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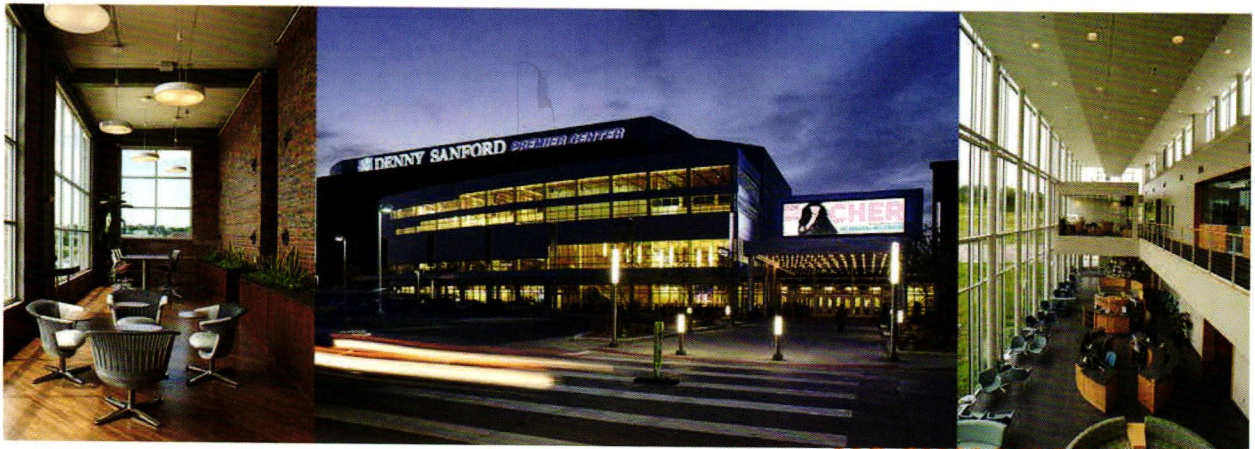
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2012 AIA SD Honor Award Winner, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Artwork by Scott Parsons and photography by Cipher Imaging.)

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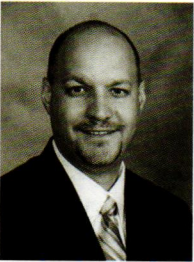


IMPACT *Greatness*

South Dakota State University graduated its first bachelor's of architecture class in 2014. The program that was started with the strong support of the architecture industry in South Dakota can boast 21 graduates.

This next spring, the Architecture program will move into the top level of the new Architecture, Math and Engineering building on campus. The state's architecture program has made extraordinary strides thanks to the time and financial resources committed by South Dakota's architecture community, including the "founding" firms: Koch Hazard, Architecture Incorporated, TSP Inc. and Perspective.

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This issue of *Architecture SD* magazine focuses on the topic of CONNECTIONS which we all deal with on personal and professional levels each day. Whether we think of connections as an act or a state of being connected, being something that connects or links, or being a relationship or part of an association, clearly connections are something that are part of our everyday lives.

Being a member of AIA South Dakota and the national AIA organization connects us to our colleagues, our peers, and for many of us, our architectural mentors. It helps to contribute to the richness of our architectural communities. Connection to our architectural history helps drive us forward architecturally into the next chapter, while honoring our past. Connections to our colleagues and mentors allows us to collaborate and collectively strive for greatness in design which impacts our society. Connections to our school of architecture at South Dakota State University helps to elevate the next generation of architects to ensure that design will always matter. Through community outreach opportunities, like Design:SD, connections are made in small towns across South Dakota helping to bring awareness to design and architecture where sometimes it is not a priority.

Connections really do matter ... just like architecture really does matter. Architecture is a connection that we all can share and experience together. Celebrate great design. Reach out to a colleague, make a connection, and tell them "good job" when you see something worth celebrating. Connect with our state's school of architecture, maybe by spending a day with a group of students and the faculty. Volunteer to be a job shadow mentor to a student at one of our state's technical schools or high schools. If you haven't been to our AIA South Dakota annual convention recently, make it a priority and make some new connections there. I think you'll really enjoy it.

To my fellow architects, as a leader in your community and our state, I urge you to make a new connection this next year, some type of connection that you haven't yet made, to get engaged in a way that promotes the concept that "Design Matters." AIA South Dakota offers countless opportunities for those of you that want to make a new connection.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Architecture SD* magazine. There's so much going on in our state worth celebrating and some of that work is highlighted in this issue. On behalf of the board of directors for AIA South Dakota, I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone that contributed.

Go forth ... and get connected!

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AIA South Dakota President 2014-2015