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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.



## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Each year the Minnesota Construction Association (MCA) recognizes construction projects and members that make substantial contributions to the community and the Association through the Awards of Excellence. Mark your calendar for the 2019 Awards of Excellence Gala being held on Wednesday, January 30, 2018.

### PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominations will be accepted from MCA Members in good standing during 2018 and 2019. Contractors, Subcontractors/Specialty Contractors and Construction Services Providers are invited to nominate a project completed between 2016 and 2018. The project must be substantially completed when nominated. Early bird entry fee is \$250 if paid on or before November 16, 2018. Entry fee is \$350 if paid November 17 - December 10, 2018.

► [Click here to set up an account and submit your nomination online.](#) [Click here to learn more about setting up an account and submitting an online nomination.](#)

**All entries must be fully submitted and paid by December 10, 2018 to be judged.**

### REGISTER TODAY!

Reservations are required if you plan to attend the Gala on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Minneapolis Marriott West.

You may reserve a table for 8 persons for \$720 or a half-table for 4 persons for \$360 (members or non-members). Individual reservations are \$90 for MCA members or \$100 for non-members. After January 16, 2019 fees increase to \$110/member, \$120/non-member, \$440/half-table and \$880/table and will be accepted on a space available basis.

Registration deadline is January 16, 2019. All attendees must register in advance; onsite registration will not be available for this event.

[Online Registration](#)

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

You can help make the Annual Awards Gala a night to remember by becoming a sponsor!

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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Mat Boie,**  
Wells Concrete

Good day and welcome to MCA's Fall Newsletter. As I reflect on the busy summer and transition to the busy fall, I would like to update you on the continued acceleration here at the MCA. We have had some spectacular successes and I want to thank everyone involved in making those victories happen.

It's amazing and very humbling to see the dedication of the board, committees, and all the people here in our diverse group helping out in every way possible. One of these is our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament that was held this past June. I'm happy to announce that \$7,500 was distributed to the following students for their Construction Management curriculum:

- Luke Eichten – University of Minnesota
- Ryan Holte – North Dakota State University
- Adam Wardak – University of Minnesota

Congratulations on your scholarships and again thank you to our sponsors and all who participated in our golf event. Next year we hope to give out even more in scholarships and we're working towards making the application process for students even more efficient. We're also hosting our first annual Sporting Clays event to raise funds for our educational awareness efforts – grab your gun, PPE, and some friends and sign up today for the October 24th event at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club.

The MCA's Construct\*ium group (Student Outreach Committee) is partnering again with the University of Minnesota and hosting its annual Built Environment Career Fair and Intercollegiate Quiz Bowl on October 5th at the U of M Coffman Memorial Union. Many MCA companies registered to network and converse with students from Construction Management schools in the upper Midwest during the Career Fair. Teams of students from ten colleges will be competing in fun and challenging rounds of questions tied to the construction industry, and the winner will carry bragging rights and the coveted JE Dunn Travelling Trophy.

We celebrated success within our Networking mission with an enjoyable boat cruise in August as we set sail along the St. Croix River. The company who provided the boat did an unplanned upgrade to something along the lines of an ocean cruise ship, so we had plenty of room to mingle and catch up with old acquaintances, while also expanding our network with new friends. Our next networking event is The Fifth Annual Soiree coming up November 1st – every year it's growing in size and becoming a very popular event to attend.

Regarding our educational programs, we held two in order to better our skills in the built environment. The first was Lessons From the Trenches Part II held at Ryan Companies office in June, which focused on legal updates and was presented by Keith Broady, Lauren Nuffort, and Mike Moline – all from Lommen Abdo and Karl Yeager from Meagher & Geer. Kraus-Anderson hosted the second with Your Company 2.0, hosted by KA's Tom Emison. It was great to learn about creative and innovative ways to take risks and grow our businesses. We are hosting our next event Oct 17th at Ryan Companies office called Construction Industry Forecast: The State of the Minnesota Economy. The MCA is proud to partner with the Minnesota Subcontractors Association on this exciting event – you won't want to miss it!

Thanks again for being a part of the MCA. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please call me at 763.235.8412 or email at mathew.boie@wellsconcrete.com. Hope to see you at the next event!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018**

Construction Industry Forecast:  
The State of the Minnesota Economy

**Monday, October 22, 2018**

MCA Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

2018 MCA Sporting Clays Event

**Thursday, November 1, 2018**

MCA Fifth Annual Soiree: A Gathering  
of Construction Professionals

**Monday, November 26, 2018**

MCA Board Meeting

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

MCA Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

Awards of Excellence Gala

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

Leadership Training Academy

**Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

Scholarship Golf Tournament

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

# ASK Ms. Awards

*Dear Ms. Awards,*

*I noticed that the project nominations are now being accepted on the MCA website, but I can't find a nomination form for the MCA Choice Award. Can you tell me how to get one?*

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Nomination*

Dear Mr. Nomination,

You can keep looking for a form, but you won't find one. The MCA Choice Award is unique as it is not a nominated award or a people's choice award. The MCA Awards Committee seeks out challenging projects completed by MCA member companies and selects the project they feel is the most deserving based on criteria listed below. The project must have been completed within the last three years and must be substantially complete by the end of 2018.

- Resourceful blending or construction techniques and professionals
- Evokes positive ideals through community service or historical preservation
- Showcases a truly professional team effort
- Spearheaded by strong leadership
- Unique or visionary in design, stands out aesthetically
- Achieved through an innovative blending of progressive business and financial methods
- Involved creative use of materials
- Utilized public and private involvement and cooperation
- Completed safely

The awards committee is still searching for great projects. If you have any suggestions, please email [info@mnconstruction.org](mailto:info@mnconstruction.org) by October 10th with the following information:

- Project name and location
- The Developer, Builder, and/or Owner
- Your Contact Information (including phone and email)

Sincerely,  
Ms. Awards

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2019 LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY!

