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Lord, Aeck & Sargent Promotes Lauren Dunn Rockart to Principal

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Feb. 21, 2013 – Lauren Dunn Rockart, AIA, LEED AP, an architect with 19 years of architectural experience in all phases of the design process – from programming through construction administration – has been promoted to a position as principal at architecture firm [Lord, Aeck & Sargent](#) (LAS).

Rockart specializes in management, design direction and decision-making for higher education projects, including residence halls, academic facilities and research laboratories. In addition, she mentors and supports the development of LAS staff architects and helps to ensure a seamless bond with the firm's other offices in Georgia, Michigan and Texas.

“Lauren has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of project delivery since she joined LAS in 2005,” said Scott O’Brien, an LAS principal and leader of the firm’s Chapel Hill office, where Rockart works. “She has earned the trust of her clients and her peers, she is respected by all who work with her, and she is a leader in our North Carolina office. Lord, Aeck & Sargent’s future is brighter thanks to her great efforts, and we look forward to her continued excellence in client, project and firmwide leadership in the years ahead.”

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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; and
- 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; and
- 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.

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 such as *Architectural Record*, *Lab Manager Magazine*,

College Planning & Management, Woodworks and others. 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.

About Lord, Aeck & Sargent

Lord, Aeck & Sargent is an award-winning architectural firm serving clients in academic, historic preservation, scientific, arts and cultural, and multi-family housing and mixed-use markets. The firm's core values are responsive design, technological expertise and exceptional service. The firm is listed as 28th in *Architect, the Magazine of the American Institute of Architects'* annual "Architect 50" ranking of U.S. architecture firms. The ranking is based on business, sustainability and design excellence/pro bono. In 2007, Lord, Aeck & Sargent was one of the first architecture firms to adopt [The 2030 Challenge](#), an initiative whose ultimate goal is the design of carbon-neutral buildings, or buildings that use no fossil-fuel greenhouse gas-emitting energy to operate, by the year 2030. Lord, Aeck & Sargent has offices in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Atlanta, Georgia; Austin, Texas; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. For more information, visit the firm at www.lordaecksargent.com.

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