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**MELINA ALUWI**

AIA, LEED AP BD+C

Higher Education Sector Leader and Associate Principal  
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Melina Aluwi is a Higher Education Sector Leader and Associate Principal in the San Diego office of the national architecture and engineering firm, HED. Recently, she was named NewSchool of Architecture & Design's 2020 Alumni of the Year, recognizing her career accomplishments and mentorship of emerging leaders. Aluwi has deep expertise in both public and private sector educational, civic, cultural, and commercial project types. She has worked in various roles within the architecture and design field, from business development and operations to design and construction, bringing a holistic design and management approach to every project. She has achieved the credentials of AIA, LEED AP BD+C, and NCARB. Committed to diversity and equity within the profession, she is also a founding member of the San Diego Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects (SDNOMA), and works to cultivate awareness, membership, engagement, and support programs. She can be reached at maluwi@hed.design or 619-398-3810.

**HED**



**TRUPTI AMIN**

Associate Principal

MW Steele Group

Trupti Amin, Associate Principal at MW Steele Group, has nearly 10 years of experience in architecture and project management. She brings a passion for community and her trade that is centered on teaching and creating architecture through her professional pursuits. After receiving her Master's Degree in Architecture from NewSchool of Architecture and Design, Amin began her career teaching youth about architectural design, and promoting cutting edge industrial standards. Prior to her promotion to leadership at MW Steele Group, it was still important to Amin to assist Junior Staff in growing their roles and providing them opportunities to excel and realize their own strengths within the profession.

Being a first-generation American college graduate, Amin has a strong work ethic that comes from being raised by hardworking immigrants. Now nearing the end of her licensure journey, Amin is excited to leave her stamp on the industry. She can be reached at trupti@mwsteele.com.

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**MATHILDA BIALK**

Principal

Studio E Architects

Mathilda Bialk, Principal at Studio E Architects, has served as Project Architect and design team member on several of notable projects since joining the firm in 2007. She brings thoughtful problem solving, attention to detail and engaging design talents to her projects. She is currently managing and designing urban mixed-use projects in San Diego, a college master plan, and an animal adoption and kennel campus in Thousand Palms. Bialk has carefully integrated the work of large teams of consultants and expertly managed the in-house production of complex projects.

With over 15 years of professional experience in California in all phases of various project sizes and types, she is able to balance strong organizational and technical skills with a deep commitment to art and design. In 2020 she was honored with the Young Architect of the Year Award from American Institute of Architects, San Diego Chapter. She can be reached at mbialk@studioeartists.com or 619-235-9262.

**STUDIO E**  
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**VIVECA BISSONNETTE**

FIIDA, CID, NCIDQ, LEED AP

Founder and Design Principal  
Hollander Design Group

Viveca Bissonnette is Founder and Design Principal at Hollander Design Group. With over 30 years of experience in the fields of Cultural Anthropology and Interior Design, she leads the firm's Workplace Strategy practice employing ethnography to inform design.

Bissonnette is actively involved in the design community. She is Past President of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and is currently IIDA's Chair of the College of Fellows. She was recently honored with IIDA's Circle of Excellence Award. Bissonnette is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego and she holds the role of Chair of the Building Committee which just saw the museum through the design and construction of the expansion of their La Jolla Campus which opened in April. She is also a member of the NewSchool of Architecture's Interior Design Program Advisory Board. She can be reached at viveca@hollanderdg.com or 858-699-0784.

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**DIANE BORYS**

Founding Principal and Lighting Designer  
Noctiluca

Diane Borys, founding principal and lighting designer, Noctiluca, has a passion for bringing light to the world—both literally and figuratively. As an entrepreneur leading her own architectural and landscape lighting design firm, she has experience not only in lighting design and consulting, but is also involved in her company's team and project management, HR, business development, marketing and more. As a designer with an engineering background, she serves as a translator between the engineering, design and ownership teams. Her creativity and detail-oriented passion for lighting design has resulted in a wide variety of accomplishments and accolades.

Borys is a member of CREW San Diego and helps create all marketing graphics used by the commercial real estate organization. Borys also founded the San Diego chapter for Women in Lighting + Design (WILD). She teaches Lighting Design at the Design Institute of San Diego. She can be reached at diane@noctilucalighting.com or 858-531-6813.

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LIGHTING DESIGN AND CONSULTING



**TAPATI BOSE**

Western Region Architectural Lead  
CRB

Tapati Bose, Western Region Architectural Lead, CRB is an architect with 20 years of experience. She is known for her strategic design leadership with a passion for sustainability. She has been integral in establishing an overarching vision and growth strategy for the region. Bose and CRB believe great architectural solutions are beyond just a building; rather, they entail the creation of purposeful, high-performance spaces that have a positive, lasting impact on people, work and community.

Bose has been closely involved with projects that deliver vaccines, medicines and therapies to billions around the globe. She successfully led time-sensitive projects through the COVID-19 pandemic. She graduated in architecture with a bachelor's degree from India followed by a master's degree from Texas A&M, College Station, along with a Business Certification. Bose is LEED and AECPM certified, a member of the AIA and has licenses in multiple states. She can be reached at tapati.bose@crbgroup.com or 979-204-8280.

**CRB**



**CADIE BROWNE LEE**

CEO

Parisi Portfolio, Inc.

