

project updates



ASU Manzanita Hall

owner American Campus Communities
architect Studio Ma w/ Solomon Cordwell Buenz
location Arizona State University | Tempe
size 218,000 SF
dwelling units 241
student beds 816

This LEED® Silver project featured a full gut and remodel of the historic 15-story Manzanita Hall, which was originally built in 1967. The new dorm rooms include two- and three-bedroom / one-bathroom and four-bedroom / two-bathroom units. Manzy Square, the student dining facility, was also remodeled on the first floor of the building. New “Neighborhood” amenities and social spaces include a fitness center with separate yoga studio, mail and computer rooms, game room, student lounges and a business center. A “FYREside” lounge overlooks an exterior shaded patio and outdoor recreation area. Exterior improvements include a complete re-skin of the building, new landscaping and courtyards, plaza with shaded bicycle racks, and basketball and sand volleyball courts.



PowerParasol @ ASU

owner Strategic Solar Energy
architect debartolo architects
location Gammage Pkwy & Orange-Cady Mall | ASU Tempe
size 1MW

New construction of four shade structures - two outside ASU's Memorial Union and two along Gammage Parkway. Each structure features multiple architectural concrete piers comprised of ground, polished and sealed concrete, and random panel removal to create a dappled light effect, opening up the spaces underneath.

The MU location features columns on top of the piers with 20-foot tall channel glass panels, on top of which sit eight-foot LED fixtures, which wash the entire length of the columns in any color of the spectrum. The existing architectural “pringles” were kept in tact, with the structure being built around them and the existing fountain. These new structures create a shady setting along the mall for students to eat, study and gather.

The Gammage structures feature brace frames wrapped with architectural composite metal onto which graphics for upcoming and current shows can be easily mounted.



Boston Marathon: 1 Year Later



It's been just over a year since the horrific bombing at the Boston Marathon. But the 2014 marathon was back stronger than ever, with 36,000 runners participating, the largest group since 1996. And more than one million spectators lined the race route.

One of hardison/downey's own, Project Director Steve Shaw, was one of those million spectators, there to cheer on his wife Julie as she ran the race. As most people know, qualifying for the Boston Marathon is no easy feat. Runners must meet specific gender and age time requirements at a USATF sanctioned and certified marathon the previous year in order to gain entrance to the prestigious race.



On March 2, 2013, Julie officially qualified for this year's Boston Marathon by completing the BMO Harris Bank Phoenix Marathon with a time of 3:32. Women in Julie's age group need to beat 3:40 in order to qualify. After she cheered Steve on in the 5K prior to the big event, Steve proudly watched his wife cross the finish line on now infamous Boylston Street at the 3:42 mark. Steve and Julie happily shared a couple of the photos from their time in Boston (left). They were happy to share in the experience of patriotism shown one year later at the bombing site.

Julie ran the BMO Harris Bank Phoenix Marathon again on March 1 of this year, and qualified for the 2015 Boston race with a time of 3:39, so Steve and Julie may be heading back to Boston again next year.

project awards



Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale

Banner Estrella Weight Loss Clinic

medical construction | 1,500 SF

owner: Banner Health **architect:** Knoell & Quidort

location: 92nd Avenue & Thomas | Phoenix

Food Service Renovations @ ASU

restaurant renovation | 2,000 SF

owner: Aramark **architect:** DWL Architects + Planners

location: ASU Downtown & Tempe Campuses

Harley-Davidson of Scottsdale

new retail construction | 146,000 SF

owner: YAM Holdings **architect:** K/G Architecture

location: Greenway-Hayden & Northsight | Scottsdale

featured employee

10 Things You Don't Know About....Greg Wosaba | construction director



1. My favorite band is the Grateful Dead. I have been to 13 shows and, at one time, had more than 2,000 hours of live concert recordings.
2. I love dogs and have two golden retrievers - Lily and Cowboy - blood brother and sister two years apart. Lily is a certified therapy dog and Cowboy is in training.
3. I ride mountain bikes in my spare time.
4. I love cold weather and snow. I spent last New Years on a three-day, 260-mile snow mobile trip through Yellowstone National Park.
5. I love spending time with my soul mate and wife of 15 years, Tracy. We hike, watch movies, play with the dogs or just hang out.
6. I enjoy fly and bass fishing. I am better at fly fishing but am currently more focused on bass fishing, trying to hook an elusive large mouth at Saguaro Lake.
7. My favorite beer is a Marble IPA from Albuquerque, NM.
8. I enjoy playing portable video games - I have a Nintendo 3DS and Sony Playstation Vita.
9. I play acoustic guitar and am a struggling banjo player.
10. Pizza and spaghetti are my favorite foods. Basically anything Italian.