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Pittsburgh-based mossArchitects Promotes Two Virginia Tech Alumni to Associate Principal

(Pittsburgh, PA – February 28, 2019)- mossArchitects, one of the premier collaborative architecture and interior design firms in Pittsburgh, announces the promotion of three seasoned architects to Associate Principal, including Virginia Tech Alumni, **Katie LaForest** and **Shannon Ashmore**.

Katie LaForest, RA, LEED AP joined the firm in 2011 and has been the project manager on numerous mixed-use buildings, residences, offices, and restaurants including fl.2 at the Fairmont Pittsburgh. Katie is an extremely dedicated and passionate firm leader who is consistently responsive, thorough, and enthusiastic in all aspects of her work. She brings a wonderfully balanced approach to a project, keeping in mind the big picture while not losing attention to the design integrity, details, and the people for whom the spaces are created.

Katie has been involved in several adaptive reuse and city infill projects, such as the Homestead Bakery Lofts and LaGourmandine Hazelwood, which have allowed her to thoughtfully contribute to Pittsburgh's evolutionary urban landscape. Katie's projects have received both local AIA and national awards, while being also recognized for their innovative environmentally-conscious designs. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech and has been licensed in Pennsylvania since 2016.

Shannon Ashmore, RA joined the firm in 2013 and has worked on many of the firm's restaurant and office projects. She has led the firm in its collaboration with Argo AI on the innovative and beautiful design of several of their office projects, including the firm's first California project. Shannon cares tremendously about her clients and has an ability to view a project from many perspectives. She is an outstanding project manager who can handle complex projects, while bringing her exceptional design sensibilities to all aspects of a project.

Licensed in Pennsylvania and California, Shannon has received AIA awards for projects she has collaborated on in both states. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech.

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About mossArchitects

mossArchitects is a Pittsburgh-based architectural firm founded by Andrew Moss with the intent to develop responsive, artful, expressive design solutions. We approach each project with a sense of challenge and adventure-through master planning, architecture, and interior design services, specializing in creative and unique offices, restaurants, retail, residential, adaptive reuse, parks and cultural facilities. Our design process begins and ends with the client: their dreams, values and goals. We seek out clients who share our conviction that quality design improves our clients' way of life. Our office is located in Pittsburgh's Garfield neighborhood and consists of a staff of fifteen architects, designers and technicians. For more information, please visit www.mossarc.com.