Cadie Browne Lee, CEO of Parisi Portfolio, Inc., is a dynamic woman, a successful and innovative business leader, and a role model. Her work ethic and professionalism are admirable. She and her team have won several hundred local and national awards within the building industry. Browne Lee is a sought-after speaker on design trends and developments. As a lobbyist, she has served and spoken on behalf of the multifamily housing industry at local, state and federal levels. She has also advocated for the building industry by working with the Building Industry Association.

Browne Lee has a passion for giving back, and she has been engaged in philanthropic efforts for many years and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for various charitable organizations, including the Challenged Athletes Foundation and Semper Fi Fund. She has her certification as a Certified Interior Designer, Commercial from the California Council for Interior Design. She can be reached at cadie@parisiporfolio.com or 858-259-0031.

**PARISI PORTFOLIO**



**DANIELLE BUTTACAVOLI**

Principal  
Miller Hull

Danielle Buttacavoli is a Principal with Miller Hull bringing 20 years of experience designing dynamic and equitable spaces. Her roles as architect, urban designer, and community planner have equipped her with a design approach that is both holistic and user-centric. Her work reinforces connections, be they between people, indoors and outdoors, or communities. Her projects span an array of sectors such as affordable housing, education, multifamily residential, civic, and mixed-use; and she has led many projects that are exemplars both in their service to humans and their respect for the environment. Buttacavoli integrates systems into her projects to meet economic, social, and physical sustainability goals.

She received a Bachelor of Architecture & Urban Studies from Yale University, and a Master of Architecture at the University of Sydney. After serving as San Diego AIA COTE chair between 2014 and 2016, Buttacavoli is now an active member of SCUP and the San Diego Housing Federation.

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Congratulations, Claudia, on this well-deserved recognition! We are proud to have you represent our firm and lead the way for all women in the industry. Cheers to you!

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**JEANNIE CHUNG**  
Architect  
RNT Architects

Jeannie Chung, Architect with RNT Architects, has created an impactful portfolio during her seven years at the firm. Her design of El Corazon Aquatic Center has not only been enjoyed by her own kids but all nearby. Chung is a young mom with an impressive career who has paved the path for new parents in the ever-changing workplace.

Chung's education began with a Bachelor of Arts and major in Architecture from UC Berkeley. She then pursued a Master's in Architecture from Cornell University, where she met her husband, Joon. The two returned to Southern California to create a life doing what they love while being sustainable.

Her dedication and optimism have been instrumental in the development of RNT's Staffing Strategies. Chung has taken her role beyond hosting workflow meetings each Monday. She has developed a deep relationship with each team member, building trust and one-on-one bonds, greatly contributing to her staff's professional growth.



**NANCIE CONSTANDE**  
Project Manager and Vice President  
HKS Architects

Nancie Constandse is Project Manager and Vice President at HKS Architects. She leads the Life Science Studio in HKS' San Diego office. A graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Constandse has spent the last 24 years working in the architecture and construction industry. After joining HKS in 2017, her focus shifted to exclusively Life Science. She is currently leading the work for FDA Atlanta and collaborating with BNBuilders on HKS' new San Diego office location in North Torrey Pines.

Licensed in California, Constandse is an active member of Design Build Institute of America (DBIA), Urban Land Institute (ULI), Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) as well as the San Diego chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. She has been instrumental in the growth and recognition of HKS both locally and nationally. Her peers see her as a great leader and a role model. She can be reached at [nconstandse@hksinc.com](mailto:nconstandse@hksinc.com) or 858-429-5858.



**STEFANIE DEAL**  
Vice President  
Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects

Stefanie Deal, Vice President, Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects, is an accomplished architect responsible for leading projects and teams, strengthening client relationships and managing firm operations and overall strategy. She has played a key role on many large-scale life science projects in Southern California, including Healthpeak's 200,000-square-foot Boardwalk campus at Torrey Pines and the 185,000-square-foot Callan Ridge development. She was on the tenant improvement design team for Zentalis, a 110,000-square-foot interior build-out at The Boardwalk.

Deal is a passionate leader with experience managing all phases of design work from entitlements through construction administration services. Her responsiveness and attention to detail are critical in helping achieve client goals while staying on budget and schedule. She received a Master of Architecture from the University of Oregon. She is licensed in California and NCARB Certified. She is also involved in DBIA, having previously served on the Programs Committee for the DBIA-WPR San Diego Chapter.



**JEANELLE DITTO**  
Owner, Founder and Designer  
Blush Interior Designs Inc.

Jeanelle Ditto, Owner, Founder and Designer at Blush Interior Designs Inc., always felt like a creative soul but found herself climbing the corporate ladder. When her life reached a turning point, she went back to school to study design. "I needed something different and inspiring," she said. In 2017, she opened Blush Interior Designs. "Your space can enhance your mood and the way you react to things," said Ditto. "As a designer, I want my clients to feel confident and in sync with their finished spaces." With a penchant for the modern, sleek, and bold, Ditto's talent is incorporating touches that are unexpected and edgy. She finds that surprising pop of glamour to draw the eye in while keeping the rest of the room balanced and cohesive. She chalks up her bold aesthetic to her interior design journey. "I have this unexpected side from personal life experiences, and it comes across in my designs," she said.



**CLAUDIA E. ESCALA**  
LEED AP  
Co-President  
Carrier Johnson + CULTURE

Claudia Escala, architect and LEED AP, is the Co-President of Carrier Johnson + CULTURE. A native of Perú, Escala completed her undergraduate work at Universidad Ricardo Palma in Lima, later earning a Master of Architecture at the University of California, San Diego. With 22 years of experience, Escala is a registered architect in California and Washington; her focus is on improving the lives and communities of residents throughout the regions she touches.

