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Costello receives AIA Toledo's 2017 Architect of the Year Award

The Toledo Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is pleased to announce that Kevin M. Costello, AIA, has been named the 2017 Toledo Architect of the Year in recognition of his commitment to the profession.

Kevin grew up in Monroe, Michigan, and went to Monroe Catholic Central High School. After completing a photography project in high school on the historic homes of Monroe, he knew he wanted to study architecture. He followed in his father's and brother's footsteps and went to the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1980 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

While at ND he was part of the sailing team and spent a year in Italy as part of the Rome Studies Program.

In the summers during college, his professional career started at Daniel Construction as an engineer's aide during the construction of the Fermi II Nuclear Power Plant in Newport, MI designing pipe hangers and supports, and doing field inspections of mechanical systems. After college he was hired by Don Johnson Architects in Monroe, and became a registered Architect in Michigan in the fall of 1983. Johnson Architects was one of the early architectural firms to embrace computer aided drafting, and he was appointed their Manager of Computer Aided Design Services in 1985. He was appointed to the first board for the Monroe Energy Conservation Group for the City of Monroe and served on that board for two years.

The majority of his career, however has been spent working in Toledo, first with Munger Munger + Associates Architect, and then with SSOE. During his 13 years at MM+AA under the guidance of Harold Munger, FAIA and Hal Munger, FAIA, he was involved with a variety of school, library and institutional projects, including the additions to the Central Library for TLCPL; Archbold Community Library; the Waterville Elementary School; additions to Anthony Wayne North High School; the Nursing and Allied Health Building for the Medical College; the International House Residence Hall for UT; renovations to Founders Quadrangle, Shatzel Hall and additions to the Fine Arts Building at BGSU; Fort Meigs Elementary School in Perrysburg; Fire Station #9 for the City of Toledo; the new Oregon Branch Public Library; and additions to Sylvania Public Library.

At SSOE Group, Kevin continues to work on a wide variety of project types. He started with SSOE Studios under Chris Ewald, AIA, doing industrial, health care and education projects, and is currently part of the Automotive Architectural department. While at SSOE he was the architectural lead on the North American Operations Lab Consolidation project for the auto body test facilities for GM at the Warren Tech Center; additions and renovations to the Honda, Anna engine plant; additions to the CHWC Westfield Medical Center in Archbold; renovations and additions to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan; Body Shop additions to the GM plant in Wentzville, Missouri; new Powerhouse Solar building for Dow Chemical Company in Midland, MI; new PETN explosives plant and wastewater treatment plant for Austin Powder Company in McArthur, OH; Miamisburg High School in Miamisburg, OH; Maumee City Schools renovation projects; Mulford Library Addition at the UT Health Science campus; new Start High School for Toledo Public Schools; Westgate Chapel addition; new West Toledo YMCA pool and renovations of Start High School gym and auditorium for the YMCA; and renovations to Mercer Elementary School and Maddux Elementary School for the Forest Hills School District in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kevin Costello joined the American Institute of Architects right after being licensed in 1983, and continues to be involved with the organization. In 2007 he was the AIA 150 Blueprint for America Champion for the Toledo Chapter, organizing the redesign of six prototype homes for Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity. He progressed through the AIA Toledo Executive Committee positions starting as Secretary in 2010 and 2011, President Elect and Program Chair in 2012 and continuing as AIA Toledo President in 2013. He has been involved with the production of the AIA



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Toledo newsletter since 2000, and took over as editor in 2016. He is currently on the AIA Ohio Board of Directors as Chapter Director, and was the Alternate Chapter Director in 2015 and 2016.

For the last 3 years Kevin has been on the Advisory Board for the Bowling Green State University Department of Architecture and Environmental Design, and has been a regular juror for the student's design projects. Kevin is working with the University toward the goal of initial accreditation for the Architectural Graduate program by the National Architectural Accreditation Board, and working to create a partnership between AIA Toledo and the Architecture Department.

Mr. Costello has spent most of his life as an avid sailor a spent many years racing sailboats and windsurfers. He was Commodore of the Toledo Area Boardsailing Association from 1997 through 1999, and helped to organize and run the Toledo Windsurfing Championships from 1993 through 2000. He is a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, in Monroe and in his free time, enjoys golfing, snow skiing, sailing his catamaran on Lake Erie and vacationing in Tennessee. He and his wife, Susan, live in Monroe with their sons Ethan and Bryan and step-son Austin Whitelaw. Ethan and Bryan, students at Monroe High School, are both on the golf and soccer teams. Austin is a Grad Assistant at East Tennessee State University pursuing his Master's degree.

Mr. Costello was presented the 2017 AIA Toledo Architect of the Year Award during the Honors Awards Program on April 21, 2017 at the Blarney Event Center, Downtown Toledo.

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