

CONSTRUCTION VIEWS

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Awards of Excellence



MCA's Annual Awards of Excellence Gala celebrates outstanding construction projects and the teams that make it all happen. With an anticipated crowd of more than 100 construction professionals, it is a networking and celebratory event you don't want to miss.

Seating is limited and reservations are required if you plan to attend the Gala on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Minneapolis Marriott West. You may reserve a table for 8 persons for \$680 or a half-table for 4 persons for \$340 (members or non-members). Individual reservations are \$85 for MCA members or \$95 for non-members. Registration deadline is January 11, 2017. All attendees must register in advance; onsite registration will not be available for this event.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Paul Almen,
Arthur Chapman Kettering Smetak & Pikala, P.A.

It is with great honor I begin writing my first article as President of the Minnesota Construction Association. I have served on the Board of Directors for the past number of years and have been fortunate to witness tremendous growth and restored viability for this organization. We have added new members each year, created new learning opportunities and renewed our commitment to students and the construction industry. Yet, there is opportunity for the MCA to grow and flourish and that is something we can all be excited about.

As I reflect on the MCA's past successes, it occurs to me that the MCA's true strength lies in this organization's vision and mission. The MCA is "the collaborative place for the building industry." Our mission is to foster education, recognition, and networking for all industry professionals who collaborate to plan, create, and sustain best construction practices.

The MCA's vision and mission sets it apart from most organizations. At the core of both the mission and the vision statement is the idea of collaboration. In this political day and age, collaboration may sound foreign, but it is this organization's strength. Over the years our industry has grown more and more collaborative with the onset of design-build and other similar delivery systems. Thus, it makes sense that this organization exists with the purpose of serving the entire construction industry.

The MCA is the collaborative organization. We welcome everyone to the table and provide an opportunity for learning, recognition, and networking. We do not and cannot have a political agenda or lobbying effort because of our memberships' diversity. It is for this reason, that MCA was the perfect platform to launch Construct*ium, something the MCA is very proud of. Construct*ium is a collaborative effort between the MCA and the nine regional schools that have construction management degrees. Construct*ium was born out of the ever increasing need for soft skills, collaborating across disciplines, leadership, technological and problem-solving. Over the next several years, the MCA will use Construct*ium to foster education and help connect better prepared students to the industry partners. I look forward to working with everyone to grow the MCA, Construct*ium, and the construction industry.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Awards of Excellence Gala

Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Choice Award Program
and Tour – Downtown East
Development

Thursday, March 9, 2017
Happy Hour! A Community
Spirits Fundraiser for
Minnesota Construction
Association

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Scholarship Golf Tournament



HAPPY HOUR! A COMMUNITY SPIRITS FUNDRAISER FOR MINNESOTA CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

Thursday, March 9 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join MCA on Thursday, March 9 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Wander North Distillery for a free networking event.

Wander North Distillery will donate \$1 of each beverage purchased back to the MCA!

This is a free event. If you RSVP for the event by Monday, March 6, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card (there will be two drawings, one at 5 pm and one at 6pm; must be present to win). You may RSVP by emailing info@mnconstruction.org.



Visit www.mnconstruction.org
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register today!

MCA NAMES RYAN COMPANIES 2017 CHOICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Ryan Companies US, Inc., a Minneapolis-based commercial real estate company, has been named the 2017 Choice Award recipient for the Downtown East mixed-use development.

Ryan developed the five-block \$400 million mixed-use project on 12.5 acres near the newly constructed US Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis. The project is comprised of multiple buildings and property improvements that are helping rejuvenate the downtown area. The mixed-use development includes two 17-story office towers owned by Wells Fargo, the four-story multi-tenant Millwright Building, the Block One office building, a multi-family residential complex named EDITION, and the Radisson Red hotel which contains 164 units. The project expands the downtown community with four sky bridges and internal skyways and a six-level parking ramp, owned by the Minnesota

Sports Facilities Authority, containing 1,610 parking spaces, 26,000 SF of retail space and a 4.2 acre urban park named The Commons.

The MCA Choice Award is presented to the best and most challenging projects in the Midwest and is selected by a panel of MCA members. The award, along with many others, will be presented at the 2017 MCA Awards of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, January 25th at 5:30 pm at the Marriot Minneapolis West. More details about the project can be discovered at the gala or at a separate MCA Choice Award program and tour which will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 3:00 pm at the Downtown East development. The cost of this program will be free for anyone attending the Awards of Excellence Gala. More details on this program will be forthcoming.



