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RTA Architects Promotes Six Team Members

Colorado Springs, Colo. (December 28, 2021) – RTA Architects proudly announces the promotion of six team members: three to the level of Sr. Associate and three to the level of Associate. New Sr. Associates are Darren Rouse, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C; Jessica Massie, RA, NCIDQ, NCARB; and Christine Costa, RA. New Associates are Greg Johnson, NCIDQ; Jon Houck, RA; and Ericka Everett, RA.

Sr. Associates

Darren Rouse, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C: Darren Rouse's 25+ years of diverse experience began with his Bachelor and Master of Architecture degrees from the University of New Mexico and service in the U.S. Army. He joined RTA in 2016 as part of the Construction Administration team and has gained expertise in drone technology, now as a FAA Part 107 certified drone pilot. Working with RTA's K-12 Education and Healthcare teams, Darren is a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

Jessica Massie, RA, NCIDQ, NCARB: Jessica Massie is part of RTA's Healthcare team where she has amassed considerable experience since joining the firm in 2007 in interior design, medical programming, and space planning. Her most recent work includes the award-winning Level III Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department, and Operating Room expansion at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado including the Intermediate Care Unit and Critical Care Unit expansion at the same facility which is currently under construction. Jessica earned her licensure in architecture in 2018 and is an active member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and Women in Healthcare, Denver.

Christine Costa, RA: Christine Costa joined RTA Architects' K-12 education team in 2018 and brought more than a decade of experience in historic renovations and commercial architecture from her home state of Michigan where she received her Bachelor of Science, Architecture and her Master of Architecture degrees from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. Christine's most recent project is the Cañon City Middle School Addition and Renovation in Cañon City, Colorado for Cañon City Schools. Christine is also a skilled woodcarver and founded DeadTree Workshop in Woodland Park, Colorado.

Associates

Greg Johnson, NCIDQ: Before joining RTA in 2008, Greg Johnson spent several years applying his Master of Interior Architecture degree from the University of Oregon. Greg's work for RTA spans K-12 education, retail, and healthcare design. His portfolio of award-winning projects includes work for the Ignacio School District, the Moffat Consolidated School District, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. Greg is also a talented painter, specializing in acrylics, and his work was most recently shown at G44 Gallery in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jon Houck, RA: Jon Houck joined RTA in 2018, with seven years of professional experience and a Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo. He is a multi-skilled designer with expertise in Building Information Modeling (BIM) and parametric design and works with RTA's Healthcare and K-12 Education teams. His most recent project is the new East Side Clinic, which is pursuing Zero Energy certification, for Pueblo Community Health Center in Pueblo, Colorado.

Ericka Everett, RA: After receiving her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Oregon, Portland, Ericka Everett joined RTA in 2018 with seven years of professional experience. Ericka specializes in new construction and renovations for RTA's K-12 Education team, and her most recent project is the new Newton Middle School in Littleton, Colorado for Littleton Public Schools which was recently recognized by American School & University with a Outstanding Design - Middle School award in its 2021 Architectural Portfolio Design Competition. Ericka is a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments (A4LE) and of the Colorado Springs Downtown Historic Parks Master Plan Committee.

RTA congratulates these team members and looks forward to their continued contributions and growth in their careers.

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About RTA Architects

RTA Architects has created award winning architectural and interior designs for the Colorado built environment since 1975. RTA specializes in education, healthcare, retail, and commercial properties, delivering beautiful buildings that serve the unique needs of their owners and occupants. In addition to our core strength of architecture and design for new construction, renovation, and adaptive re-use projects, RTA provides technical expertise in a broad range of related services including: feasibility studies; site selection and comparative analysis; master planning; site planning; facility programming; interior design; and environmental graphics, signage and way-finding. RTA's website is located at www.rtaarchitects.com.