saint Paul and the Minnehaha Park renovation plan in Minneapolis.

“Bill’s work and his dedication to the Capital Area Architectural and Planning Board are remarkable,” said Gina Bonsignore, ASLA and President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. “This award is a way to

recognize the amazing professionals in our field who not only do great work to serve their clients, they also give back to this community through the time and expertise they share.”

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has been awarded a Governor’s Safety Award in recognition of excellence in injury prevention performance. Kraus-Anderson has one of the best safety records in the construction industry, a performance that for 25 consecutive years has earned the company the Governor’s Safety Award.

The award was presented last week at the Governor’s Safety Awards luncheon, part of the Minnesota Safety & Health Conference and administered by the Minnesota Safety Council. The conference is the oldest and largest gathering of workplace safety and health professionals in the region.

“KA’s commitment to our people’s safety is reflected in the company’s exceptional record of receiving this award,” said Al Gerhardt, COO of Kraus-Anderson. “No other recognition gives us more gratification.”

Since 1934, the annual Governor’s Safety Awards have honored Minnesota employers with exceptional safety performance. Applicants are judged on several years of injury data as it compares with state and national statistics, and on their progress in implementing a comprehensive safety program.

**CHRIS PATRAW**, project manager with **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has been elected president of the Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering



Association (WHEA), Chapter VI. He holds the designation of Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC) by the

American Hospital Association (AHA). The CHC is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among the elite in the healthcare construction. Patraw also holds a Health Care Constructor certificate from the American Society for Healthcare Engineering.

Patraw’s healthcare construction covers a diverse range of complex projects, having contributed to the success of preconstruction and construction services for multi-year expansion projects at four major regional medical centers in the past 15 years, including the 418,000-square-foot, critical care hospital addition at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse, Wis.; University of Minnesota Children’s Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.; Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa; and St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Patraw also is experienced in the coordination and interface with hospital staff for major multi-year phased expansion and renovation projects. In addition, his knowledge includes the management of infection prevention issues in healthcare settings.

Wisconsin Healthcare Engineering Association (WHEA) provides professional development, quality education and advocacy within Wisconsin’s healthcare community. WHEA also is an essential partner in the codes and standards development and compliance process.



**DWIGHT F. JENNINGS**, founder of **INSPEC, INC.**, passed away on May 17, 2016 at the age of 85. Mr. Jennings began his

career at Twin Cities Testing, starting out in the materials testing lab and eventually becoming Chief Engineer during his 17 years there. As Chief Engineer, Dwight shared his knowledge with many young engineers who went



on to start their own engineering and testing companies. Mr. Jennings founded Inspec in 1973 after seeing the need for improved practices for waterproofing building exteriors. Dwight Jennings was a true visionary who built a remarkable legacy and culture in the community of consulting engineers.

Dwight elevated the quality of the Engineering Industry by being fair and ethical, creating trust in all things he did, and living by the motto of “do the right thing”. His smiles, compliments, and encouragement will be missed by all who knew him.

**STAHL CONSTRUCTION** recently began construction of a 23,000-square-foot addition and renovation project at the Elk River High School in Elk River, Minnesota. This project is one of four in a construction management program Stahl is leading for ISD 728 Elk River Area School District following a successful \$98 million bond and operating levy referendum.

Designed by the District’s long-time partner Wold Architects and Engineers, the Elk River High School project includes multiple gymnasium and special education classroom additions, the relocation / remodeling of interior administrative and classroom space, an updated roof structure, and improvements to the mechanical systems.

The High School has an existing gymnasium with corridors on either side where Stahl Construction will be building a new snow load roof structure above the existing roof. With only a three-foot-high space between the two structures, the existing roof must be kept intact while the new roof is constructed and then removed once the new roof is in place. The team will also conduct extensive mechanical work by replacing the existing large, cumbersome boilers with new, modular boilers.

The project is currently under budget

despite the additional scope increases for the roof reinforcement and mechanical room improvements due to a deep level of engagement between Stahl and the subcontractor market in advance of the public bid.

“The City of Elk River was a great resource during the planning phase and their continued support of the District helped the team work through a lot of these challenges,” said Robert Sehm, Associate at Wold Architects and Engineers. “Between the current main office location, the current gymnasium location, the adjacent wetland, the adjacent ice arena and traffic flow issues, there was a fair amount of design challenges.”

“It was great to see the community’s support to help implement a much needed project at Elk River High School,” said Sehm. “Activity spaces are always in high demand and the gymnasium addition at the High School will provide some much needed additional square footage for the multitude of sporting activities and other events that occur at the school year-round for not only students but the community at large.”

Utilities and site work started in May 2016, and the renovation work within the Elk River High School begins in portions of the school a few weeks prior to graduation commencement.

