

Lauren Dunn Rockart, AIA, LEED AP

Lauren Dunn Rockart is a principal at architecture firm Lord Aeck Sargent (LAS). She has more than 19 years of architectural experience in all phases of the design process, from programming through construction administration.

Located in the firm's Chapel Hill, North Carolina office, Rockart specializes in management, design direction and decision-making for higher education projects, including residence halls, academic facilities and research laboratories. She helps to ensure that the office is serving clients with responsive, durable and economical design solutions that exceed their expectations and enhance their campus environment. In addition, she mentors and supports the development of LAS staff architects and creates a seamless bond with the firm's other offices in Georgia, Michigan and Texas.

Rockart joined LAS as an architect in 2005. She was promoted to associate in 2007, senior associate in 2009 and principal in 2013. Before coming to LAS, she worked for architecture firms in Boston, London and New Jersey.

Rockart has played major roles on many Chapel Hill office projects, among them:

- Two LEED silver-certified facilities at the world renowned Duke Lemur Center at Duke University;
- The LEED gold-certified Chidley North Residence Hall at North Carolina Central University;
- Numerous renovations to the Mary Ellen Jones Building, a 220,000-square-foot, 11-story research laboratory facility at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill

Among her current projects are:

- UNC Greensboro's Spartan Village Housing, Phase 1, a new mixed-use student housing development which creates a new "front door" for the campus;
- The comprehensive renovation of Duke University's Paul M. Gross Hall to accommodate academic and collaboration spaces for interdisciplinary initiatives
- The Applied Propulsion and Power Laboratory at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, a new research building that will house a variety of combustion and engine research projects.

Rockart earned her master's degree in architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and her bachelor of arts degree in architecture (magna cum laude) from Princeton University.

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Rockart is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Society for College and University Planning, for which she made a 2012 presentation on the UNC Greensboro's Spartan Village project. She has written articles for publications such as ALN magazine, and her work has appeared in magazines including Architectural Record, Lab Manager Magazine, College Planning & Management and Woodworks. She also has received LEED accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council and is a National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) certificate holder.

Rockart, her husband and three daughters reside in Chapel Hill. In their leisure time, they enjoy traveling, skiing and spending time at the family's Northern Vermont lake house, which Rockart has renovated at least twice.

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