In 2005, Escala moved from the suburbs to the East Village with her husband and two children to become involved in the emerging multifamily housing boom. Over the past 18 years, she has become a zealous advocate for families like hers who want to live and raise children in the city. She currently serves as chair of the San Diego Regional Chamber's Transportation and Land Development Committee. She can be reached at [ccc@carrierjohnson.com](mailto:ccc@carrierjohnson.com) or 619-239-2353 extension 476.



**MARGIT E. WHITLOCK**  
AIA  
Principal and Creative Director  
Architectural Concepts, Inc.

Margit E. Whitlock is Principal and Creative Director of Architectural Concepts, Inc. She is a licensed architect in the states of California, Arizona, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, Hawaii and Florida. She was an active member of ARDA (American Resort Developers Association) and past Chairman of the Design and Construction Committee. She currently sits on the San Diego County Cannabis Stakeholders Group (CSG), is current Director and past President of SDAF (San Diego Architectural Foundation), and past Scholarship Director for NEWH San Diego (The Hospitality Industry Network). As a result of her community service with Habitat for Humanity, Whitlock was elected to the San Diego Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors in 2008-2011. She is a past board member of AIA San Diego (American Institute of Architects). The AIA San Diego chapter awarded Whitlock its Presidential Citation for service to the industry. She can be reached at [margit@4designs.com](mailto:margit@4designs.com) or 619-531-0110.



**DEBORAH ELLIOTT**  
Principal  
ID Studios Inc.

Deborah Elliott, Principal at ID Studios Inc., grew up in Montana surrounded by a music-rich family which helped nurture a love of art and design. She received her BS in Interior Architecture at Arizona State University. She has spent more than 30 years in the local community building her career, with the last 17 at ID Studios. One of her recently completed projects is NNSA Headquarters in Albuquerque.

Elliott sees her role as defining and guiding a big picture vision and strategy, ensuring a client's ability to flex as markets and needs change. She is a Certified Interior Designer (CID) in the state of California, holds LEED-AP certification and National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). She participates in and has membership in organizations including IIDA, USGBC, ULI and NAIOP. She has shared her depth of leadership and understanding of design with many organizations as an instructor and guest speaker.



**KAREN FALLER**  
Interior Designer  
RNT Architects

Karen Faller is an Interior Designer with RNT Architects, as well as an aspiring architect with eight years of experience. Joining RNT Architects in 2016, Faller has completed diverse project types ranging from residential to commercial tenant improvements and K-12 new construction. She thrives in team environments, working closely with the owner, facility managers and design team to create an interior solution that is cohesive with the exterior architecture and environment. She seamlessly integrates program needs into an interior design that sets the stage for a memorable user experience. Managing the material library for the firm, Faller has been an incredible resource to her coworkers.

Outside of the office, Faller is an instructor at San Diego State University, where she teaches the Senior Public Design Studio. Her passion for high quality work and the next generation is contagious. Born in Ohio but raised in San Diego, Faller is invested in giving back to her community.



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**DANETTE FERRETTI**

Vice President of Interior Construction  
DIV13

**D**anette Ferretti is Vice President of Interior Construction with DIV13. She is an architectural interior designer with more than 30 years of experience in industry. Ferretti has led projects ranging from 1,000 to 465,000 square feet, in a variety of markets including commercial, higher education, multifamily, healthcare, biotech and retail.

Ferretti has been with the company since its inception in 2018. DIV13 is a DIRTT partner, whose mission is to create custom prefabricated interior spaces that go beyond customers' expectations. Ferretti works with clients to develop creative and innovative solutions that fulfill DIV13's mission.

In addition to her professional experience, Ferretti has co-taught and lectured at many local interior design schools, and she has served on the Board of Directors for IIDA SoCal, the area chapter of the International Interior Design Association. Ferretti holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design from Colorado State University and is NCIDQ certified.



**HEATHER FOLEY**

Landscape Architecture Discipline Leader  
and Associate  
HED

**H**eather Foley is the Landscape Architecture discipline leader and Associate in the San Diego office of HED, a national architecture and engineering firm. She leads HED's landscape architecture practice throughout California. Her diverse portfolio of work weaves together the natural and built environment to create spaces where people can connect with nature and create community. This work includes campus master plans, workplace, mixed-use development, housing and healthcare. Foley also contributes to the firm's business development efforts.

Prior to joining HED, Foley spent 10 years as the executive director of the Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to building sustaining and thriving communities worldwide. She currently sits on the San Diego Downtown Partnership Planning and Public Policy Committee and participates on its Placemaking Committee. Foley remains involved with ULI and serves on the advisory services committee. She was inducted into Lambda Alpha International in 2020. She can be reached at hfoley@hed.design or 619-398-3815.



**SANDRA GRAMLEY**

AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C,  
Principal and Co-Owner  
Platt/Whitelaw Architects

**S**andra Gramley, Principal and Co-Owner of Platt/Whitelaw Architects, has built her career around architectural design for the greater good. Her work focuses heavily on school design, park facilities, libraries, community resource centers and other public-serving places that require responsive design and universal accessibility. Gramley, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, has also honed her skills to become a specialist in historic preservation architecture.

Gramley has never kept knowledge and experience to herself. She devoted 15 years to teaching design, and she has mentored dozens of people at her firm. She also stepped up to take on several leadership roles with the AIA, including president. Staff at Platt/Whitelaw Architects tend to stay long-term, and Gramley's management style is partly responsible. She is an empowering boss who conveys the importance of everyone being included and recognized. The same is true for clients. Approximately 80% of Platt/Whitelaw's current work is from repeat clients.