Mark your calendar now to join fellow MCA members and students on April 23, 2019 at Graduate Minneapolis. The 2019 Leadership Training Academy will provide leadership and soft skills training for both young and seasoned professionals, including competitions and hands-on learning opportunities for students. Watch for registration to open in December!

## *HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY*



# REGISTER TODAY FOR THE OCTOBER BREAKFAST PROGRAM

## Construction Industry Forecast: The State of the Minnesota Economy @ Ryan Companies US, Inc.

October 17, 2018

During this program, Ron Wirtz from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis will offer a short primer on the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and its role in the economy. He will describe the current health and direction of the Minnesota economy using a variety of metrics, including gross domestic product, job growth, unemployment, hiring demand and labor supply measures.

### REGISTRATION:

**MCA & MSA Members – \$30 (\$35 at the door)**

**Non-Members – \$50**

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

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## MCA Fifth Annual Soirée: A Gathering of Construction Professionals

November 1, 2018

Register today for MCA's Fifth Annual Soirée! This event is open to all members and non-members. Join us for networking, food, drinks and a short program. Each attendee will receive one free drink ticket. Appetizers and a cash bar will be available.

Bonus – if you are an MCA member and pay for a guest from a non-member company, you will get entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card!

Registration and cancellation deadline is Friday, October 26.

### EVENT DETAILS:

**November 1, 2018 | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Minneapolis Marriott West  
9960 Wayzata Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55426**

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



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## 2018 MCA Sporting Clays Event WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

Join fellow Minnesota Construction Association members in the First Annual Sporting Clays Event on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at the Minnesota Horse & Hunt Club.

Register as an individual shooter or a team of 4-5 shooters. Smaller teams may be paired together to make a team of 4-5.

Cost is \$125/person and includes 18 Station course (clays and shells provided). Happy hour to follow with hosted keg and appetizers. Note - lunch and dinner are not provided.

**Registration and sponsorship deadline is Monday, October 8.**

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

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Event Sponsor  
(includes 4 shooters; limited to 3 companies) - \$1,000
- Premium Station Sponsor (includes 4 shooters) - \$800
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- Dinner Sponsor - \$250
- Shells Sponsor - \$200

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# MEMBER TO MEMBER



**AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING (AET)** is excited to welcome industry expert, **RICK FROBERG** to their team as their Building

Technology Division Manager. In his role, Froberg will support the Building Technology team in the company's corporate office in St. Paul as well as expand the company's service offerings across their offices, focusing on the expansion of their building envelope services. "A key facet of our strategic plan is smart growth. With the addition of Rick as our Building Technology Division Manager, we are continuing to grow one of our key specialty service lines," said AET CEO Dan Larson, P.E. "Rick's unique perspective as an architect complements the current departmental leadership and skillset. His experience as a strategic leader and business unit builder will allow us to accelerate our growth in this area and better serve our valued business partners."

Froberg is a licensed professional architect with over 25 years of experience in consulting services. He first found himself in the industry when, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the University of Minnesota, he was offered a summer internship with a local engineering firm's roofing department. According to Froberg, "after that summer, I realized this was the industry I wanted to be in, I wanted to work with a variety of clients, building owners, and engineers to solve potential building envelope issues."

A self-proclaimed problem solver, Froberg has established himself as the go-to resource when it comes to building envelopes and roofing. He has been the recipient of many

industry awards including both the RCI North American Large Roof Replacement Project Award for IDS Tower and the RCI North American Small Roof Replacement Award for the University of Minnesota Morris Humanities Fine Arts Building in 2017 and the RCI North American Forensic Report Award for the Mason City Municipal Airport in 2018. Froberg is a registered Architect in Wisconsin, South Dakota, Colorado and Arizona, a Registered Roof Consultant and LEED AP certified. He is an active member of the Roof Consultants Institute (RCI) and the American Institute of Architects. ♦



**KRAUS-ANDERSON (KA)** has completed a 9,600-square-foot project for Hutchinson Health, which includes a new Cancer Center, cardiac rehab area and on call suites. Hutchinson Health is located at 1095 Hwy. 15 South in Hutchinson, Minn.

Designed by Wold Architects and Engineers, the \$2.1 million expansion triples the size of the existing center and integrates all Hutchinson Health's cancer services into one location. The project adds three exam rooms, six infusion therapy rooms and a procedure room. In addition, the expansion features a new waiting room, consultation rooms, and spaces for pre and post procedure.

Kraus-Anderson has deep experience in healthcare construction. The company is currently ranked 15th in the nation among the top health care general contractors in the U.S. by Modern Healthcare magazine. ♦



**KRAUS-ANDERSON** and Inland Development Partners have commenced construction on a three-story, 316-unit housing project in Richfield, Minn. Located near 66th and Cedar Ave., the \$53 million Chamberlain apartment complex is the first joint venture between the two companies, which both focus on developing and redeveloping multi-family, office, industrial and retail property.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19.

Designed by Urbanworks Architecture of Minneapolis, the Chamberlain apartment complex consists of six rental buildings – three will be new construction and three others will be renovated. Of the 316 mixed-income units, 20 percent of the units will be designated as affordable housing.



"The City of Richfield staff and policy makers have been a meaningful partner in making the Chamberlain project a reality," said Steve Schwanke partner at Inland Development Partners.

The property was purchased from the City of Richfield. Richfield Parkway will be extended through the Chamberlain complex south from 66th Street to 70th Street.