Member to Member



RJM CONSTRUCTION has been selected to oversee construction of Legacy Lofts, a new condominium project in downtown Minneapolis' Mill District.

Led by Jim Stanton, the one million square-foot project will include a 14-story and 18-story tower with underground and above-ground parking and 374 individually owned units. Plans call for a playground, pet exercise area, fitness room, pool and spa, bike racks, community room, game room and a green roof with lawn bowling.

RJM Construction will manage the core and shell construction; the individually owned condominium units will be completed by Riverdale Ventures, LLC., owned by Jim Stanton. Site preparations are underway, with the entire building anticipated to be complete in the summer of 2018.

In addition to RJM, project partners include Oertel Architects and BKBM Engineers.

This is the second project RJM has completed for Jim Stanton. The team recently completed Portland Tower, a mixed-use condominium project at South Eighth Street and Portland Avenue South in downtown Minneapolis.

KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA) has completed construction on a 262,000-square-foot municipal event

and recreation center in Watford City, N.D.

Designed by JLG Architects, the two-story, \$101 million Rough Rider Center features a competition swimming pool and waterpark; 22,000-square-foot multi-use field house with three basketball courts and removable artificial turf; 1,000-seat hockey arena and separate practice hockey rink; 3,000-seat arena for sporting events and concerts with eight executive suites; 12,000-square-foot gymnastics club; and 10,000 square feet of convention space, as well as a continuous elevated running track. The project also includes a new artificial turf football stadium with track, artificial turf baseball field, parking lots, conference rooms and administrative offices.

The Rough Rider Center also will be used by various community groups as well as by the Watford City High School, which KA and JLG Architects completed earlier this year. The new 160,000-square-foot high school is adjacent to the event center. The Watford City High School project was a joint venture of Kraus-Anderson and Construction Engineers.



KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA) has hired **JEFF BALLSTADT** as union superintendent.

Ballstadt previously served as field superintendent for CM Construction Company in Burnsville, Minn. The construction veteran has overseen



numerous building improvements for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) as well as education projects in the greater

metro area.

Kraus-Anderson also has hired Justin Jennrich as mobile technology coordinator, Mike Stark as assistant project manager and David Vrchota as estimator. They will work in the company's Twin Cities office.



KRAUS-ANDERSON has begun construction on a new 17-story residential tower located at Portland Ave. at 9th Street in downtown Minneapolis. The 306-unit apartment residence has been named "H.Q." Owned by Kraus-Anderson, H.Q. is part of the new comprehensive, mixed-use block development that also features Kraus-Anderson's new home office, a 160-room hotel and Finnegan's microbrewery.

KA has already completed two construction milestones on the block development. This month, the company has topped off its headquarters building and has begun vertical construction of H.Q.

Designed by Elness Swenson Graham (ESG) Architects Inc., the apartment tower's signature design reflects the excitement of the developing urban

community of East Town. H.Q. has a brick masonry base on levels 1-9 that relates to the brick and stone context found throughout historic Elliott Park. Levels 10-17 are clad in a contemporary, high-quality aluminum composite metal panel and the upper floors cant out at an angle to create a signature look. Street level walk-out units provide front porches with eyes on the street along Portland Avenue. Metal clad bays also provide articulation along the building façade.

Inside, the highly transparent, two-story lobby will include a lounge with a bar and many seating areas, allowing residents to meet visitors or their neighbors for informal get-togethers or planned social events. A second-floor seating section, TV area and meeting space overlook the first-floor lobby-lounge.

A generous fitness facility faces the courtyard and activates the west side of the first floor. The ninth floor hosts several other discrete “hang out” spaces, including a full demonstration kitchen and bar, multiple TV and game areas. The outdoor terrace will be home to a large social spa, several lounging and seating areas, and a cooking section, all with outstanding downtown and stadium views.

Property management will be provided by Saturday Properties, based in Minneapolis.

KRAUS-ANDERSON

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA) has been selected to build a 4K-5th grade elementary school in Ellsworth, Wis., one of the state’s largest school districts, serving 1,700 students. The \$25 million referendum project will replace the old school and will bring together students currently housed in three pre-5K schools – Hillcrest, Prairie View and Lindgren – which are old, outdated and in urgent need of repair.

KA has been working with the district since 2013, providing cost information on various construction options,



participating in public meetings, and helping to communicate options and approaches to the community.

