

DLR Group

Company History

In 1966, Irv Dana, FAIA, Bill Larson, FAIA and Jim Roubal, FPE formed Dana Larson and Roubal and Associates, a full service architecture and engineering firm working from the Midwest with a lot of professional energy and a growing roster of clients. The need to better serve these clients prompted geographic expansion. Over the last four decades the firm has opened and acquired new offices, which further extended our culture and heritage to reach back over one hundred years. DLR Group's heritage and culture has grown from the important intertwining of diverse legacies; from the sharing of experience and knowledge between renowned design leaders and young leaders to be; and from over a century of entrepreneurial spirit and innovative drive.

Today, with successful leadership transition and strong growth, the evolution of this great historical culture and legacy is well in hand. DLR Group has become a firm that is much more than the sum of its parts.

Relevant Experience DLR Group has worked with several MnSCU private college/universities to develop facilities master plans and support their efforts to develop a long-term framework to align their financial, physical and academic resources to best deliver education to their students. We work closely with each College/University to understand their priorities and how those fit with the MnSCU and state guidelines. Our in-house, integrated service delivery approach is particularly beneficial for comprehensive facilities master plans because they rely on holistic design solutions that address multiple issues over time. Facilities Master Plans rely upon a cohesive working team that reviews existing conditions, develops harmonious design solutions, assesses the pros and cons of each solution, and, in close conjunction with the client's representatives, develops a plan that addresses needs in a comprehensive, logical manner that enhances student success and provides a high level of value for every dollar.

Master Planning Experience The first step in turning your vision into reality is a comprehensive master plan. Master planning is a process of communication among the leadership, staff and students of your institution. DLR Group builds consensus through carefully directed communication and research, while guiding owner and user group input toward solutions which meet current and future programmatic needs.

The master plan becomes a road map identifying your current land holdings, existing buildings and possible building configurations for future components. It will evolve into an expression of the values and goals of your institution, resulting in a compelling campus plan that engages students and staff.

DLR Group has worked with educational institutions on dozens of master plans. The following projects reflect our recent experience.

- Anoka-Ramsey Community College Master Plan; Cambridge, MN
- Benedictine University Campus Master Plan; Lisle, IL
- California State University Channel Islands Master Plan; Camarillo, CA
- Central Arizona College San Tan Campus Master Plan; San Tan, AZ
- Century College Campus Master Plan Update; White Bear Lake, MN
- Chicago Sports Village Master Plan; Chicago, IL
- Cochise College Sierra Vista Campus Master Plan Revision and Implementation, Sierra Vista, AZ
- College of St. Benedict Utilities Master Plan; St. Joseph, MN
- College of St. Mary Campus Master Plan; Omaha, NE
- Columbia Gorge Community College, The Dalles Campus Master Plan; The Dalles, OR
- Columbia Gorge CC Hood River-Indian Creek Campus Master Plan; Hood River, OR
- Crown College Campus Master Plan; Saint Bonifacius, MN
- Crown College Residence Life Master Plan, Saint Bonafacius, MN

- Dakota State University Campus Master Plan; Madison, SD
- Diné College Campus Master Plan; Shiprock, NM
- Kenyatta University Campus Plan, Nairobi, Kenya
- Lake Superior College Facilities Master Plan; Duluth, MN
- Mesa Community College Campus Master Plan; Mesa, AZ
- Northern Arizona University, Landscape South Family Complex Master Plan; Flagstaff, AZ
- Northland Pioneer College Master Plans and Needs Assessments for four Campuses and two Centers; Holbrook, Show Low, Snowflake, and Winslow, AZ
- Oakton Community College Campus Master Plan; Des Plaines, IL
- Paradise Valley Community College Campus Master Plan Update; Phoenix, AZ
- Sacramento City College - West Sacramento Center Master Plan; West Sacramento, CA
- Saint Mary's University, Minnesota Campus Master Plan, Minneapolis & Winona, MN
- Santa Monica College Bundy Campus Master; Santa Monica, CA
- Tillamook Bay Community College Facilities Master Plan; Tillamook, OR
- Tohono O'odham Community College Campus Master Plan; Sells, AZ
- University of Hawaii, West Oahu Long-Range Campus Master Plan, Honolulu, HI
- West Los Angeles Community College Master Plan; Los Angeles, CA
- Yavapai College Chino Valley Agribusiness Campus Master Plan; Chino Valley, AZ
- Yavapai College Prescott New Campus Master Plan and Implementation; Prescott, AZ



Kate Yurko

Kate is a leader in DLR Group's Higher Education team and has worked on both ARCC and ATC campuses over the past 8 years. She is dedicated to working with clients and project team members to derive at strategic planning and design solutions that enhance the student experience. Kate works with large and small groups alike to define goals and objectives, develop priorities and design solutions that are student-centered and employ industry best practices. She has a passion for hands-on-learning environments, services for students, exploring innovative ideas and developing them into reality.



Laura Smith

Laura is a talented and enthusiastic member of DLR Group's Higher education team. Her passion for research, commitment to communication and critical attention to detail assists both design and planning efforts. Laura enjoys interfacing with user groups to understand their key issues and develop design solutions that simultaneously reflect their vision and challenge the norm.