"We are pleased to be a part of this exciting re-development, bringing additional vitality to the east edge of Richfield," said Matt Alexander, Kraus-Anderson's senior vice president of Kraus-Anderson Development Company.

The project was financed through the HUD 221(d)(4) program through the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust and placed by Dougherty Mortgage of Minneapolis.

Kraus-Anderson Construction is the general contractor. The first units will be open in the fall of 2019. ♦



**KRAUS-ANDERSON REALTY COMPANY**

has promoted **JEFF HILDAHL** to senior vice president of properties and

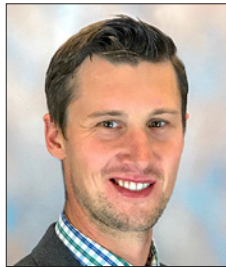
leasing. He will succeed Jerry Sand, who will retire next spring. In his new position, Hildahl will be responsible for the execution of Kraus-Anderson Company's real estate asset strategy, overseeing leasing, property management, acquisitions and dispositions, including driving growth and value to KA Realty's diverse portfolio of five million square feet across the upper Midwest.

Hildahl joined Kraus-Anderson Realty in 2011 and previously served as vice president of leasing, sales and acquisitions. Prior to KA, he had over 25 years of experience in the leasing and management of commercial real estate, working with REITS such as General Growth Properties and The Macerich Company, and locally with Opus.

"Jeff has worked collaboratively and effectively with the property management and development teams toward the common goal of producing great value for our property owners, helping us maintain strong tenant retention and an occupancy rate exceeding 90 percent," said Dan Engelsma, Kraus-Anderson Realty president. "Jeff's new role will enable him to leverage his deep national experience in asset management and leasing, and will optimize our portfolio's value and strategy with a full life cycle perspective."

Hildahl holds a BS in Business from Iowa State University. He is a licensed broker (State of Minnesota), a senior certified leasing specialist and senior certified shopping center manager. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Minnesota Commercial Association of Realtors (MNCAR) and Minnesota Shopping Center Association (MSCA). ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has added staff.



**CHANNING BOE** has been hired as a project engineer. Most recently, Channing worked for Reieron Construction of Bemidji. He

graduated from Minnesota State University-Mankato with a degree in Construction Management.



**CLARA HUSMANN** has been hired as a project coordinator. Prior to joining KA, she was the office manager for Alaska Sheet

Metal & Haakenson Electric in Anchorage, where she supervised the construction administrative staff.

The Rochester office of **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION**



has hired 21-year industry veteran, **MATT ATKINSON**, as superintendent.

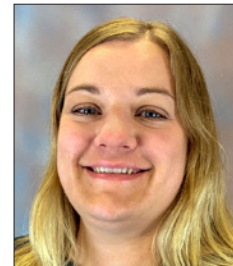
**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)**

has hired **Eric Pederson** and **Angela Johnson** as project managers. they work in the company's Minneapolis office.



**ERIC PEDERSON**, a 25-year industry veteran, previously served as a project manager for D.J. Kranz Co. in Plymouth, Minn. and for

Knutson Construction Services, Inc. in Rochester, Minn. He received his B.S. in Construction Management from Moorhead State University and his MBA from Bethel University in St. Paul. Pederson holds a CDT certification and LEED Green Associate accreditation.



**ANGELA JOHNSON** comes to KA having served as project manager for Burnsville, Minn.-based PCL Construction Company and

for Affiliated Construction Services, Inc. in Middleton, Wis. She earned her B.S. in Architectural Engineering and Construction Management from Milwaukee School of Engineering.

LEED Green Associates

In addition, Kraus-Anderson's **BRIAN JOHNSON**, project manager, and **SAM LARSON**, project engineer, have received their LEED Green Associate accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Both work in the company's Minneapolis office.




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the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. The LEED Green Associate credential demonstrates green building expertise in non-technical fields of practice. Kraus-Anderson has dozens of employees who have earned the LEED designation.

Leading the charge in sustainable design and construction for the last 20 years, Kraus-Anderson has managed dozens of national LEED projects and has been ranked consistently among the top Green Contractors in the U.S. by Engineering News Record. ♦

Xcel Energy's High Performance Building Award has been presented to **KRAUS-ANDERSON** (KA), recognizing the company's new five-story, 100,000-square-foot downtown Minneapolis headquarters. The award honors KA for its exemplified

leadership and ongoing commitment to energy efficiency.

KA's new headquarters building is part of a block-wide development that includes high-rise housing, a boutique hotel, a non-profit micro-brewery and two levels of underground parking. The entire block was designed to create a unique urban experience within the heart of downtown that taken as a whole represents a sustainable addition to the City of Minneapolis.

KA worked with Xcel Energy's Energy Design Assistance (EDA) program to maximize energy saving opportunities that complemented the style and design of the space. The program provides computerized energy modeling to identify various efficiency measures available, potential costs, payback terms and rebates.

"Our company's leadership determined the guiding principle used throughout the project would be cost-effective sustainability. This principle influenced all decisions, including space planning for customers and employees, building components, systems and technology," said Matt Stringfellow, KA's mechanical and electrical systems manager. "Months of planning and construction has resulted in a beautiful, spacious and energy efficient building that we're proud to call home."

Attracting and retaining talent to the market was another goal.

"It's a very competitive market for talent right now," said Michael Hille, executive vice president of Kraus-Anderson Realty and Development. "We want to be the employer of choice. This office reflects the principles of our company, employees and our clients, and it provides a competitive edge."

Hille also says "the entire design and construction has been very thoughtful, from the building configuration to the air quality, making this an inviting and invigorating environment."