“Kraus-Anderson has provided valuable information to our community about life cycles of buildings to help the public better understand the ideas of remodeling costs versus building new,” said Barry Cain, district superintendent. “They were instrumental in leading the dialog necessary to communicate facts and data to the public about investing in our infrastructure so we are poised for growth for years to come.”

Paul Bauer, CEO and general manager of the Ellsworth cooperative creamery and chair of the Vote Yes committee for the Ellsworth Community School, said Ellsworth was primarily a rural, agriculture area, but now is changing to a more urban, commuter community with about 60 percent of its workforce commuting outside the Ellsworth area for jobs.

“Kraus-Anderson put together a more business-like approach on how we were going to make the referendum successful, while providing sound estimates for construction that allowed us to come up with a plan that better fit the community,” said Bauer. “The KA team was heavily involved in our community meetings, demonstrating with data how property values increase following the passage of a referendum because people put down their roots and invest in housing which further lowers property taxes and fuels that

pump for further growth.”

Designed by Ayres Associates, the two-story, 108,000-square-foot school will feature modern, safe and secure buildings that will serve 700 students and significantly upgrade the educationally appropriate spaces to 135 square foot per student.

The new elementary school features a full-size competitive gymnasium that can also be used by the senior high school and middle school. The building also will house the district office.

The project will include a large cafeteria, conference rooms, classrooms and numerous common learning spaces and grade-level “neighborhood spaces.” The collaborative learning environment can be used by teachers and students for a variety of activities with flexible furniture, technology and multi-use storage. Students will be able to flow in and out of classrooms for large group activities as well as individualized learning.

“The key is that we’re able to develop new common learning spaces and various open spaces to create efficient small learning communities within the large facility,” said Cain.

The new school also will greatly reduce the time buses spend transporting students. Buses remarkably drive 2,200 miles per day to pick up students in two shifts – one for the three current elementary schools and one for the middle school, high school and St.

Francis students. The proposed change will result in one pick-up for 4YK-12 students. By using a one-start, one-stop route, the district will eliminate 850 miles a day of bus time.

“The Ellsworth Community School District offers wonderful opportunities for our students to gain a great education and enjoyable experience,” said Cain. “We have a supportive community that values education, with our schools being a central place to come together. Our staff is dedicated to educating our students and being an integral part of our community’s growth.”

The school will be located directly east of the senior high school and south of the current Day Hillcrest school, creating a campus. Construction will begin in early September and is expected to be completed in early 2018.

KA continues to lead the field of regional education construction projects and is currently ranked 6th 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, having completed K-12 projects totaling over \$1 billion in the past five years. In addition, KA practices Open Book Transparency, maximizing opportunities for local subcontractor participation.

KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA) has completed construction on a new SPIRE Credit Union branch, located at 195 Radio Drive in Woodbury, Minn.

Designed by RSP Architects, the 5,000-square-foot project is part of CityPlace, which is being developed by



Kraus-Anderson and Elion Partners. The Woodbury location is Kraus-Anderson’s second project with SPIRE. In May 2016, KA completed a new \$1.9 million SPIRE Credit Union branch, located at 1880 West Perimeter Drive in Roseville, Minn.

RJM CONSTRUCTION is proud to announce that **HEATHER**



HOFFMAN, project manager, has earned the designation of Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC).

Administered since 2010, the CHC is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among an elite group of over 800 healthcare construction professionals who currently hold the certification.

Hoffman has been in the construction industry for over 20 years. Her clients include Park Nicollet Health Services, Twin Cities Orthopedics and North Clinic. Four other individuals at RJM Construction hold the CHC designation.

“Our team excels at effectively communicating complex construction processes to clients,” stated Rodney Hintz, vice president. “Promoting the CHC designation demonstrates RJM’s commitment to the healthcare market.”

The CHC certification program supports the community of healthcare construction professionals and is designed to provide an objective and rigorous assessment of broad-based knowledge in healthcare construction. To earn the CHC certification, an individual must satisfy eligibility requirements that incorporate a blend of education and associated healthcare-specific professional experience, agree to adhere to the AHA Professional Standards of Conduct, and pass the CHC Certification Examination.

The CHC Examination is designed to test a well-defined body of knowledge

that is representative of practice in these healthcare construction management areas:

Healthcare Industry Fundamentals; Planning, Design and Construction Process; Healthcare Facility Safety-Additions & Renovations; and Financial Stewardship.

