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A4E Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Pasadena, CA, July 27, 2022 - Architecture for Education (A4E,) a Pasadena, California-based Architecture firm—solely dedicated to designing education facilities—is celebrating its 20th anniversary!

Since its founding in 2002 by Gaylaird W. Christopher, FAIA, A4E has completed over 120 planning and design projects for schools, colleges, and universities throughout the State of California and beyond. Over the last 20 years, the firm has grown in its success by maintaining its original mission of designing learning environments that have social purpose—positively impacting education, community, and the environment—while also creating architecture that inspires curiosity, imagination, and wonder.

In 2018, the firm’s ownership transitioned to long-term senior team members Rachel Adams, AIA, LEED AP, Managing Principal, and Olivia Graf Doyle, Design Principal. Today, as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), A4E is thriving under the partnership of Adams and Graf Doyle. Founding Principal, Gaylaird Christopher, still serves as a resource to the firm, and the firm continues to honor his legacy by employing dedicated, talented individuals who share a focus on designing exceptional educational environments.

Graf Doyle commented, “Achieving this 20-year milestone is both a proud moment and an opportunity to reflect on what the next 20 years will look like. I’m looking forward to building on our history to ensure our design work continues to enrich students, families, teachers, staff, and community for many years to come.”

“Given my 18 years with A4E and four years as a Partner of a women-led firm, my hope for the future is that we will continue to play a role in establishing architecture as a more equitable and accessible profession,” said Adams.

The firm’s 20-year anniversary will be celebrated over the next several months. The achievement represents how far A4E has come and also showcases Adams and Graf Doyle’s ability to personify the firm’s future.