A top priority was a collaborative, open space environment, and using as much daylight as possible including energy efficient LED light fixtures. Indoor air quality featuring low, off-gas emitting characteristics, was also a big priority.

The biggest energy savers KA installed include:

- High efficiency heating and cooling system (Two identical package rooftop variable air volume air handling units with direct expansion cooling and natural gas fired preheating)
- Windows/glazing
- Dimming and daylighting controls
- LED lighting system that is 30 percent more efficient than code
- Occupancy sensor control of office equipment



Finally, the new building includes amenities that previous offices never had: an employee café with large windows to capture ample daylight, a multi-purpose training/conference room, a pre-function break-out space containing a service bar, a catering kitchen, and an employee fitness center with locker rooms. A large outdoor patio located on the 5th floor complete with gas grille -- the perfect spot for staff to enjoy fantastic views of downtown Minneapolis.

And speaking directly to the company's care about sustainability, KA has several remarkable colonies of urban honey bees on the rooftop that are able to live, thrive and pollinate in a bustling downtown urban environment.

Xcel Energy rewarded Kraus-Anderson with rebates and bonuses of more than \$146,000 and will save the company \$80,000 per year in energy costs.

"Saving energy is not the whole answer," Stringfellow says. "Working with Xcel Energy is helping us save energy in a smart way, and new, stricter energy codes are helping achieve that across the industry. Now, instead of asking whether we'll incorporate energy efficiency in our projects, we're taking it upon ourselves to introduce various options and make smart choices." ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON (KA)** has completed a 26,000-square-foot clinic for Fraser in Woodbury, Minn. The new mental health and rehabilitation clinic will serve children with special needs. The \$6.6 million clinic is located at 721 Commerce Drive. Fraser is Minnesota's largest and

most experienced provider of autism services.

The new clinic – Fraser's seventh in the Twin Cities – addresses the needs of many families, thousands of which are waiting for services in St. Paul and the surrounding communities. Using data from the CDC and US Census projections, more than 6,500 east metro families may need this new, state-of-the-art mental health treatment clinic within the next ten years.

Fraser Woodbury Clinic will offer comprehensive autism and mental health evaluations, diagnostic and treatment services; autism and mental health day treatment; case management; applied behavioral analysis; and speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Unique to Fraser, families will have the benefit of receiving multiple complementary services in one building. Research shows that treatment outcomes drastically improve when all therapies happen in one place. This model allows children to spend more time in direct treatment, decreases medical and travel costs for families and improves treatment outcomes.

Designed by Pope Architects with the support of Orfield Laboratories, Fraser Woodbury will provide a sensory-friendly environment, featuring:

- Enhanced sound attenuation with a quieter mechanical system, higher sound rated walls with acoustic panels and acoustic insulation to minimize mechanical noise distraction;

- Enhanced lighting that reduces shadows and glare for improved transitioning of clients;
- Integrally designed steel structures for attachment of physical therapy equipment in the physical therapy rooms;
- Skylights for natural light in corridors;
- A calming color palette of interior features;
- Window film and exterior screen panels to reduce distractions from outside sources
- Fenced in play area;
- Enhanced door security for added safety.

Kraus-Anderson has deep experience bringing innovative solutions to Minnesota health and education settings, including Regions Hospital Inpatient Mental Health Center in Saint Paul and the Early Childhood Family Center in Stillwater. In addition, KA has built several special education schools, including Karner Blue in Blaine, Pankalo in Lake Elmo, Quora in Little Canada, River Bluff Education Center in Red Wing and Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders in Duluth. ♦



**DORAN COMPANIES** has promoted **TONY KUECHLE** to President of Development.

Since joining Doran Companies

in 2015 as Vice President of Development, Kuechle has developed thousands of luxury multi-family units in some of the most exclusive areas of the Twin Cities. Most recently, he led the development of The Moline in Hopkins and The Reserve in Maple Grove. Current developments include Aria in Edina, The Expo in downtown Minneapolis and The Triple Crown at Canterbury Park – all luxury apartment communities.



"We are a development-led organization, vertically integrated with our design, construction, and asset management companies – so Tony's leadership is vital to our overall success," said Doran Companies founder and owner Kelly Doran. "In project after project, Tony demonstrates his value."

"Tony has provided the strategic insight and instincts we need to lead this aspect of our business going forward," said Doran Companies Chief Operating Officer Anne Behrendt. "In addition to the fast pace of the past several years, Tony's previous experience at Sherman Associates provided him with a broad base of industry expertise in all aspects of development, including acquisitions and asset management."

In addition to projects he has led for Doran Companies, his prior work included major developments such as West Side Flats in Saint Paul, The Paxon and Encore in Minneapolis and other commercial and hospitality developments in the Midwest.

"I'm proud of the team of developers we are building here at Doran Companies," said Kuechle. "Having the resources and development partners in-house – including best-in-class architects, construction experts and property management teams – makes our work as developers that much more efficient." ♦

To boost the company's quality integration initiatives, **KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (KA) has created the Building Science Group.

KA established the new group to help building owners better understand a building's performance across its full life span. Building Science adds significant value to a project by enabling owners, design teams and project staff to make informed choices that lead to better outcomes for building performance, project schedule, initial cost/life cycle cost and other metrics.



To lead the initiative, **JON PORTER** has been promoted to director of Building Science. He formerly served as the company's

Quality manager. The team also includes vice president Mike Spence, who established KA's Quality initiative and has been instrumental in developing the Building Science Group.

Porter says a significant factor in meeting and exceeding owner's expectations has become if, and how, Building Science was leveraged on their project.