To retain the certification, CHC certificants must demonstrate commitment to ongoing professional development by maintaining currency of the certification through participation in professional development activities.

RJM CONSTRUCTION has hired **JAKE FISHER** as its Building



Information Modeling (BIM) specialist. As part of RJM Construction’s pre-construction services team, Fisher will

lead BIM execution, clash detection, visualization and construction sequencing for projects utilizing Autodesk software.

In this new role, Fisher will provide technical expertise to the pre-construction team, providing value in systems analysis and constructability reviews, enabling the team to make more informed decisions regarding the design, systems, efficiency and quality of a project.

Fisher has 10 years of experience in the construction industry. He has held positions in the field and estimating before transitioning into the BIM/VDC specialty. Fisher received a bachelor’s degree in construction management from North Dakota State University. He has also completed OSHA Ten Hour construction training.

INSPEC’S PAM JERGENSON, CCS, CCCA, was the recipient of The Masonry Society’s (TMS) Service Award. This Award is presented annually to individuals who volunteer

in special, and typically unseen, ways to lend a hand to the Society. The Award is officially selected by the Awards Committee based on recommendations from TMS Members and the Executive Director.

As a 20-year member of The Masonry Society, Pam has served multiple terms on the Board of Directors and as the Secretary for the Existing Masonry Committee and Task Chair. Pam also co-authored the Façade Inspection Guideline document.

KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

has completed construction on the \$14 million Greenfield Elementary School in Baldwin, Wis. The new school, located at 1160 14th Ave., will accommodate a growing enrollment of more than 600 students, including incoming fifth graders that currently attend Viking Middle School.

Designed by La Crosse-based HSR Associates for the Baldwin-Woodville Area School District, the new 40,000-square-foot elementary school will feature 22 new classrooms, a new gymnasium, entrance, office space, cafeteria and media center.

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RJM CONSTRUCTION has been selected by Frauenshuh to build a 6,200 square-foot dental clinic for The Dental Specialists in Coon Rapids. The new clinic will initially be dedicated to oral surgery, endodontics and orthodontics, with other dental specialists eventually practicing in the facility.

Located at 3360 Northdale Boulevard Northwest, the building will feature a brick, glass and EIFS exterior with metal panel accents. Site work will include parking lots, landscaping and an infiltration pond.

“We’re excited to bring together this highly skilled team to help our long-time client expand and better serve the needs of its customers,” said Ross Hedlund, Vice President with Frauenshuh.

The Dental Specialists’ new location is scheduled to open in the spring of 2017. In addition to RJM, the project team includes shell architect SRA, civil and structural engineer BKBM, and interior design by nummernine Studio.

RJM CONSTRUCTION has been selected by the City of Woodbury to



renovate its City Council Chambers.

Scheduled to begin in December, RJM will install new finishes in the Chambers. The project also includes increasing the size of an adjacent conference room used for City workshops and meetings.

“This portion of City Hall was not upgraded as part of the 2007 City Hall expansion project,” stated Bob Klatt, City of Woodbury park and recreation director who is leading the project for the City. “With the exception of some audio and visual technology enhancements, the Chambers has remained largely untouched since it was constructed in 1990. These improvements are long overdue and are needed to better serve our growing community today and into the future.”

The City plans to add security and make some improvements to the audio, visual and lighting systems as well. In addition to RJM, the project team includes Welsh Architecture.

KRAUS-ANDERSON announced it will build The Elliot, a new 8-story luxury hotel located at 5th Avenue at 9th Street in downtown Minneapolis. The Elliot, planned to be a 165-unit Autograph Collection® hotel by Marriott®, is part of the new comprehensive, mixed-use block development that will also feature Kraus-Anderson’s new home office, a 17-story H.Q. residential tower and Finnegan’s microbrewery.

Designed by ESG Architects, The Elliot will include a destination restaurant, bar, event space and meeting rooms, and will be connected to





Finnegan’s microbrewery. Wilkinson Corporation (WC) is developing this hotel in cooperation with KA. WC is an international commercial real estate investment firm committed to excellence in local community developments.

“We believe in the value of the Elliot Park Neighborhood and are excited to be part of this master plan redevelopment in East Town, Minneapolis,” said Russell Wilkinson, chairman and founder of Wilkinson Corporation. “The Elliot is one of several development projects we are working on in Minnesota.”

