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A Celebration Of Two Molin Icons



» Tom Molin (left), Dennis Howard (right)

On December 9th, 2017 Molin Concrete Products celebrated the retirement of Tom Molin and Dennis Howard at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. The event was attended by 270 co-workers, friends, family and guests. Tom Molin was employed at Molin Concrete Products for 41-years and was named as President and Chief Operating Officer in January 1991. Dennis Howard held the Drafting Manager position and was employed by Molin Concrete Products for 39-years. «

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Molin Announces Recent Staff Additions



Dan Bible
President

I am pleased to announce the promotion and new hire of team members at Molin Concrete Products:

Arón López has been promoted to the position of Drafting Manager and works at the Molin Structural Precast Plant in Lino Lakes, MN .

Latasha Thompson joined Molin in February as Administrative Coordinator at the Molin Wall Panel Plant in Ramsey, MN.

Alex Wolf joined Molin in January as Structural Engineer working at the Molin Structural Precast Plant in Lino Lakes, MN .

Tyler Sarff joined Molin in January as Director of Field Services and will work at Molin's Structural Wall Panel Plant in Lino Lakes, MN.

These additions and promotion will be valuable to the Molin Team as we work to build on our reputation as an industry leader working toward goals for growth and continuous improvement.

Molin Promotes Arón López



Molin Concrete Products has promoted Arón López to the position of Drafting Manager. Arón has been with Molin since the fall of 2010. Arón completed the Architectural Technology program at Minneapolis Community and Technical College. Arón began working in the precast industry in 2005 as a CAD Technician.

Arón and his wife Jen have three children, ages 9, 7 and 5. They enjoy visiting parks and attractions with the kids, cheering on MN sports teams, and spending time at the lake in the summer. They also enjoy travelling to warmer locations in the frigid winter months.

Molin Hires Latasha Thompson



Molin Concrete Products has hired Latasha Thompson in the position of Administrative Coordinator. Latasha graduated in 2012 from Summit OIC in Minneapolis, receiving an OSHA 30 and Carpentry Certificate and will be working towards an AAS degree in Supervisory Management at Anoka Technical College. Latasha and five of her children reside in Forest Lake, MN. In her spare time Latasha likes to spend time with her kids and family. She enjoys watching her kids play sports and always enjoys a good laugh. Latasha also devotes her time to attending services at Eagle Brook Church in Lino Lakes.

Molin Hires Alex Wolf



Molin Concrete Products has hired Alex Wolf in the position of Structural Engineer. Alex joined Molin in January 2018 as a Project Engineer. Prior to working at Molin, Alex completed a degree at the University of Minnesota Duluth in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis in Structural Engineering and graduated with distinction as well as department honors. During his time at UMD, Alex completed internships at the City of River Falls Engineering Dept, City of Duluth Engineering Dept, and LHB Architects. Alex moved to St. Louis Park in December 2017 with his girlfriend. Outside of work, Alex enjoys spending time watching sports with friends, enjoying local restaurants, exploring the area, and spending time outdoors fishing and hunting.

Molin Hires Tyler Sarff



Tyler Sarff joined Molin Concrete Products as Director of Field Operations in January 2018. Tyler earned a B.S. in Construction Management from Colorado State University and played defensive tackle on CSU's football team. Prior to his employment at Molin, Tyler spent the first 10 years of his career with Adolfson and Peterson Construction in their Rocky Mountain division. He relocated to Minnesota to assume the role of Regional Manager for Envirotech Services. Tyler also worked for Kraus Anderson as a Site Superintendent. Tyler and his wife have been married 7-years and have a 4-year old daughter who he gladly spends most of his time with trying all sorts of fun activities. Tyler's other interests include golf, fishing, playing basketball, going to Vikings games, doing home improvements and brewing beer.



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Molin produced the precast and prestressed concrete the new DaVinci Academy high school foot building located in

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:

DaVinci Academy of Arts & Science | HAM LAKE, MN

ARCHITECT OF RECORD: Rivera Architects
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: BKBM Engineers, Inc.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Rochon Corporation

Molin produced the precast and prestressed concrete products for the new DaVinci Academy of Arts & Science for their new 104,000 square foot building located in Ham Lake, MN. This new total precast building allowed the charter school to more than double their space by moving from their former location in Blaine, MN. The officials at this year-round, tuition-free, public charter school acknowledged the need for a bigger facility due to growing enrollment and were able to purchase this former horse farm property to build this new charter school. The new school enabled them to enroll twice as many students as their previous location allowed.

Molin's early involvement in the schematic and design development stages of this project provided efficient layout recommendations for the beams and columns as well as structural connections. Molin provided design development and budgetary assistance at preliminary stages of this project. The design team provided the total lateral loads for this project and Molin was responsible for the distribution of these forces through the precast diaphragm to the precast shear walls that carried the loads to the footings. A great deal of coordination with the design team was required to locate the precast columns, beams and shear walls within the complex floor plans.



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One of the more challenging areas was the bearing wall between the classroom and common areas. This wall supports two levels of 16" hollow core spanning 55' and also supports the roof. The desire was to have this area as open as possible at the first level. Molin's solution was re-supporting the bearing wall using a series of openings within the precast walls, spandrel panels and beams and columns that opened up the space without interfering with the design concept and architectural aesthetics.

As the design was finalized and the project was being awarded, the requirement was presented for incorporating a large school logo into the precast wall panels. The exterior and interior wall panels were cast with a basic formed finish and a steel trowel unformed finish to be painted in the field. Molin production staff used a vapor-blasting process to achieve the desired 14' diameter artwork in the precast wall panels.

The precast scope on this project included; 350 lineal feet of precast columns, 500 lineal feet of prestressed beams, 46,600 square feet of Hollow Core, and 76,500 square feet of insulated and non-insulated structural precast wall panels. «



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