



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 1999.

The **Northern Arizona University Extended Campuses and Arizona Universities 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 Architects** of Tucson.

**Aloft Tempe**, a hotel near downtown Tempe, Arizona, has received **LEED certification**. 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-

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 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.



John Rogers

**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



Michael Rust's Lutheran church.

silos 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**



New offices for 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-square-foot 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



Danoski Clutts' Misura.

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 Construction 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.



Kristen Lambrecht

**Pocci Design Group**, a full-service residential and commercial design firm in Boulder, has announced the hiring of interior designer **Kristen Lambrecht**. Lambrecht received her interior design degree from Colorado State University.

**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 firm's schools studio.

**Doug Schoonover** has joined Denver-based

**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



Sergio Martinez

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



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