"Buildings contain multiple elements that interact and influence each other, such as the building envelope, occupants and their activities, electrical and mechanical systems, and the exterior environment," says Porter. "Building science looks at how the interaction of those elements will impact the overall building's performance across its entire life cycle."

Al Gerhardt, KA's president and COO, says quality integration is a top priority and true differentiator on how the company responds to its customers' needs and requirements.

"As the marketplace continues to evolve with new industry practices, KA is focused on providing innovative approaches to project delivery and state-of-the-art knowledge and expertise in Building Science," said Gerhardt. "Jon's extraordinary experience and dedication to quality

will provide the continued leadership to serve this critical initiative."

Porter is a licensed professional engineer with over 20 years of experience in the design and construction industry. With a career focus on program management and project management, he leverages Building Science and structural engineering expertise for the design, delivery and maintenance of commercial building projects. As a quality manager, Porter has provided leadership with projects in numerous areas including historical and adaptive reuse, office, retail and education. He received his Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the Fenn College of Engineering at Cleveland State University.



To bolster the new initiative, KA has hired **PAUL WHITENACK** as manager of Building Science. He is a senior forensic architect, Building Science

and exterior enclosure specialist with 26 years of experience. Most recently, Whitenack was an associate principal with Wiss, Janney, Elstner, Associates, Inc. in Minneapolis. He received his BA in Graphic Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and his Master of Architecture and Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Architecture. ♦

The Bemidji office of **KRAUS-ANDERSON** (KA) has completed the Gene Dillon Elementary School in Bemidji and will be open in time





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for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

The \$31 million, 124,600-square-foot school serves 900 students in grades 4 and 5.

Designed by DLR Group, the new school features two gymnasiums, 48 high-tech classrooms, cafeteria, lounge, media center, art and music facilities, offices and an autism area.

Kraus-Anderson remains one of the region's leading construction managers for education and is currently ranked 6th in the nation in the construction of K-12 facilities by Building Design and Construction magazine. The company has completed more than \$1 billion in K-12 projects in the past five years. ♦



**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (KA) has completed Quora Education Center, a new \$43 million special education school for Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

A grand opening was held from 2-6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 15 at 70 W. County Road B2 in Little Canada.

The three-level, 157,000-square-foot school serves 300 students in grades 5-12 in general education and special education programs. The building

also includes administrative offices for more than 200 staff.

Within the special education programs, Northeast Metro 916 provides services for students who have autism spectrum disorders (ASD), developmental cognitive disabilities (DCD), emotional/behavioral disorders (EBD) and other health disabilities.

Quora 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. Until recently, most special education classrooms have been retrofitted from conventional classrooms to serve students who have not always found success from traditional schools. Quora's innovative, purpose-built design supports the students' unique learning styles and behavioral and mental health needs, including speech language and various related services.

KA partnered with Lawal Scott Erickson Architects (LSE) to design and construct Quora to feature natural light and access to natural scenery, and sound remediation to create a quiet and calm atmosphere for students. The building's layout allows for classroom, small group and individual learning environments with improved lighting, air quality and temperature control.

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.

Quora will serve five unique programs for students needing a wide range of services that support them in reaching their educational goals. The open design empowers students to flow through the space, while providing staff the ability to maintain sight and control.

Quora Education Center is the third special education school built for

Northeast Metro 916 by Kraus-Anderson, one of the area's largest construction manager of schools for students with special needs. Others include Karner Blue Education Center, a K-8 school in Blaine, Minn.; and Pankalo Education Center, a K-8 school in Lake Elmo, Minn. KA also has built other special educational schools in Minnesota, including RiverEast in St. Paul, Fraser Clinic in Woodbury, Early Childhood Family Center in Stillwater, River Bluff Education Center in Red Wing, and Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders in Duluth. ♦

The Rochester International Airport (RST) hosted a Grand Opening of its upgraded terminal and new U.S. Customs facilities from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

**KRAUS-ANDERSON** completed the extensive remodel that began in April 2017. The \$12 million infrastructure initiative features new centralized ticketing counters, consolidated baggage claim area and an expanded U.S. Customs area.

Scheduled service from key U.S. markets by Delta Air Lines, American Airlines and United Airlines connects 290,000 passengers annually from around the world, generating \$161 million in annual economic activity, and 2,911 jobs with \$73 million dollars in annual payroll. Elite Airways also will begin nonstop service from RST to St. Augustine, Fla. and to Phoenix, Ariz. in October 2018.

Upgrades to the main terminal lobby relocated the ticket counter areas for all airlines to one side of the terminal and the baggage claim for all airlines to the other side. In addition, U.S. Customs, which serves as a Port of Entry and processes international passengers arriving at RST, was expanded to 20,000 square feet, increasing efficiencies and meeting the current safety, security and space requirements.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of federal, state and local governments to fund this critical project," said John Reed, executive director of the

Rochester International Airport. "We accomplished the necessary upgrades to maintain our U.S. Customs facility and also enhanced the customer experience in the terminal. By doing that we are able to provide an exceptional experience both for our local travelers and for visitors arriving into our community from around the world."

Funding for the RST upgrades included: \$7.3 million from federal funds; \$3.8 million from the City of Rochester; and \$790,000 from MnDOT Aeronautics. ♦

### **KRAUS-ANDERSON REALTY COMPANY**

has promoted Cindy MacDonald and Ken Vinje to vice president of properties. Both have served as KA Realty's director of properties and redevelopment.

"In their leadership roles, Ken and Cindy will actively serve as a strategic part of the company's senior management, responsible for the overall operations of KA's Real Estate portfolio and team of property managers," said Mike Hille, executive vice president of Kraus-Anderson Realty & Development. "We are grateful for their leadership and expertise, and look forward to their continued contributions to KA and our industry in their expanded roles."