#### **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

(KA) has completed construction on a new \$1.9 million SPIRE Credit Union branch, located at 1880 West Perimeter Drive in Roseville, Minn. The 5,000-square-foot credit union was designed by RSP Architects.

Kraus-Anderson has also begun construction on a new 5,000-square-foot SPIRE Credit Union branch at 125 Radio Drive in Woodbury, Minn. The \$2 million project is part of CityPlace, which is being developed by Kraus-Anderson and Elion Partners. The SPIRE Woodbury location is Kraus-

Anderson’s second project with them and is also designed by RSP Architects. Construction is expected to be completed at the end of October 2016.

**DORAN CONSTRUCTION** has been chosen as general contractor for the initial phase of Graves’ Uptown, a Graves Hospitality luxury condominium development at the northeast corner of Holmes and 31st Street South, one block west of Calhoun Square in Minneapolis’ Uptown neighborhood.

The six-story project consists of nine units above grade with one level of below grade parking and partial first level parking to accommodate 1,000 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. The condominium units start at 3000 square feet and when completed in a second interior construction phase will provide luxurious finishes and include amenities such as a spacious fitness center and residential library.

Construction of the building structure is non-combustible cast-in-place concrete foundation with metal stud framing, post-tension concrete floors and cast-in-place columns and beams through the residential levels. St. Paul-based Collage Architects is the project’s designer.

Doran’s owner and principal, Kelly Doran, said, “This is a very impressive building with very sound structural integrity and well-appointed very high-end units that will be in great demand. We are definitely honored to be a part of its construction.”

School work continues in the Elk River School District at Zimmerman Elementary. The project is dedicated to early childhood programs, thanks to voter approval of the \$98M bond and operating levy referendum in the 2014 general election. Specifically, the addition involves a 7,300 SF single story addition with five classrooms as well as related site improvements and minor interior remodeling.



**STAHL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** has been engaged for this Project to serve as an advisor to ISD 728, and to provide assistance in administering the Contract for Construction between the District and each Contractor, in a Construction Management project delivery process. Wold Architects & Engineers, remains the steadfast provider of savvy design.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten. The program is offered through Minnesota public school districts. Through ECFE parents and children, birth to age 5, take classes together that promote interaction and teach parenting techniques. These programs benefit not only the child and family, but the entire community.

**DORAN CONSTRUCTION** began making site improvements this week at their 40 acre development in Maple Grove's Arbor Lakes' area where plans have been approved to construct over one million square feet of commercial and residential properties.

Building construction is expected to start this fall on an initial phase of a village concept with a gate protected residential community that will eventually contain 700 high-end luxury apartment homes surrounded by a 30,000 square foot central clubhouse with sophisticated indulgences such as pool, spa, sauna, state of the art fitness center, coffee bar, media room, golf simulator, community room, card room, private entertaining suites, and business center.

To blend the residential village and commercial nodes the development puts

great emphasis on a rich landscape that includes interacting trails, extensive floral displays, abundant mature trees, strategic placement of sculpture art and distinctive lighting.

Commercial properties at the site will include a grocery store, pharmacy, hotel and restaurants and will bring the total development to over one million square feet.

Doran's owner and principal, Kelly Doran, said, "The development of this parcel has been a long time in the making and we are proud to be the company that is bringing it to reality. When completed it will be a most desired address for those seeking an urban style neighborhood environment in an easily accessed suburban location.

**DORAN COMPANIES** has added key leadership positions its construction and development units:

**MELISSA DUCE**, who most recently was Assistant Vice President for Investments and Developments at United Properties, joins Doran's Tony Kuechle as a Vice President of Development to work on new developments including Doran's 40 acre development in Maple Grove's Arbor Lakes area where plans have been approved to construct over one million square feet of commercial and residential properties.

Duce's experience includes asset management, development site acquisitions, contract negotiation, and most recently the facilitation of development projects from due diligence in acquisition to project completion and closeout with an emphasis on managing the design, budgeting, leasing and construction

process. In addition, she has an extensive finance and analytical background and is a graduate of Hamline University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

**DAN ZIMMERMAN** comes to Doran Construction as a Team Leader with over three decades of diversified experience as a design structural engineer, a general contractor project manager, an owner's representative, and a subcontractor project manager with a highly regarded record of successful projects. Examples of Zimmerman's national experience include a construction management role in the construction of the \$5 billion Denver International Airport, and an owner's representative role for the construction of Denver's \$110 million Wellington E. Webb Municipal Office building and the \$52 million Denver Central Library.

Zimmerman's local experience as a drywall subcontractor project manager include the renovation of the Foshay Tower into a W Hotel, the Westin Galleria in Edina, the One Southdale project – a ten story steel stud supported project in Edina, and Doran projects – The Bridges, Depot Renaissance Hotel, and The Encore. He is a graduate of Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

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