



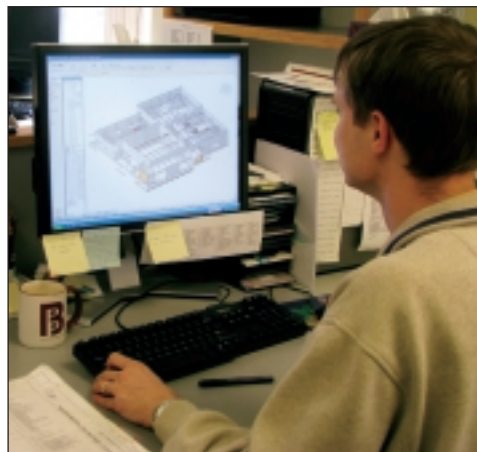
Barrish Pelham & Associates, Inc.



West Placer MS (Creekview Ranch MS) in Roseville (top).

The Lincoln School Historic Restoration (above) won the 2007 SEAOC Best Retrofit Alteration Project.

Matt Mlakar is one of many ARCE alumni working at Barrish Pelham & Associates.



Firm boasts deep family roots and lots of ARCE alums

Barrish Pelham & Associates (BPA) is proud of its history. A third-generation firm, it might be fair to say it is also on a third generation of Cal Poly ARCE grads with firm President Stephen Pelham ('76) and Principal Ian Williams ('87), followed by Associates Gyorgy Guevarra ('01) and Matt Mlakar ('01). The latest generation has joined in the past three years: Tim Lindsey ('06), Josh Pilorin ('06), Eric Slominski ('08).

Steve Pelham (ARCE '76) is president-elect of the Structural Engineering Association of California and will soon join the Cal Poly ARCE Advisory Board. He acknowledges the strong connection and doesn't hesitate to credit Cal Poly as a great start to his engineering career both personally and professionally.

"The practice-based education combined with a fantastic alumni network opened many doors. At BPA we are proud to continue that tradition through donations, internships and recruiting from the program. Approximately

50 percent of our engineering staff graduated from Cal Poly.”

If, to an outsider, this creates a family-like atmosphere, BPA would agree. The principals are committed to a policy of “hands on and doors open,” purposefully limiting growth to no more than 25 employees in order to provide personal service to their clients. In style and practice they like the idea of a family environment, particularly when that environment results in *Structural Engineer* magazine naming BPA as one of the Top Ten Best SE Firms to Work For in the nation in 2007 and 2008, along with the Best Employee Recognition Program in 2008. The honors don’t stop there as *Sacramento Business Journal* honored BPA in 2008 with an A+ Employer Award.

With over 60 years of experience, the firm is proud of its motto, “Expertise, Integrity, and Service.” These principles are evident in a list of BPA awards that includes the 2009 CASH Award of Excellence: Vista del Lago High School, Rainforth Grau Architects; 2009 Sacramento Best New Public Project: West Placer Middle School, Perkins + Will Architects; 2007 SEAOC Best Retrofit Alteration Project: Lincoln School Historic Restoration, Stafford King Wiese Architects; and numerous AIA award projects.

Teri Jamison (ARCH '92), the Vista del Lago High School client and architect with Rainforth Grau Architects, says: “BPA delivers customized engineering solutions that successfully interface structural systems to a diversity of architectural designs.”

BPA is poised for a strong future with a wide variety of projects, including seismic retrofit of historic structures to new multi-story buildings.

Always looking forward, it is deeply involved with interdisciplinary collaboration through Building Information Modeling (BIM). Combining this technology with Lean Construction practices has allowed BPA’s staff to deliver publically financed projects in less time and at a lower cost.

Given the current challenges to local and state government, advancing construction technology and efficiency is of critical importance to BPA, as is providing facilities for the future education, health and civic activities of society.



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Tracy High School (left)

The library at Vista del Lago High School (below) won the 2009 CASH Award of Excellence.

