

The Advocate



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Advocates From Concept To Completion

ASHFORD UNIVERSITY, CLINTON, IOWA

*Senior Pre-Construction Manager: Randy Fuller Project Manager: Brian Wicklund
Superintendent: Kevin Kimmel*



Estes Construction recently completed renovations and upgrades to Regis Hall for Ashford University, a rapidly-growing private college located in Clinton, Iowa. The growing student population required additional dormitory space for the fall semester.

Estes Construction started construction late in May with a tight completion date of August 15th. Regis Hall is a five-story building of approximately 58,000 square feet. The first three floors were constructed in 1954 with the fourth and fifth floors added in 1964. Previously the building had few upgrades.

The single largest portion of work completed was the installation of a fire sprinkler system. The sprinkler system required installation of a new water service, along with a fire pump. Normally the submittal drawings for the fire system would take eight of the ten weeks that we had to complete the project!

The third, fourth and fifth floors received several upgrades and life safety improvements. All rooms and corridors were repainted and new carpeting was installed in the corridors and lounges. The corridors received new acoustical ceilings and lighting with new fire-rated doors, and walls were added at corridor and stairway locations. All dorm rooms were upgraded.



Estes determined how to compress a very tight schedule, working closely with the subcontractor team. During the construction on the upper floors, daily operations of the office on a portion of second floor were to be maintained. Part of the second floor is used by the Mt. St. Clare Speech and Hearing Clinic and offices for the Sisters of St. Francis, and Estes worked closely with Ashford and the Sisters to coordinate all construction activity.



Estes is proud to have been chosen as the contractor for this project and look forward to working together with the fine people at Ashford in the future.

“We are very pleased with the progress and continued success of the project. Kevin did a great job with the little amount of time we had to complete the project. I am looking forward to working with Estes and Kevin in the future.”...Pattie Jensen, Ashford University



Advocates For Our Clients

New Projects

We are excited about starting new projects for the following clients:

Genesis Pediatric Physical Therapy, Davenport, Iowa: The Pediatric Physical Therapy Group at Maplecrest Campus is relocating from the basement to second floor. The much improved space is 5,340 square feet and has a gym and several physical and speech therapy rooms. Completion is planned for early October. **Project Team: Blake Burns, Pre-Construction Manager; Carl Borkgren, Project Manager; and Glenn Dettman, Superintendent. Architect: Flad & Associates.**



John Deere Corporate Hangar, Milan, Illinois: The two-story, 70,500 square foot facility is designed with expansive views as a feature. The innovative design reflects thoughts of flight with foil like curve of the roof, covering a “wedge” shaped lobby leading guests and employees alike to an 180 degree viewing of the Quad City International Airport. Estimated Project Completion Date is Fall 2009. **Project Team: Paul Neuharth, VP of Pre-Construction; George Roland, VP of Construction; and Todd Griffin, Superintendent. Architect: OPN Architects.**

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Groundbreaking



The Rock Island County Emergency Response Center is a 10,000 square foot pre-engineered building located adjacent to the Rock Island County Jail in downtown Rock Island. The County desired to have one central location for all of their emergency vehicles. Estes was selected as Construction Manager for this project based on the success of the current County project - a new 250-bed nursing facility. **Project Team: Brian Rossmiller, Senior Pre-Construction Manager and Dave Jasper, Project Manager. Architect: Vantage Point.**

Completed Project



Estes Construction recently completed the Renovation of Carlsson Hall for Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Carlsson Hall was originally built in the 1920's as a dormitory. The project consisted of converting the dormitory into classroom and office space for the Psychology, Center for Inquiry, Economics, Education, Accounting and Business Departments. The building is 40,000 square feet with a 1,400 square foot addition. The addition contains classrooms and features a roof terrace that is adjacent to the Great Hall. The lower level was expanded, an elevator was added, stairs were relocated and all mechanical and electrical systems were modernized. Estes was pleased to work with Augustana on this project. **The architect was BLDD Architects of**



Decatur. Estes Team: Brian Rossmiller, Senior Pre-Construction Manager and Steve Frank, Project Manager.

“I cannot express enough how well this project has gone. We all get along so well! None of us have held anyone up for the project and therefore it has run quite smoothly. Carlsson is a beautiful old building that has just been resurrected in fine style.”...Sharon Cramer, MPA, Augustana College

Great Job!!



Randy Fuller, Brian Wicklund, and Nick Wall received spot awards for their combined efforts in completing the Trinity IDPH project. This complex project required working in occupied areas of Trinity Hospital. The project was completed on time and under budget, resulting in a very pleased owner. This team is currently performing their fifth project for Trinity.



Advocates For Our Community

Mississippi Valley Blood Center



A number of Estes employees donated their time and their blood to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at the JA World Blood Drive on August 6, 2008.