The Elliot is designed to be a member of Marriott’s 4-Diamond Autograph Collection, which includes some of the finest and most distinctive high-end boutique resort hotels in the world. Autograph Collection hotels are independent properties, featuring unique design, inherent craft and a direct connection to the community.

Coury Hospitality is partnering with WC to operate The Elliot. Coury Hospitality is a leading operator of Marriott Autograph Collection hotels, one of which ranks first in North America for Marriott Customer Satisfaction.

“Each of our hotels boasts unique experiences rooted in their personality. No two are the same since no two hotels share the same story,” said Paul Coury, chairman of Coury Hospitality. “The Elliot will be distinct and aims to

showcase some of the most beautifully orchestrated hotel experiences the world has to offer.”

Located in Elliot Park, the new hotel is designed to fit into the fabric of the existing historic neighborhood. An attractive brick exterior will include metal clad bays and large windows, a transparent first floor, and a new streetscape with high-quality landscaping and large canopy trees that will be inviting to guests, visitors and pedestrians.

A hotel guest drop-off for automobiles and the highly visible restaurant will both have dedicated entrances off 5th Avenue. An expansive lobby that will connect to a mid-block courtyard will also have an additional drop-off location.

DORAN COMPANIES announced today that **SCOTT STENMAN** has joined their management team to lead Doran Construction and Architecture as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Stenman is coming to Doran from Hammes Company, where he most recently managed the design and construction of U.S. Bank Stadium for the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority in partnership with the Minnesota Vikings.

“Scott has a wealth of large-scale construction, design and project management experience that will prove invaluable to us in this time of rapid growth,” said Kelly Doran, founder and principal of Doran Companies.

“Over the last five years we have grown from 30 employees to 140, added over 3 million square feet of properties that we manage, developed a strong design-build offering and are currently developing another thousand units of multi-family housing over the next three years. Scott’s industry knowledge, experience managing teams and attention to detail will support our current business plans and allow me to concentrate on property development and business growth.”

Stenman brings 25 years of development and construction experience to Doran Companies, having managed over \$2.2 billion of large-scale projects for Hammes, the Related Companies, Vail Resorts Development Company and Turner Construction.

According to Doran Companies Chief Operating Officer, Anne Behrendt, Stenman’s newly created position as CEO of construction and architecture will allow their Senior Vice Presidents, Scott Casanova and Paul Koliass, to focus on pre-construction and operations, respectively – an arrangement Behrendt says will enhance Doran’s client services. Behrendt said that Stenman will begin his role immediately and will help lead a planned expansion into the Denver market.

Michele Kelm-Helgen, Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority, said “Scott was instrumental in keeping U.S. Bank Stadium on schedule and within budget. His leadership skills and attention to detail helped guide the ownership group through the design and construction process while working closely with the design and construction teams.”

Dean Thomson, shareholder in the firm of Fabyanske, Westra, Hart & Thomson, P.A. said “In my many years of practice, I’ve rarely met someone who combines the talent, industry, and integrity that Scott possesses, not only in construction, but in design and development as well. I think Doran

Construction is very fortunate to have been able to hire Scott as its new CEO.”



KRAUS-ANDERSON DEVELOPMENT has promoted **JACK APPERT** to director of development in the company’s

Bloomington, Minn. office. KA Development, as part of the family of Kraus-Anderson companies, provides comprehensive real estate development services with a vertically integrated approach in collaboration with KA Realty and KA Construction. KA Development addresses the market’s expanding and dynamic commercial real estate activity with expertise in strategic site selection and acquisition, master planning, facilitation of public and private entitlements, financing, management and leasing.

Appert joined the company in 2007 as a real estate development associate, where he led a variety of both new and redevelopment projects that included McDonald’s and CVS-anchored shopping centers, among others. In his new position as director of development, Appert will be responsible for the real estate development process, providing design and due diligence expertise throughout the development of various projects and sectors, including healthcare, office, retail, senior and multi-family housing.

Appert received his BSBA degree in Real Estate & Construction Management from the University of Denver. He is a member of the Minnesota Shopping Center Association (MSCA), International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP) and Minnesota Commercial Association of Real Estate (MNCAR). Appert is also a licensed real estate agent as well as a licensed private pilot.

RJM CONSTRUCTION has been selected by Ascend Learning, LLC to build out 20,500 sq. ft. of office space for two of its Minneapolis and St. Paul based businesses, MedHub and FISDAP, within the historic 510 Marquette building in downtown Minneapolis.