Each with 30 years of commercial real estate industry experience, MacDonald and Vinje will manage KA Realty's planning, strategy, profitability, quality service and marketing of portfolios. They also will oversee the daily operation of all property buildings, including repair and maintenance, tenant relations and lease administration, and will lead the company's renovation and redevelopment opportunities, and assist in the acquisition and disposal of commercial real estate properties



**CINDY MACDONALD** joined KA Realty in 2004 in the property management department, where she oversaw a

portfolio of more than 1.7 million square feet of retail, office, medical and assisted living properties. Her professional affiliations include the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Minneapolis (BOMA), where she serves as vice president. She is the past president of Minnesota Shopping Center Association (MSCA) and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. She also is a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) and International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). MacDonald holds several certifications, including Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM), Certified Retail Property Executive (CRX), Certified Shopping Center Manager (CSM), Certified Property Manager (CPM) and Real Property Administrator (RPA).



**KEN VINJE** joined Kraus-Anderson Realty in 1998 and has managed over 2.3 million square feet of commercial properties. Vinje leads

the company's renovation and redevelopment projects, and assists in acquisition and disposal of commercial real estate properties. He received his BA in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. He holds certifications as a Certified Retail Property Executive (CRX), Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and Certified Shopping Center Manager (CSM). Vinje was inducted into the Minnesota Shopping Center Association's (MSCA) Hall of Fame, served on the board of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and is currently the board chair of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce. ♦

The Elliot Park Hotel, a new 168-unit luxury hotel at 5th Avenue at 9th Street in downtown Minneapolis, opened on September 13, 2018. Set to become a distinct downtown destination, the completion of the eight-story hotel is the final

component of a comprehensive, mixed-use block development that also features Kraus-Anderson's new home office, a 17-story HQ residential tower and Finnegan's microbrewery.

Built by **KRAUS-ANDERSON** (KA) and developed by Wilkinson Corporation, the upscale hotel is a member of the Marriott Autograph Collection®, featuring a unique design, inherent craft and a direct connection to the community. Hotel amenities include a fireside lounge, event space, meeting rooms and a fitness center. Coury Hospitality will operate the hotel.

The Elliot Park Hotel also introduces Tavola, a farm-to-table Italian restaurant designed to be inviting to both locals and hotel guests as a gathering place. Tavola will feature pizzas, pastas and steaks, and a wide variety of wines and craft cocktails.

Hotel valet service and the highly visible restaurant both have dedicated entrances off 5th Avenue.

Designed by ESG Architects, the hotel <https://elliottparkhotel.com/> is created to fit into the fabric of the existing historic Elliot Park neighborhood. The property is a key part of a full block urban redevelopment that builds on the City of Minneapolis' East Town vision to transform Portland Avenue and Fifth Avenue into widened vibrant, pedestrian oriented streetscapes, connecting Elliot Park to the new Commons Park and the Mill District.

"It's been extraordinarily rewarding to see the vision of our hotel and the entire KA Block become reality," said Mike Herral, vice president of development for Wilkinson. "This development has been a huge success for Wilkinson, thanks in large part to the long list of partners that have been involved with the design and construction. We are very excited to join the Marriott Autograph Collection and to begin operations on September 13th." ♦

**DORAN COMPANIES** today announced that three top Doran executives are launching a new, independent development venture



in the Twin Cities. Doran Companies Chief Operating Officer **ANNE BEHRENDT**, Doran Companies President of Development **TONY KUECHLE** and Doran Companies Chief Financial Officer **RYAN JOHNSON** will own and lead Doran RE Partners, LLC, which will pursue development deals using new sources of capital, independent of Kelly Doran.

"I have always believed in providing increased opportunity to the talented people who help me lead Doran Companies," said Doran Companies Founder Kelly Doran. "Whether offering profit sharing to all employees or an ownership stake in key projects, I believe hard work should be rewarded and all good organizations should evolve to create new opportunities for highly talented employees. I'm excited to give this team the freedom to pursue their own development projects and view it as one more way to evolve in this business."

The three executives will remain full-time in their current roles at Doran Companies, continuing to lead all development deals. Separately, they will lead Doran RE Partners, LLC, which will pursue independent joint venture deals and partnerships that rely on new sources of capital.

"We are excited to pursue new development opportunities and to invest our personal capital in the projects we take on," said Behrendt. "We believe deeply in what we do and in the possibilities of the market. While the cities and municipalities within which we do business can expect the same quality they have come to expect from Doran Companies, this new partnership enables us to engage in projects independent of Kelly's financial commitment."

Doran, age 60, made clear that he has no intentions of retiring or getting out of the real estate development business. "I have no intention of retiring," said Doran. "In fact, we have more engaging projects than ever before – from The Expo in Minneapolis to Aria in Edina to The

Triple Crown at Canterbury Park. However, just because I don't plan to retire does not mean I can't support my talented team by empowering them to pursue their own projects. I strongly support their efforts in every way." ♦



**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** has completed RiverEast, a \$21.9 million K-8 special education school for Saint Paul Public Schools. Located at 1055 Mackubin St. in St. Paul, the 71,100-square-foot school will opened in September 2018.

RiverEast School provides a supportive special educational environment for students to develop the skills required to be successful through academics, school-based therapy and positive relationships. The school's small class size features no more than eight students per teacher to provide individualized attention. A maximum of 80 students will be enrolled at the school.

With a mental health focus, RiverEast offers therapeutic services that are addressed through daily group and enrichment activities that are run by a social worker and a mental health practitioner. The staff works closely with caregivers and community providers to meet each student's needs. In addition, the school's motivational program helps students earn points for demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behaviors.