"We really appreciate your willingness to help out as a coordinator and advocate! Estes employees continue to impress me with their volunteer spirit."...Jenny Vinzant

Bettendorf Rotary



Estes sponsored the 2008 Lobsterfest for Bettendorf Rotary. The funds raised from this event will go towards funding critical Rotary humanitarian projects and establishing the new Charities Funds, which will provide valuable financial benefits to local charitable organizations.

Advocates For Our Employees

Pre-Construction Managers

The title "Pre-Construction Manager" seems to better represent what our former "estimators" do, as they do much more than just estimate. Our Pre-Construction Managers lead the Estes process from the time Estes is selected as the contractor until the start of construction. The pre-construction process requires working closely with the owner and architect to develop accurate budgets, design alternatives and assist the owner in making the best decisions.



Randy Fuller, CPE



Brian Rossmiller, CPE



Blake Burns

Timo Braun's Internship

Timo worked to develop Estes' niche research efforts in a way that allowed us to launch the most extensive direct mail campaign in Estes history. Timo led the redesign of the Estes website, which will be launched by the end of October. The website will emphasize Estes' approach of advocacy and the importance of a collaborative effort both internally among the employees and externally between Estes, the architect and the client through integrated project delivery.



"My internship with Estes Construction has been an important developmental step for me. At the same time, I believe Estes has benefited as well. I enjoyed the warm and productive work climate among the Estes employees, especially in the website committee, the daily meetings with Laura and the collaborative work with Kent. Estes' culture emphasizes a team-driven approach with very supportive people, aiming excellence in a joint outcome instead of individual successes. I have read about such approaches, but experiencing it first hand has taught me how it can actually be done. The internship gave me valuable insights into building and retaining relationships with clients in a mature business to business market.

I am very grateful for this meaningful experience and I value the new friends I have made here."

Timo Braun
(Graduate Student, University of Mannheim, Germany)

Social Committee

In July, the Social Committee held an All-American BBQ feast with a catered luncheon from Famous Dave's. While we enjoyed our Country-Roasted Chicken and St. Louis-Style Spareribs, we played several rounds of another favorite American past time, BINGO.





Advocates For Our Employees

New Employees



Julinda Vens joined Estes as a temporary employee in May and in August we welcomed her as a permanent employee. Julinda was hired as a Receptionist/Administrative Assistant but is also helping Kim in Accounts Payable. Julinda was a stay-at-home mother for many years.



Kirk Lundberg has joined Estes after 24 years at Prairie Construction in Waterloo. Kirk will be supplementing the efforts of Mike Vance and Michael Kennedy on our John Deere Waterloo Works projects. We are very glad to have Kirk and all his local knowledge of the Waterloo market on our team.



Todd Griffin has rejoined Estes as a Superintendent. We are delighted to have Todd back, and he will be heading to the airport to build John Deere's new corporate hangar. Welcome back!

Gregg Schmidt has accepted an offer of employment upon graduation from Iowa State University. Gregg was an intern for us this summer. He'll be joining us the first of the year as a Project Engineer.

Ragbrai



The Ragbrai route went past Nick and Carol Wall's residence this year. Nick and Carol provided shade, refreshments, and a water mister for any rider that stopped. They are pictured here with a father and son from Ottumwa, Iowa.

MBI Convention



Steve Frank, Senior Project Manager, and his family attended the Master Builders of Iowa Summer Convention held July 10 - 13 at Lake Okoboji. There was a business meeting which educated the attendees on MBI activities, followed by roundtable discussions. Roundtable discussion topics included: Safety, Multicultural Workforce, and Construction Documents. It was not all work - MBI had many fun activities planned including a golf tournament, a beach party, hog roast, carnival games, a trip to Arnold's Amusement Park, a boat tour, fire dancers, and fireworks. Steve said it was a great time for the whole family, and he felt privileged that Estes chose his family to represent the company.

Company Photo



On August 22, the Estes Construction Team came together for a company photo. What a nice looking bunch!

Salute to Estes Employees!

Birthdays

September - Kent Pilcher 6th, Dean Maxwell 13th, Jay Harbron 16th, Randy Teerlinck 27th, Mike Vance 29th.

October - Todd Griffin 3rd, Vonnie Boudreau 4th, Carl Borkgren 9th, Lowell Carlson 14th, Chad Hurry 14th, Jim Estes 17th, Mike Gammon 19th, Steve Tobin 20th, Randy Fuller 31st.

November - Fred Correa 5th, Nick Wall 6th, Lanny Huisenga 7th, Mike Hetzel 12th, Jean Daniel 20th, Brian Olson 20th, Rick McKenna 23rd, Brett Engbretson 29th.

Anniversaries

September, October, November

Nancy Leming	30 years	Dean Maxwell	12 years
Laura Anderson	19 years	Jerry Robertson	12 years
Don Heiar	14 years	Mark Yakish	12 years
Mitch Harness	13 years	Nick Wall	4 years
Chad Hurry	13 years	Mark Larson	2 years