Partnering with owner’s representative Jones Lang LaSalle, RJM will expose 20 ft. high ceilings and construct a new collaborative work space for Ascend Learning’s 120 employees. The interior office clusters will have a unique ceiling system, engineered independently of the building structure above.

Crews have begun demolition, with construction scheduled to be complete in March, 2017. RJM Construction recently completed another project within 510 Marquette for engineering firm Meyer Borgman Johnson.

In addition to RJM and Jones Lang LaSalle, the project team includes Kansas City based architect Gastinger & Walker.



DOUGLAS TRANGSRUD, of **AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING, INC.** (AET) has been promoted to Vice President –

Construction Materials Engineering. He will continue leading AET’s Saint Paul construction materials services department with additional focus on expanding AET’s services region wide. “We look forward to Doug taking on an expanded role to further develop AET’s relationships and reputation with our public and private sector clients in public work” said AET President David Rettner, PE.

Doug has applied his 30 years of experience on numerous municipal and county projects, building strong relationships with cities, counties and other consultants. He has also recently served as AET’s Project Manager for several large

transportation projects including 35W and County Road H Interchange, and the TH 61 Reconstruction and Levee Road Improvements in Red Wing, Minnesota.

Trangsrud credits his mentor, AET Chairman Terry Swor, for taking him under his wing when he was a civil engineering student, “he provided a great example of what a good project leader and client focused engineer should do. I am grateful for his mentorship and leadership; it has had a huge impact on who I am today.” When talking about his time at AET, Trangsrud highlights the team atmosphere as a key factor in his success, “when it comes down to it, our employees come together and deliver.”

Looking to the future, Trangsrud is excited about new opportunities on the horizon. He keeps his eyes open for ways to expand AET’s service offerings and adapt to new technologies; keeping the company on the leading edge. He is also focused inward on his team, skillfully matching their strengths to projects where they are successful and advance their career development. “I lead my employees like they are family,” comments Trangsrud, “we all contribute to each other’s success and share in each other’s lessons.”

Trangsrud holds an MBA for Technical Professionals from the University of Saint Thomas as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota. He is a strong believer in the importance of professional development and networking, as a result he is an active member of the American Public Works Association of Minnesota including serving on the Planning Committee for the organization. He is also a member of the City Engineers Association of Minnesota, American Concrete Pipe Association, American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated General Contractors, Minnesota Surveyors and Engineers Society, Minnesota Society of Professional

Engineers, Design Build Institute of America, and the American Institute of Architects.



KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA) has completed the first and second phases of additions and remodeling of the existing 202,000-square-foot high school located at 223 1st Ave. SE, in Pine Island, Minn. The school, which serves grades 5-12, has had multiple additions since it was originally built in 1934.

Designed by Wendel Architects, the \$16.75 million project features a new 13,085-square-foot, 608-seat auditorium addition, which was built inside the existing courtyard; new 13,813-square-foot group learning center addition; relocated fitness center; football field and stadium improvements; and renovations to existing school. In addition, the project also includes mechanical, lighting and security camera upgrades, new fire protection/sprinkler system, and remodel to the district office, cafeteria and commons, and STEM labs.

KA worked directly with the school district, architect and engineers, and provided master budgeting updates and scheduling for the district's entire \$39.75 million referendum fund, which included a new \$23 million pre-K-grade-4 building, as well as improvements at the existing grade 5-12 high school

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KRAUS-ANDERSON announced it has hired **BRADLEY W. ENGELSMA** as associate general counsel. He will be involved in

managing legal matters for all Kraus-Anderson business entities.

Engelsma comes to KA from the Faegre Baker Daniels LLP law firm in Minneapolis, where he was a business litigation associate. While at Faegre, he focused his practice on representing local and national businesses in complex commercial disputes, with an emphasis on breach of contract litigation, franchise litigation, and consumer financial services and corporate governance matters.

Engelsma earned his B.A. from Colgate University and his law degree from Northwestern University School of Law. He is also fluent in oral and written Spanish.

Engelsma shares KA's strong commitment to community and service, and shares his talents through pro bono work focusing on asylum claims for Central American migrants, supporting clients seeking benefits from the Social Security Administration, and serving in the Peace Corps in El Salvador.

The Kraus-Anderson family of companies includes Kraus-Anderson Companies, Kraus-Anderson Construction, Kraus-Anderson Realty, Kraus-Anderson Development, Kraus-Anderson Insurance and Kraus-

Anderson Mortgage.

