



The 2015 Educational Interiors Showcase jury (left to right): Battaglia, Bauer and Agron

Joe Agron

Editor-in-Chief/Associate Publisher • American School & University

Joe Agron has guided AS&U's editorial direction for the past 28 years, and has helped influence and shape current national school infrastructure issues. Besides being referenced by such national press as The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, USA Today, US News & World Report, ABC News, NBC News and CNN, Joe authored a number of industry-exclusive reports and assisted with the introduction of the Education Infrastructure Act of 1994. His "Facilities Impact on Learning" series of special reports won national acclaim and helped bring the poor condition of the nation's schools to the attention of many in the U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of Education and the White House.

Joe is a three-time recipient of the prestigious Jesse H. Neal Award—which is the equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize for business journalism. Joe has participated on a number of industry panels, including serving as a senior adviser to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on its "Safe Schools" manual; on a committee funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to explore challenges faced by the nation's education institutions in regards to energy management, indoor air quality and a host of environmental issues; and on the review panel for the ASBO/National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities "Maintenance and Operations Guidelines and Practices in Schools Guide."

August F. Battaglia, FAIA, REFP

Principal / Design Director • FGM Architects

Augie's ability to elevate the aspirations of his clients has resulted in architecture that is inspiring to those who use it and those who simply pass by. Augie celebrates the uniqueness of each client and project: "We do ordinary buildings in extraordinary ways." He creates environments that support curriculum, engage their sites and encourage a lifelong love of learning.

Augie has a Fellowship from the American Institute of Architects, served on the American Architecture Foundation's Schools for Learning Committee and is a Recognized Educational Facility Professional by the Council for Educational Facility Planners.

Kim Bauer

Director of Facilities Design and Construction Services • Georgia State University, Atlanta

Kim Bauer has been at Georgia State University for 21 years and is responsible for the design and construction of new buildings on campus and major renovations to existing buildings or buildings purchased and rehabilitated for GSU's use.

Projects have included research and teaching labs, state of the art classrooms, office buildings, a theater and recital hall, other student activity buildings and spaces. Kim manages a staff of architects, engineers, construction managers and interior designers.

Kim graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Carolina University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Interior Design. Prior to her career at GSU, Kim worked for private architectural design firms for seven years. ▲



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