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**LORI ICHISAKA**

Senior Associate Partner  
SVA Architects Inc.

**L**ori Ichisaka, Senior Associate Partner at SVA Architects Inc., has been a force in the architecture field for more than 35 years. Currently she directs SVA Architects' San Diego regional office in Del Mar. She manages SVA San Diego's design-build projects and coordinates the efforts of the team's designers and professional consultants. Throughout her career, she has led a variety of projects, ranging from commercial office buildings to high-density multifamily projects. Significant projects under her design leadership have included two separate \$100 million+ Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) projects at Camp Pendleton, the \$143 million San Diego State University South Campus Plaza, the nationally lauded Celadon at Ninth and Broadway (winner of the ULI Global Award for Excellence), and the new, \$10.3 million San Ysidro Public Library. Ichisaka earned her Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona. Her service has included being a mentor for high school students. She can be reached at 858-573-2123 or LIchisaka@sva-architects.com.



Congratulations to **Lori Ichisaka** on being recognized as a **Woman of Influence in Architecture & Design.**

As our mentor, friend, and leader, she has been a vital force in delivering design solutions to the San Diego area. Her work is an inspiration to us all!

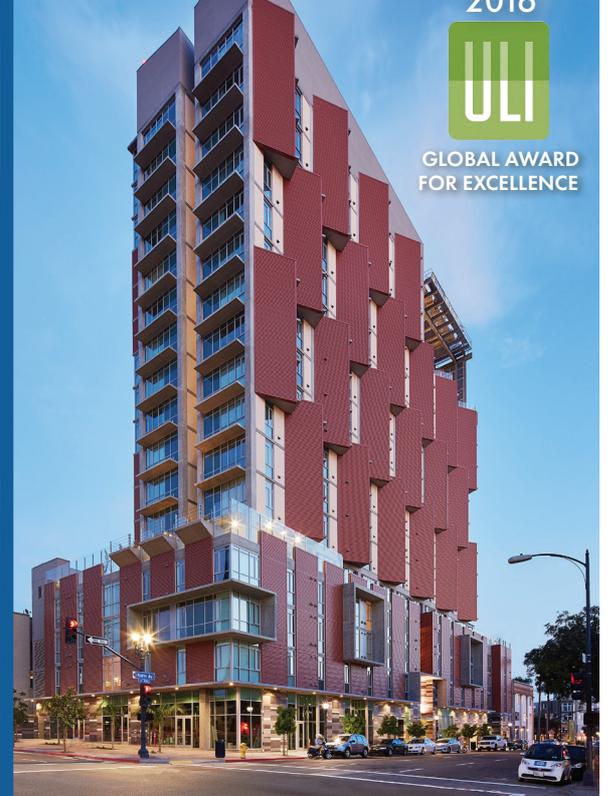
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**CHRISTIE JEWETT**  
Design Principal  
COAR Design Group

Christie Jewett, Design Principal, COAR Design Group, joined Jeff Katz Architecture (now COAR Design Group) in 2010 and was elevated to Principal in 2020. The firm is known for its focus on community and specializes in projects ranging from public safety and community centers to animal care and aquatics facilities. Jewett's ability to lead public workshops, present design ideas, and most importantly be a good listener have been invaluable in ensuring the success of COAR's projects.

Jewett has established herself as a nationally recognized expert in fire station design. She has a passion for creating safe, healthy and efficient fire stations for agencies throughout California. Her involvement in establishing best practices for fire station design has made COAR a well-respected leader in the public safety community. As a DBIA accredited professional, she has led the firm's efforts to expand COAR's Design-Build portfolio throughout Southern California. She can be reached at christie@coargroup.com.



**JESSICA KING**  
Vice President of Branding and Placemaking  
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.

Jessica King is Vice President of Branding and Placemaking for Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., an urban office REIT focused on collaborative life science and technology campuses in AAA innovation cluster locations. At Alexandria, she has been instrumental in the development of over 12 million square feet of state-of-the-art, differentiated office/laboratory and hospitality spaces. As a dedicated national design resource for the company, King provides the overarching vision for the development of campus placemaking strategies, oversees and champions human-centered design, and leads the conceptualization of public spaces and interior design across the company's portfolio, which includes Class A properties in major cities nationwide. King is a member of ULI (Urban Land Institute), CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), and NAIOP (Commercial Real Estate Development Association). She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Arts and Sciences, summa cum laude, with an Interior Design emphasis from San Diego State University.



**JENNETTE LA QUIRE**  
AIA, LEED AP IC+C  
National Pre-K-12 Sector Leader and Principal  
HED

Jennette La Quire is National Pre-K-12 Sector Leader and Principal at HED. She oversees educational facility projects in HED's San Diego office and has made a lifetime commitment to creating a positive impact for school districts, students and faculty. As a leader of the Pre-K-12 sector at the national level, she works day to day with partners in the design and construction community to create tangible change in schools. She has cultivated a dynamic team and provides mentorship and guidance which has resulted in high performance and a renewed office culture. She also helps to shape the larger Pre-K-12 sector by sharing best practices with her intimate understanding of state regulatory agency requirements. She is so much more than an architect: she is a strategic planning partner to her clients. In addition to her practice, she serves as Adjunct Professor San Diego State University. She can be reached at jlaquire@hed.design or 619-398-3819.



