

Patrick Castellano

has completed licensing requirements to become an architect in the state of Nevada. Castellano, a graduate of the University of New Mexico and the University of Nevada Las Vegas, joined the firm in

The Northern Arizona University Extended Campuses and Arizona Univer-

sities Networking Building in Flagstaff, Arizona has achieved **LEED Gold certification**. The 23,000-square-foot facility, which houses classrooms, offices and production studios to support NAU's extended campuses and online programs, was designed by **BWS Archi**tects of Tucson.

Aloft Tempe, a hotel near downtown Tempe, Arizona, has received LEED certifi**cation**. The 136-room hotel, which opened in 2009, was designed by the Tempe office of RSP Architects.

The Denver office of RNL, a full-service architectural firm, has announced that its recent project, **The Spire**, a 41-story, 496-unit con-

BWS Architects' NAU building. Below left: RNL's 1800 Larimer. Below ight: SmithArchitects' YMCA. Photograph by John Burcham

dominium project in downtown Denver, has achieved **LEED-NC certification**. The building includes parking levels and ground-floor retail, in just under one million square feet. Additionally, RNL recently completed construction of **1800 Larimer**, a 500,000-square-foot, 22-story high-rise office building in Denver's Central Business District. The building, which will be the regional headquarters for Xcel Energy, is on track to achieve

LEED-CS Platinum certification.

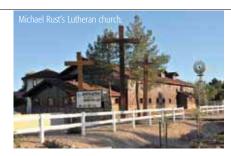
In other RNL news, the firm has announced the passing of the firm's founder, architect John Rogers, FAIA, at the age of 88 on $^{\text{John Rogers}}$



July 12th. Rogers, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, launched his own firm in Denver in 1956, which, through mergers, became RNL in 1966. Rogers served as the firm's president until 1985, chairman of the board until 1995 and was a board member until 2009. Under his leadership, RNL grew to include four offices and some 250 employees.

> SmithArchitects, Inc. of Flagstaff has recently completed two projects, also in Flagstaff. The firm, headed by architect Ryan Smith, LEED AP, finished the 20,000-square-foot Flagstaff Family YMCA, as well as the Lumberyard Brewing Company Taproom and Grille, which entailed renovating the historic J.D. Halstead Lumber Company building into a 14,200-square-foot microbrewery, bar and restaurant.

> Chandler, Arizona architect Michael Rust has completed work on the renovation of and addition to the **Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church** in Gilbert, Arizona. The project site was originally a residence and barn. The construction included the creation of a functioning church with a large nave, classrooms, restrooms, kitchen and administrative spaces, with a design inspired by the property's original barn and



silo structure.

The Denver office of **KTGY Group, Inc. Architecture and Planning** has announced two new Colorado projects. The firm is designing Valley Brook in Breckenridge, a project that will provide transit-oriented workforce housing in the form of 42 two-story townhome units, ranging in size from 1,150 to 1,384 square feet. Designed to meet LEED Silver certification standards, the housing project is located on the site of a former airport runway owned by the town. The second project, **Bluff Lake Apartment Homes**, is being done in collaboration with the City of Denver and affordable housing developer Mercy Housing. The 92 apartments, designed as an eco-friendly residential community, are targeted for families earning between 30 and 50 percent of the area's median income.

Tucson's Repp Design + Construction



has moved to new offices in a renovated, 5,600-square-foot space in the central part of that city. The architecture and construction firm remodeled the existing building to include a design studio, space for construction services staff, and material and equipment storage. The building, set to receive LEED certification, includes 1,200 square feet of leasable space.

Phoenix-based Merzproject, a studio of **Shepley Bulfinch**, is designing a new medical center in Tempe for the **Southwest College of** Naturopathic Medicine. The medical center will be located in an existing 40,000-squarefoot office complex, which, with renovation, will include classrooms, a pharmacy, clinics and support spaces. The project is expected to be completed this year.

Danoski Clutts Building Group of Las Vegas



has completed three Nevada projects and has been awarded a new work. The firm has finished the 39,000-square-foot police department headquarters for the City of Mesquite; Misura, a men's fine apparel boutique within the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip; and a Port of Subs restaurant at McCarran International Airport. The airport will also be the site of the general contractor's new work, doing tenant improvements for the newly constructed Marnell Air Cargo Center.

In other Danoski Clutts Building Group news, firm CEO Shawn Danoski has been appointed to the Nevada Commission for Con**struction Education** by Governor Jim Gibbons. The commission distributes grant funds to approved organizations such as high schools and community colleges to help fund educational programs relating to the construction field.

SRLA Studio Landscape Architecture of Phoenix has completed the APS Palo Verde **Emergency Operations Facility** in Buckeye, Arizona. The 31-acre site includes a gathering plaza for media broadcasts, press conferences and individual report filings. The project includes sustainable strategies such as water harvesting, weather-based irrigation equipment and the use of native plants.

DLR Group has acquired Minneapolis-based KKE Architects. KKE offices in Las Vegas, Tucson and Southern California will operate as **DLR Group KKE**. A KKE location in Phoenix will merge in DLR Group's Phoenix office.

ALSA has selected 41 members for induction into its College of Fellows, including regionally active landscape architects Heather Kinkade of Forgotten Rain in Phoenix, Robby D. Layton of Design Concepts CLA Inc. of Boulder, Jana **Dewey McKenzie** of **AECOM**'s Fort Collins office and Troy D. Sibelius of Keller-Lowry **Insurance Inc.** in Denver.





Corgan, an architectural and interior design firm, has hired Sergio Martinez as senior project manager for its Phoenix office. Martinez' responsibilities will include business development for the form's schools studio.

Doug Schoonover has joined Denver-based





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Grey Wolf Architecture as principal and project architect. Schoonover was most recently president and principal of SCH@ Architects in Fort Collins. His emphasis will be on

> expanding Grey Wolf's medical and athletic work.

BBG-BBGM, an architectural and interior design firm, has promoted Clark Anderson to principal of the Scottsdale, Arizona office. Anderson, an architect, has had experience in hospitality, office