As part of an intensive marketing campaign, **WELLS CONCRETE** is constructing three Mock-up Sample buildings to showcase our finishes and features capabilities. The buildings will be 30'x10' and located at our facilities in Rosemount, MN, Albany, MN, and Grand Forks, ND.

While many of the finishes and features highlighted by these sample buildings have been used on projects over the years, we are expanding our offerings. Thus came about a need to showcase both the new and existing features to highlight the capabilities of precast, both architecturally and structurally.

Our clients will be invited to view these buildings and then offer their perspectives on what they like and don't like about them. Wells Concrete wants to take a proactive approach with what the client community sees as a vision for precast applications.

This campaign was developed not only to help us, but, to help the design and construction community by providing an even higher performance wall system solution. The only way to do this is to brainstorm with our clients. Our sales group will be personally reaching out to their client contacts to schedule a tour, and our marketing team will send additional information to clients on our progress and how to schedule a tour or view the buildings on our website.

Construction on our new structural plant in Rosemount, MN is complete, and production started this past summer. The plant features high quality Ultra-Span technology for the hollowcore production, flexibility to meet marketplace demands, and the ability to produce other precast structural components such as double tees for parking ramps.

The Rosemount Plant is a 90' x 600' building with two 30-ton overhead cranes that sits on approximately 28 acres at the UMore site. The plant contains three 500' beds for Ultra-Span

hollowcore production and two 460' long, 12' wide double tee forms for parking ramp tees. The plant is designed to incorporate different forming configurations to accommodate company-wide production schedules.

The Rosemount Plant is staffed with 50 employees and produces precast concrete on three beds of hollowcore (12", 10" and 8") and two beds of double tees, which gives Wells Concrete an estimated 230 yards of concrete poured per day.

Rosemount is a production based facility with all production support, including steel fabrication and form materials, being completed at our other facilities. This allows the Wells Rosemount Plant to focus on production and producing the highest quality precast product possible. This also demonstrates the versatility of the company as a whole to be able to achieve this support.

This project is particularly exciting in that it has been developed as part of a strategic partnership with Dakota Aggregates, a joint venture of Ames Construction and Cemstone. The plant is located on a piece of property developed by Dakota Aggregates where they mine for high quality aggregates on site.

Our structural concrete is sourced from the Cemstone plant also located on the property, who in turn source raw

materials from on-site mining activity. The end result is a combination of capability and competitiveness that will be unmatched in our industry. Wells Concrete is committed to evolving with the marketplace and we believe this new operation in Rosemount is a valuable step in that direction.

BLANSKI PETER KRONLAGE & ZOCH, P.A. and Smith Schafer & Associates, Ltd. are proud to announce the merger of their accounting firms, effective January 1, 2017. The combined firms will operate under Smith Schafer's name and will continue to operate out of the firm's Twin Cities office in Valley Square Corporate Center, located next to Golden Valley Commons off Highway 55.

The combined Twin Cities office will include 12 Principals and 38 employees, specializing in the manufacturing, retail, funeral homes, nonprofits, transportation, professional services, construction and real estate industries.

Smith Schafer Managing Principal Steve Erchul said, "The combination of our firms will enhance our ability to serve our clients and provide opportunities for staff growth."

Smith Schafer is one of Minnesota's Top 25 Accounting Firms with approximately 90 team members in the Twin Cities, Rochester and Red Wing. With more than 45 years of experience, Smith Schafer has vast experience

across a broad range of industries including real estate and construction, transportation, nonprofits, governments and hospitality.

"The merger brings together two talented teams with similar core values and vision for the future," said John Edson of BPK&Z.

RJM CONSTRUCTION has been selected by Hmong College Prep Academy to build a new addition, sports fields, and remodeling of a portion of their charter school.

Located at 1515 Brewster Street in St. Paul, the project will consist of an elementary school addition of approximately 90,000 square feet. The addition/remodeled area will include approximately 55 classrooms, a media center, and a high school gym space. The project also adds an inflatable sports dome for the school's soccer and lacrosse programs.

Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2017, with a portion of the space opening to students the following fall. In addition to RJM, the project team includes Kodet Architectural Group. The team assisted Hmong Academy with their last significant construction project in 2013.

RJM Construction has completed work for nine charter schools, with renovations currently underway for Beacon Academy.

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