**CHRISTINA MANNION**  
Studio Manager, Architecture  
Ware Malcomb

Christina Mannion, Studio Manager, Architecture, in the San Diego (Sorrento Valley) office at Ware Malcomb, has been a trusted adviser and advocate of the industry as an architect, representative, designer, practitioner, planner, administrator, facilitator and leader since 1995. At Ware Malcomb, she leads the growth and management of the San Diego Architecture and Science & Technology Studios.

Most recently, Mannion worked as Principal Architect for UC San Diego, bringing several regional projects out of the ground, including the extension of San Diego's Blue Line trolley to campus and the overall master plan vision for the campus' future. Mannion holds a BA in Sociology/City Planning from UC Santa Cruz and a Master of Architecture from New School of Architecture & Design, where she graduated valedictorian. She is a member of the American Institute of Architects, certified by the NCARB and a LEED Accredited Professional. She can be reached at cmannion@waremalcomb.com or 619-564-3696.



**MARIA MARTINICO**  
Workplace Practice Leader  
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Maria Martinico, Workplace Practice Leader for SmithGroup in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego, has over three decades of experience embedded in the design and project delivery of commercial and workplace projects. As a principal of one of the nation's leading architectural, engineering and design firms, she is responsible for overseeing the operations, design and implementation for commercial projects across central and Southern California. In her role, she utilizes her leadership skills to bring the project team together and determine the viability of creating customized spaces, carefully curated to exceed client expectations.

Martinico earned a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and has a Master of Business Administration Degree from Chapman University. She has a wealth of knowledge regarding the interconnectivity between business and design. Martinico is an active member of leading industry organizations, including the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), U.S. Green Building Council and CoreNet Global.



**KARA MATTHIES**  
Studio Manager, Interior Architecture & Design  
Ware Malcomb

Kara Matthies, Studio Manager, Interior Architecture & Design at Ware Malcomb, was recently promoted to her position. She is an accomplished and respected leader who graduated with a Bachelor of Interior Architecture from the University of Oregon. After joining Ware Malcomb in 2016 as a designer, she quickly worked her way up through multiple roles.

Matthies is an NCIDQ certified interior designer who has managed all aspects of project design, including programming, space planning, schematic design, design development, consultant coordination and contract administration. She has managed the accounts for some of San Diego's largest commercial landlords. She is involved in the San Diego chapter of NAIOP as an elected Developing Leaders board member. A mentee the last four years in Ware Malcomb's mentorship program, she is now becoming a mentor for aspiring architects and designers. Matthies has been an active participant in Ware Malcomb's philanthropic efforts, including the Baja Challenge, PCRF fundraisers and the NAIOP 5K walk.



**AMBER MAUER**  
Business Development Director  
Miller Hull

Amber Mauer is the Business Development Director at Miller Hull. She has over 20 years of experience in the business development of architecture firms, a passion that has stemmed from her desire to impact positive change in the world. She has built a reputation for developing long-term relationships with visionary clients, leading Miller Hull into new market sectors. In her decade at Miller Hull, she has connected the firm to clients such as the University of California, San Diego, San Diego Community College District, and the San Diego Zoological Society.

Mauer is a strategic problem solver, committed to understanding a client's needs and challenges, while also determining how Miller Hull's collaborative design process can enhance their vision. For the last seven years, Mauer has been focused on building the San Diego studio's revenue and business opportunities and is now turning her eye towards expanding the firm's portfolio into other geographic regions.



**CATHERINE MCCULLOUGH**  
CPSM  
President/CEO/CMO  
McCullough Landscape Architecture

Catherine McCullough, CPSM, serves as President/CEO/CMO of McCullough Landscape Architecture. Her current responsibilities include all marketing and business development efforts as well as financial management and operations. When she became President and CEO in 2002, the State of California recognized the firm as a woman-owned Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Prior to that, McCullough served as Marketing Director for the Westfield Corporation's San Diego super-regional shopping center, UTC.

McCullough is a Past President of the San Diego Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS), where she is a Certified Professional Services Marketer (CPSM). She also serves as Director of Marketing and Communications for the San Diego Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). McCullough continues her role as Chapter President of the San Diego Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) Alumni Association and Neighborhood Coordinator for the North Park community of Morley Field. She can be reached at catherine@mcculloughla.com.



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**MEREDITH MEYERS**  
Director of Strategy and Associate  
Cunningham

**M**eredith Meyers, Director of Strategy and Associate at Cunningham, has been a leading business development and marketing professional in architecture, engineering, and construction for over 15 years. She has successfully spearheaded the acquisition of over \$500 million in new business. Meyers continues to develop strategic campaigns to bring in new clients and identify new business opportunities.

Possessing a deep passion for and personal ties to the architecture industry, particularly healthcare architecture—as she has experienced first-hand its meaning and significance—some of her most notable accomplishments include successfully leading pursuits to win projects with healthcare clients such as Sharp HealthCare, Dignity/CommonSpirit, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, City of Hope, UCLA, Universal Health Services, Hoag Hospital, Banner Health and HonorHealth. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, she began her career working for start-up internet companies. After work in New York, Chicago and London, she landed in Carlsbad.



**SHARMISTA MITRA-KELLY**  
Design Principal and Studio Leader  
JCJ Architecture

**S**harmista Mitra-Kelly is Design Principal and Studio Leader at JCJ Architecture. She is a registered interior designer who has continuously demonstrated the ability to create uplifting and memorable spaces that function beautifully and perform seamlessly. Having worked extensively on projects in the gaming and hospitality markets, she is accustomed to working with aggressive schedules, and to leading teams in delivering on highly complex scopes of work. Her design sensibility, technical acumen, communication skills, collaborative approach and ability to gain the trust and respect of clients define her as a true leader in this industry.

