

Rod Kruse, FAIA

Principal

In the more than 30 years that he has contributed to the architectural field, Rod Kruse has built a reputation as one of the Central States Region's strongest design talents. His bold, artistic vision and acute management skills have made him a much sought after team leader for knowledgeable clients like the State of Iowa Universities.



Rod's body of work includes a diverse variety of project types for clients from the private and public sectors. His portfolio includes a significant number of higher education clients and projects that include more than 110 projects and studies on 14 campuses ranging in student population from 1,200 to 35,000.

Rod had gained recognition on a national, regional and local level for his projects including a 2002 National AIA Award for Design Excellence for Architecture for the Newton Road Parking and Chilled Water Facility at the University of Iowa, a 2000 National AIA Award for Design Excellence for Architecture for the Center Street Park and Ride Facility, and a 1992 award from the American Bar Association. In 2001, Rod's previous firm, Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture, was honored with the American Institute of Architects Architecture Firm Award.

Well established as a leader in design, Rod's work has been included in several traveling exhibitions and he has lectured widely. For his service to the community, Rod received the Distinguished Service Award from Downtown Des Moines, Inc. in 1996. Rod's work and writings have also been featured in numerous national and regional periodicals including Architecture, Architectural Record, I.D. Magazine and Iowa Architect.

Recognizing Rod's Design Excellence and Leadership, the American Institute of Architects named him a Fellow 1996.

EDUCATION

Iowa State University, Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, 1974
Iowa State University, Masters Program Study, 1974 - 1978

REGISTRATIONS

Registered Architect: Iowa, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National AIA
AIA Iowa
NCARB AIA
Frequent Design Awards Juror
Former 3-Year Member, AIA Fellows Jury
Former Chair, AIA Fellows Jury
Former Member, Iowa Architect Editorial Board

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Des Moines Art Center
Former Youth Sport Coach
Member, Plymouth Congregational Church
Des Moines Rotary Club

AWARDS

National AIA Honor Award for Architecture 2002, Newton Road Parking and Chilled Water Facility
National AIA Honor Award for Architecture 2000, Center Street Park and Ride Facility
Twenty-four National Awards or Citations for Design Excellence: Department of Transportation, American Institute of Steel Construction, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, Metal Construction Association, American School and University Magazine, The Chicago Athenaeum, The American Bar Association Journal, National Chain Link Association, I. D. Magazine, Athletic Business Magazine, National Intramural Recreation Sports Associations, National Association of School Board Administrators, National School Board Association, Inland Architect, Modern Steel Construction Magazine, and Midwest Home and Design Magazine
Thirty-seven Honor or Merit Awards for Design: Central States Region of the AIA, AIA Iowa, AIA Orlando, and Iowa ASLA
Selected to exhibit two projects in the National Exhibit entitled "The Art of Design 2, An Exhibition of American Design" at Marquette University and one project at the Design Arts Festival in Minneapolis, Minnesota which included work by Helmut Jahn, Margaret Helfand and other nationally recognized designers.
Published in over seventeen national and thirty-one regional publications including Architectural Record, Progressive Architecture Plans, I.D. Magazine, Home Magazine, Inland Architect, and the American Bar Association Journal
Received National Recognition for his own residence including Design Awards from the Central States Region of the AIA, AIA Iowa, Inland Architect, and Midwest Home and Design Magazine; publication in three journals, and inclusion in a National and Regional Exhibit.