RiverEast was designed by **BWBR**, a leading health and education design firm that has developed the innovations for these unique learning environments.

KA is one of the area's largest construction manager of special education schools. In Minnesota, the company has recently built Fraser

Clinic in Woodbury, Karner Blue in Blaine, Pankalo in Lake Elmo, Quora Education Center (formerly Capitol View Center) in Little Canada, Early Childhood Family Center in Stillwater, River Bluff Education Center in Red Wing, and Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders in Duluth. ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (KA) has completed construction at Woodbury Middle School, located at 1425 School Drive in Woodbury, Minn.

Improvements were designed to accommodate an increase in student capacity from 1,080 to 1,300 for the 2018-19 school year.

Designed by Architects Rego + Youngquist, the \$10.3 million 26,000-square-foot expansion and renovation features a new 3,000-square-foot kitchen and 1,800-square-foot interior remodel.

The two-story expansion will add 12 middle school classrooms, bathrooms and collaborative learning spaces. Renovations were also made to group learning spaces, media center and the orchestra space. New technology and furniture will be utilized in the renovated and added spaces at the school.

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. ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** (KA) has completed multiple projects for the Spring Lake Park School District in time for fall classes. The overall facilities project includes the new \$30 million Centerview Elementary School; Early Childhood Center renovation; Transitions Center addition and mechanical upgrades to the District Services Center; renovation of Spring Lake Park High



improvements for flexible learning spaces.

STEM additions at Westwood Intermediate and Middle School, and Woodcrest Spanish Immersion School

The \$4.32 million project included the conversion of an old auditorium at Westwood (located at 701 91st Ave. NE in Minneapolis) into a new STEM lab and creating flexible learning spaces. The improvements at Westwood and Woodcrest (located at 880 Osborne Rd NE in Fridley) added glass doorways, operable partitions and collaborative furniture to increase visibility in the classrooms and to create flexible learning environments and collaboration spaces. ♦

**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has broken ground on Little Canada Elementary School.

The groundbreaking is the first of many in Roseville Area Schools as the district moves forward with its long-range facilities plan funded by a \$145 million bond referendum.

During the bond referendum, the school district communicated the following commitments regarding Little Canada Elementary School. These commitments will all be addressed as a part of the construction and renovation projects.

- Improving and/or replacing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning for classrooms and teaching spaces
  - Repairing and/or replacing roofs
  - Repairing paving
  - Adding classrooms for capacity
  - Adding music room
  - Converting existing music room to classroom for capacity
  - Renovating to create a dedicated Friendship Connection room
  - Renovating special education areas to align with student needs
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School (SLPHS); and STEM additions at Westwood Intermediate School and Middle School, and Woodcrest Spanish Immersion School.

Centerview Elementary School

The new 100,000-square-foot Centerview Elementary School is located at 10365 Davenport Street NE in Blaine. The preK-4 school was designed to best meet the learning needs of students and to allow teachers to personalize learning for each student. The school features five learning studios that house innovative learning spaces. Designed by Wold Architects and Engineers, the learning studios reflect adaptable learning environments that are created to be used flexibly for teachers to work with individuals, small or larger groups of students.

Early Childhood Center addition and renovation

The \$8.45 million project included the renovation of the Early Childhood space, an addition for the Transitions Special Education program and a replacement of the aging mechanical systems of the District Services Center. The Early Childhood Center, located at the north end of the District Services Center, will house programming for children ages 3-4, early childhood family education programs and birth-to-age-3 programming.

SLPHS renovation

The \$6.45 million renovation of the "C" wing and Auto/Woods Laboratories at SLPHS features new Career and Technical Education classrooms and media center



**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** has hired **KAREN TUCKER** as Lean and Process Improvement Director. KA

is one of the Midwest's oldest and largest general building contractors and construction managers. Tucker will oversee the continued development of the company's Lean culture to improve operational effectiveness, client experience and strategic market position.

"Lean at KA is not just about the process and the tools we associate with Toyota and other Lean manufacturers. It's the mentality and the cultural commitments that create a new type of capacity in KA," said Al Gerhardt, president and COO of Kraus-Anderson Construction. "Karen's hiring reflects KA's ongoing commitment to lean construction and our passion for outstanding

relationships. Everyone wins when projects are more safe, efficient, productive, profitable and enjoyable. Our Lean culture also will help us win the best projects, deliver them with ever-increasing effectiveness, and win the war for talent in our industry."

Tucker is a six sigma master black belt (MBB), a rank assigned to the most experienced Six Sigma expert practitioners who have created portfolios of improvement projects for businesses and enterprises. She has more than 20 years of experience as a leader of strategic process improvement and transformation across complex organizations in the manufacturing, construction, utility and energy industries.

Tucker comes to Kraus-Anderson from Wanzek Construction in Fargo. As Wanzek's director of quality and development, she established an organization-wide document control system and standard operating procedures for

all priority construction and business processes. She also facilitated lean kaizens and taught lean and quality improvement methodologies to the organization. In addition, Tucker also served in roles as the company's renewable services technical director, and project management office director. Prior to Wanzek, she was the corporate operational excellence master black belt quality process manager for NextEra Energy, where she led quality improvement, lean and transformational change projects across the corporation.

Tucker received a BS degree in Industrial Technology from University of Wisconsin-Stout, a BAS degree in Energy Management from Bismarck State College and an MBA from North Dakota State University. In addition to her MBB, she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMI), and Quality Manager, Auditor and Engineer (ASQ), and member and former chairman of the American Wind Energy Quality Committee. ♦

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**KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (KA)** has completed construction of Oltman Middle School, located at 6625 Goodview Ave. in Cottage Grove, Minn. The school opened to students and faculty when classes resumed during the first week in September 2018.