As JCJ's San Diego Studio Leader, Mitra-Kelly works to optimize culture and performance. She also collaborates closely with her leadership peers to motivate and develop all the firm's 130+ employee owners and to advocate for JCJ's continual development as a progressive, forward looking and sustainable 21st century design practice. She can be reached at [smitra-kelly@jcj.com](mailto:smitra-kelly@jcj.com) or 619-282-9922.



**ALISON MORITA**  
Associate  
Delawie

**A**lison Morita is an Associate with Delawie. Since joining the firm in 2005, she has managed a variety of education, hospitality and science and technology projects. She recently served as the project architect for the campus master plan and corporate headquarters of BioLegend, a 2020 Orchid Award Winner in San Diego. Morita was also the project architect for the 130-room Montage Healdsburg in Northern California, a project that blurs the line between interior and exterior, and captures the ideals of Midcentury Modernism. She is currently the project manager for the Helen Woodward Animal Center Education Building in Rancho Santa Fe.

Morita received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is a LEED accredited professional. She has been deeply involved in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) at the regional, state and national levels, winning the organization's Associate of the Year Award in 2010.



**TRACY MORRAN**  
NCIDQ, CID, LEED Associate  
Interior Design Leader and Associate  
HED

**T**racy Morran is an associate and interior design leader at national architecture and engineering firm HED. Focused on design excellence, mentorship and superb client relations, Morran is passionate about strategic planning and workplace strategy as the means to drive the development of customized design solutions for her clients. She has more than 20 years of experience working with clients in the corporate, education, healthcare and hospitality sectors and holds CID, NCIDQ and LEED credentials.

Previously, Morran was an interior design leader and senior project manager at Pacific Cornerstone Architects, which was acquired by HED earlier this year. Having worked in-depth with HED's San Diego office managing principal in past years, Morran was thrilled for the opportunity to provide an even more robust offering of integrated services and resources to PCA's client base. She can be reached at [tmorran@hed.design](mailto:tmorran@hed.design) or 858-519-3992.



**AMY MORWAY**  
Principal  
ID Studios, Inc.

**A**my Morway is Principal at ID Studios, Inc. She holds an Interior Design degree from the University of Arizona, is a Certified Interior Designer (CID) in California, and maintains LEED Accredited Professional credentials with the U.S. Green Building Council. She is a legacy member of CREW and participates in and has membership in professional and community organizations including NAIOP, USGBC and IIDA.

She co-founded ID Studios in 2005. The partners' mission was to provide an elevated level of architectural and interior design services for commercial organizations in Southern California and beyond. Her thorough understanding of the unique challenges facing organizations and their workplaces today is an accomplishment that has led to working with many high-profile clients at all levels. Under her leadership, ID Studios provides architectural and interior design services for many well-known national and international organizations. In the last two years she has been focused on expanding ID Studios' Life Science Portfolio.



**ALICIA PANDIMOS MAURER**  
Senior Vice President  
CannonDesign

**A**licia Pandimos Maurer is Senior Vice President at CannonDesign. She is a passionate advocate for science and discovery—and for healthy, sustainable, optimized research environments that can catalyze breakthroughs that can better the lives of millions. She is an industry leader in some of the most complex laboratory environments including genetics, gene and cell therapy, personalized medicine, microbiology, small molecule, bench-scale manufacturing, and PCR and sequencing. Enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable about sustainable lab design, Maurer is a thought-leader in this field, helping found the Colorado chapter of the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL). She currently sits on the Colorado and San Diego boards for I2SL. She is also a fierce advocate for women working in biotech and is a member of the ISPE San Diego Chapter of Women in Pharma which provides a forum for connecting and collaborating on technical and career advancement topics. She can be reached at [apmaurer@cannondesign.com](mailto:apmaurer@cannondesign.com) or 619-340-4035.



**NIVINE PEREZ**  
Lead interior designer  
CannonDesign

**N**ivine Perez, lead interior designer for CannonDesign's Southern California region, is an incredibly creative, thoughtful and passionate leader. With impact locally and beyond, Perez leads interior design for critical projects in our region including the UC San Diego Internal Medicine and Center for Seniors, LAC+USC Restorative Care Village, workplace projects for Tata Consultancy Services, LA County Martin Luther King Child & Well-Being Center and many more.

Beyond her indelible design skills, Perez is a gifted leader. She currently serves on CannonDesign's NEXT Council, a global leadership development program. The entire 1,150+ company is encouraged to apply and Perez was one of just 12 selected. She is also deeply respected for her ability to mentor others, listen to clients and create spaces that deliver deep, positive impact for end users. She also continues to educate herself, currently pursuing her architecture license. She can be reached at [nperez@cannondesign.com](mailto:nperez@cannondesign.com).



**JEANA KIM RENGER**  
Executive Vice President  
Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects

**J**eana Kim Renger, Executive Vice President, Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects, is a licensed architect with over 27 years of experience. As Executive Vice President and Managing Principal of the office for FPBA, Renger is responsible for leading project teams, strengthening client relationships, managing firm operations, providing vision, direction and overall strategy. She has experience in a wide range of market sectors including life sciences, municipal, commercial, industrial, hospitality, multifamily residential and healthcare.

Renger holds a Bachelor of Science from University of Maryland, College Park and a Master of Architecture from University of California, Los Angeles. She served for two years on the Board of Directors and additionally as an Advisory Board member of CREW San Diego, a professional organization dedicated to empowering women in commercial real estate. Renger is also actively involved in life science organizations, including ISPE and Biocom California, for which she is Co-Chair of the Facilities Committee.



