



2021 Women in Building Services: Tracy Hansen, BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers PC

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Name: Tracy Hansen

Title: Associate

Company Name: BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, & Engineers, P.C.

Real estate associations or organizations that you are currently a member of:

American Institute of Architects

What led you to your current profession?

I entered college in the field of engineering and in two years found it a bit dry for my future. I excelled in math and science but needed more creativity, expression, and freedom than engineering allowed. I found the field of architecture to be the perfect balance.

What trends will dominate your industry in the coming months?

21st Century learning and design continues to trend in the K-12 market. This involves supporting the natural mobility and expression of children, allowing choice in environment, and promoting collaboration rather than lecture.

What books or social media influencers would you recommend to other women?

“Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail” by Cheryl Strayed. A true story of a young woman’s risk and vulnerability, told with warmth and humor leading to her power and healing. A very powerful read for me.

In the past year, what project, transaction or accomplishment are you most proud of?

The last year of working from home in the world of COVID shutdowns was a challenge. My most proud accomplishment is in quickly adapting to new technology and ways to communicate and interact with my clients so that there was no lag in workflow nor gaps in accountability.

Who was/is your mentor and how did s/he influence/help you in your career?

My dad is my mentor for always showing me, teaching me, and encouraging me to learn, grow, and be anything I wanted to be.

How do you contribute to your community or profession?

Much of the work we do at BBS is in K-12 schools. I love being a part of a child’s every day in creating environments that will stimulate and support their growth and learning potential.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was a child, I never had a clear, dream profession—I just wanted to be happy. I loved arts and crafts and working with my hands. I spent a lot of time with my dad around the house fixing things and watching him tinker on projects or repairs. I loved to set up spaces for my dolls to play. I wanted to know how to do a tune up on my first car. I felt the world to be an open book to explore and create.

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