The new Oltman Middle School, which replaces the former school building at 1020 Third St. in St. Paul Park, will accommodate as many as 1,100 students in grades 6-8 with future expansion for as many as 1,450 students.

"We are grateful for the South Washington County Schools community for its approval of the 2015 bond issue that allowed for the construction of our new school," said Oltman Middle School Principal Joni Hagebock. "This new school will accommodate our growing population, while providing our students with new opportunities to learn and grow."

Teaching space in the building will feature a pod design that allows each grade level to be housed in its own two-story section of the building. Within the pods, the classrooms feature a moveable wall that can open to a collaborative learning space, with tables and comfortable seating arrangements.

Designed by Architects, Rego + Youngquist, the 188,000-square-foot building includes new classrooms, modern media center, state-of-the-art auditorium and performing arts center, pool, music suite, gym, fitness center, locker rooms, cafeteria, kitchen and administrative space.

"Kraus-Anderson was a good partner in this extensive two-year project and helped us stretch every dollar by using economic material choices," said Mike Vogel, Oltman's interim director of facilities and construction management. "Their efficient construction management helped us stay on schedule and under budget."

**RACHEL CONTRACTING** recently expanded its operations with a new Twin Ports office to service

the Duluth/Superior and Northern Minnesota/Wisconsin areas. The new office is centrally located in Hermantown, MN. Rachel will be providing the same heavy civil services including Earthwork, Demolition, Utilities and Specialty Contracting just like in our other offices in St. Michael, MN and Bismarck, ND. Our added commitment and focus in this market have been well received by our regional customers in the Industrial and Commercial space.

**MIKE FRIEND**, will be leading our new Twin Ports Team. His experience and local knowledge are an immediate asset to existing and prospective clients. Also joining our team is **TIM HORN** - Senior Estimator/Project Manager, **GARRETT COLLINS** - Estimator/Project Manager and **STEVE COLLINS** - Field Superintendent. The Team's local presence continues to open more and more opportunities for future projects. Rachel's Twin Ports Team is already working on multiple projects including Lake County Highway Department's New Truck Facility in Two Harbors, MN. ♦

**ROCHON** is pleased to announce the completion of the Gemini Medical-Arthrex Minnesota headquarters. The new 17,000 SF headquarters is located in Mendota Heights and houses the office, warehouse, classroom and a surgical lab.

Firm Ground Architects and **BKBM ENGINEERS** designed the facility for Arthrex-Gemini Medical and was able to infuse a sleek and modern look into a professional and educational

facility. The feel is clean, simple and timeless.

The Physician's lounge features a counter height bar and floor to ceiling windows that look out onto a large outdoor patio and pergola. Included in the lounge are ample chairs, tables and booth style seating.

The classroom area is filled with windows, state of the art technology and seating for 40. The technology features allow for Staff and Physicians to attend lectures and live stream the surgery procedures with the ability to have real time conversations with the surgeon. The overhead and closeup views of the procedures provide the classroom attendees with more effective learning than was previously possible.

More than half of the MN Gemini Medical- Arthrex Staff work remotely and spend most of their time outside of the company headquarters attending surgeries at the Physician's hospital or meeting with current and future Clients throughout the Midwest. Staff schedules were taken into consideration when designing Staff space at the new facility. The design is one that provides multiple styles of meeting, study and team work spaces. Study rooms offer multiple seating options and offer floor to ceiling glass doors. Dining and additional workspace includes booths, only a handful of unassigned cubicles and a meeting room that can be used for team and teleconference meetings.

Warehouse procurement, storage, shipping and inventory management is also housed within the new facility.





The ceilings are fourteen feet tall, there is ample racking for inventory and multiple work stations allow for precise and timely shipping and receiving of medical devices.

The exterior has ample parking, clean lines and an appearance that is professional without being cold and sterile. Pre-cast exterior walls with stone and metal panels, flanked by clean yet colorful landscaping and a private patio on the rear side of the building soften the look and provide a welcoming feel.

This new facility model will serve as the standard for all future Gemini Medical sites. The Minnesota site

has been well received by Arthrex and a similar but larger version of this building is set to break ground in Colorado third quarter of 2018. ♦

**ROCHON** is pleased to announce that **JAKE SPRECHER** has been hired as a Project Manager. Jake is a graduate of Iowa State University and also possesses certifications in OSHA 30 and LEED Green Associate.

Jake brings with him over 10 years of construction and engineering experience. Jake recently moved to Minneapolis from Denver, Colorado where he served as a Project Engineer for a General Contractor. Jake has been responsible for a

variety of project sectors including: education, retail, multi-family, restaurant and hospitality. His experience with project estimating and project accounting bring an added value and talent to the Rochon team.

As a Project Manager for Rochon Jake will be responsible for managing projects in the education, retail and religious sectors. ♦

**ROCHON** recently welcomed **BEN FOREMAN** to the Rochon project management team.

Ben is a graduate of the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities and possesses certifications in LEED AP and OSHA 30. In addition, he brings 15 years of experience that includes serving in previous roles as a Superintendent, General Manager and Project Manager.

His approach is to continuously look for ways to improve himself, the company he works for and the team around him. Ben's role at Rochon will include managing Retail, Commercial and Educational projects throughout the metro area.

Ben believes that incremental improvement over time is a powerful agent for powerful progress.

He takes the initiative to research best practices and uses integrity, client expectation and fiscal responsibility as his guiding principles for each project that he oversees. ♦

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