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**TAMARA ROMEO**  
Founder and CEO  
San Diego Office Design

Tamara Romeo is Founder and CEO of San Diego Office Design. Her unique expertise and impressive track record have earned her the moniker of “The Design Boss.” Prior to the world of cool offices created for Google, Facebook and Zappos, Romeo had a vision of shaping the world of workplace design for the San Diego business community. Her goal was to create well-branded, culture-centric workplaces that not only looked amazing but attracted and retained talent. Her style and “one-stop shop” approach gained followers and clients from local, national and international businesses.

Branching out from purely office design to create show-stopping environments for places of worship, theater and event spaces, fitness centers and other large-scale venues helped to capture the attention of local real estate development teams. Today Romeo’s firm of interior architects and designers offers a full suite of commercial, multifamily, hospitality, and luxury residential design services. She can be reached at [tamara@sdoofficedesign.com](mailto:tamara@sdoofficedesign.com) or 619-610-9358.



**JILL RUSSELL-LAYMAN**  
Principal  
ID Studios, Inc.

Jill Russell-Layman, Principal at ID Studios, Inc., embraced the spirit of adventure and relocated from Seattle to San Diego to take advantage of the many outdoor activities found here. She graduated from the Design Institute of San Diego with a BFA in Interior Design and joined ID Studios in 2006, one year after its inception. She is a Certified Interior Designer (CID) in California and with the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). Russell-Layman participates in the day-to-day business operations of the firm and directs some of its most significant projects. She developed the firm’s internship program and has mentored dozens of interns, even helping many find their first jobs. She’s participated in numerous charity events over the years such as the IIDA Fashion Show, WeCARE and Tables for Tots. She’s been a member of many organizations such as IIDA, CREW and NAIOP and is currently a member of the SDHR forum.



**ANGELA RYAN**  
CID, NCIDQ  
Director, Interior Architecture and Design  
Ware Malcomb

Angela Ryan, Director, Interior Architecture and Design at Ware Malcomb, possesses 16 years of architecture and interior design experience. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Design from the University of Missouri in Columbia. In 2016, she joined Ware Malcomb’s San Diego office. Her promotion to Director, Interior Architecture & Design came in 2019. Since joining the firm, Ryan has led over 500 projects for Ware Malcomb’s San Diego office. She manages the firm’s third-largest Interior Architecture & Design Studio out of the company’s 27-office platform spread across the Americas. Her experience includes a variety of project types including office, healthcare, education and hospitality projects. Ryan holds certifications from the California Council for Interior Design – Commercial Designation (CID-C), the Evidence-Based Design Accreditation and Certification (EDAC), and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). She actively participates in several industry and nonprofit organizations. She can be reached at [aryan@waremalcomb.com](mailto:aryan@waremalcomb.com) or 619-564-5135.



**AMANDA SCHULTZ**  
Executive Vice President  
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Amanda Schultz, Executive Vice President, Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects, is a multifaceted architect with 16 years of experience specializing in life science, higher education, municipal and hospitality, leading design teams that deliver \$50 million in construction annually. Key clients include Healthpeak, Exact Sciences, La Jolla Institute, San Diego State University, Coachella Valley Water District and the County of San Diego. Schultz is passionate about sustainable design, lean construction and high-performance teaming.

She has managed 10 design-build projects in the last 10 years, totaling \$1.8 billion in construction. She has also delivered \$60 million and 300,000 square feet of LEED Silver, Gold, Platinum and zero energy buildings with an additional \$43 million and 125,000 square feet on the books; most notably for the County of San Diego Alpine Library, the first county-owned building that received LEED Gold Certification and ZNE Certification through the Living Building Challenge. She is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



**ANN SHELTON**  
Vice President  
Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects

Ann Shelton, Vice President, Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects, is a valued firm leader, skilled at overseeing the planning, programming and development of architectural designs and coordination of construction documents. She has a balance of knowledge between interior and architectural design to smoothly integrate projects from design phases into construction. Her attention to beautiful and functional design, efficient project delivery and ability to tackle tough challenges head-on make her an excellent principal. Shelton has expertise in designing for the municipal, life science and corporate market sectors. She recently played an integral part for the buildout of Muse at Torrey Pines, a 186,000-square-foot life science campus redevelopment. She is also leading the design team for numerous local life science conversions and tenant improvements. Her work has received awards from multiple local, state and national organizations. Shelton received a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design from San Diego State University. She is a Certified Interior Designer (CID).



**SARAH SINDIAN**  
Associate Principal  
KTGY

Sarah Sindian, associate principal, KTGY, has managed a variety of projects from single-family dwellings to high-density podium buildings and urban infill developments. With work extending from Southern California to Northern California, she understands the complexities associated with differing regions and jurisdictions. Sindian’s portfolio includes many successfully built projects that have benefited from her dedication, client relations and problem-solving skills.

As an architect, Sindian offers an understanding of the project development process that is critical to executing a project from design development through construction documents. She is committed to carrying out a project that meets code compliance, while refining the design in the process and maintaining original design intent. Her belief that successful projects are the result of team collaboration helps her excel in fulfilling client needs, on time and within budget. Sindian sits on the firm’s internship committee and is dedicated to developing the next generation of industry professionals. She can be reached at [ssindian@ktgy.com](mailto:ssindian@ktgy.com) or 949-797-8323.



**MEGAN SKAALEN**  
Workplace Studio Leader  
SmithGroup San Diego

Megan Skaalen serves as the Workplace Studio Leader at SmithGroup San Diego, one of the nation’s leading integrated architectural, engineering and design firms. In her role, Skaalen is responsible for developing and maintaining authentic relationships that expand opportunities and strengthen the firm’s growing presence in the greater San Diego area. Skaalen has dedicated her career to creating solutions that equally serve her respective owner, developer and end user clients. Her imaginative and unique design solutions create community and adapt real estate assets into the most forward-thinking built environments possible. “Collaborating and working alongside a team that is talented, motivated and dedicated to design excellence has been the biggest differentiator,” she said.

Skaalen graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Arts from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design from the Design Institute of San Diego. She is a Certified Interior Designer in California.



**ANNE SNEED**  
Founder and Principal  
Anne Sneed Architectural Interiors

Anne Sneed, founder and principal of Anne Sneed Architectural Interiors in Del Mar, has a vast array of experience and projects within the design space. The team thoughtfully develops projects through broad planning concepts, harmonious finish selections and engaging details. Gracious, livable, light and open spaces are the hallmark elements of the firm’s designs. The firm’s work has been featured in the August 2021 issue of Architectural Digest as well as in many other regional and national media outlets. Notable is a bank interior design in San Francisco’s SoMa neighborhood that took advantage of waterfront views.

Multi-award winning over different applications of commercial and residential design, Sneed and her team are tremendously talented yet humble. The Anne Sneed team works with clients to create innovative spaces which manifest their ideals and respect their constraints.

Sneed received her bachelor’s degree in architecture from Louisiana State University. She can be reached at [info@aneesneed.com](mailto:info@aneesneed.com) or 858-356-9212.






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**Wan Su Lim, Senior Associate**      **Alison Morita, Associate**

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**WAN SU LIM**  
Senior Associate  
Delawie

Wan Su Lim is Senior Associate with Delawie. With over 35 years of experience, she has been with Delawie for most of her professional career. She currently serves as the Project Manager for Kona Village, the second-largest construction project in Hawaii, with more than 170 structures. Previously, she was Delawie's Project Architect for the Montage Healdsburg — named by Esquire as one of the Best New Hotels in North America and the Caribbean to visit in 2022 — and the Project Manager for the Hotel Solamar in downtown San Diego. She has the distinction of being part of the team that worked on the first ground-up research and development facility for Qualcomm.

An Orchid Award Winner in 1993 for her design of the San Miguel Fire District Headquarters, Lim is a licensed architect in California and Hawaii. Her design experience is invaluable to the Delawie team and imperative to the success of a wide range of large-scale, high-profile projects.



**ELIF TINNEY**  
Design Director and Senior Associate  
Gensler

Elif Tinney, a Design Director and Senior Associate at Gensler San Diego, brings more than 22 years of experience to the architecture and design industry. As a Studio Director at Gensler, she co-leads a team of 38 design professionals focusing on office and workplace projects. In addition, Tinney is the Technology Workplace Practice Area Leader.

Tinney's passion for design excellence and her purpose-driven design process inspires her teams to understand and realize each of her clients' vision and goals every day. Her thoughtful process allows her to align cultural, natural and built environments to amplify her client's brand and identity. Over her career, Tinney worked with a large range of clients in technology, financial and energy markets. Her high-profile clients include Microsoft, Samsung, Qualcomm and Teradata. Currently, as the Workplace Design Director for the Apple account, Tinney is leading the success of many projects across the globe. She can be reached at [Elif\\_Tinney@gensler.com](mailto:Elif_Tinney@gensler.com) or 619-557-2583.



**PATRICIA TRAUTH**  
PLA, ASLA, AICP, LEED AP  
Principal  
RICK Engineering Company

Patricia Trauth is a Principal at RICK Engineering Company, managing landscape architectural staff and services at RICK's 10 offices throughout the Southwest. As a licensed landscape architect in California, Colorado and Arizona with 35 years of experience, she has planned and designed numerous public and private projects, many of which are award-winning.

Trauth actively practices sustainable design. As the landscape architect of record for over 12 projects at the San Diego International Airport, she shifted the airport's philosophy to embrace a regional, drought-tolerant landscape. Trauth also brings her expertise to RICK's operations as head of the company's Green Team Internal Sustainability Program. Appointed by the mayor, Trauth began her term as Mobility and Traffic Safety Commissioner for the City of Encinitas last year, and she is an active member of the American Planning Association, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, and the American Society of Landscape Architects. She can be reached at [ptrauth@rickengineering.com](mailto:ptrauth@rickengineering.com).



**MAXINE WARD**  
Principal  
Studio E Architects

Maxine Ward, Principal at Studio E Architects since 2007, has served as Project Architect of the design team on a variety of the firm's notable projects, including multiple charter schools, sizable projects on university campuses and complex multifamily housing developments.

Ward has more than 20 years of professional experience in all phases of various project types, from programming to construction administration and from schools to libraries to housing. She can find creative solutions to complex programmatic requirements. With a design philosophy focused on finding value, energy and financial efficiency, Ward endeavors to find thoughtful responses to the needs of the client and user for the long term. She is well versed in the requirements for LEED certifications and confidently leads the consultant team toward a goal of high energy efficiency and sustainability standards. Ward has served as a director of the San Diego Architectural Foundation since 2007. She can be reached at [mward@studioe-architects.com](mailto:mward@studioe-architects.com) or 619-235-9262.



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