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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

### PURPOSE



Anyone who knows me well knows I'm a Simon Sinek fan. I believe he's one of the foremost thought leaders of our time, and he has a way of articulating ideas and perspectives on many topics – including leadership – that provoke a lot of thought.

Here is one of his statements that I read recently: "We must find a purpose or cause to pursue, otherwise we have left our imperfections to focus on." Boom! These are very powerful words that apply to many situations in life.

At your company, what is your "why"? What is your purpose? What is the goal? What has meaning that you make a priority or an area of focus? Without clarity here, it is easy to be consumed by thinking of your flaws, shortcomings, and matters of the day without looking forward. I can let it occupy my time, too, as anyone who knows me well knows that I am not perfect.

This is certainly true during working years, but it's also commonplace during retirement years. In our company and in our industry, we have many people retiring. If they have any anxiety at all about retirement, it is likely around finding a purpose or cause to pursue after they leave the office or take off the tool belt for good. There are only so many rounds of golf to enjoy before the focus on one's imperfections begins to creep in.

In some ways it's like riding a bicycle. If you are going forward and have some momentum, you can remain upright and in pursuit of the destination. If you stop or take your eyes off of the destination, you risk falling at a minimum and crashing and burning at maximum. Stay in pursuit!

At Story, we have an answer to a purpose or cause to pursue. Tune in next issue to learn what it is.

*Mike*

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## A NEW BUILDING FOR NORWALK CSD: ORCHARD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In August, Story and team opened for school one of three active construction projects taking place over the summer for the Norwalk Community School District.

In February 2017, Norwalk residents approved a \$32 million bond issue for construction projects for a new elementary school, in addition to renovations at the middle school and high school and expansion at Oviatt Elementary.

“To prepare for future growth, each year the District evaluates enrollment and facilities to determine capital projects. In 2015 we determined that one of our top priorities would be construction of a new elementary school,” said Kate Baldwin, Executive Director of Administrative Services for the school district. “We had maxed out our existing elementary school classroom space. The District has also maximized the available campus space to construct building additions, so building a new building was the clear path forward.”

The team broke ground on Orchard Hills Elementary School in April 2018 and had the building finished for the start of school this fall. The school features 30 regular classrooms, a cafeteria and a full service kitchen, a competition-size gymnasium, a dedicated music room and art room, a library, a STEM lab, office space and other specialized classrooms. The wings of the building each feature either purple, blue, yellow or green finishes and lighting.

“Story and FRK do a great job of approaching us with solutions rather than bringing issues to our attention without offering a plan forward,” Baldwin said. “We’ve been really fortunate to partner with these two professional building consultants to facilitate our school construction projects.”

Renovations to Norwalk’s middle school and high school were completed this fall, and renovations to Oviatt Elementary School are currently underway.

### CLIENT

Norwalk Community School District

### DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

### ARCHITECT

FRK Architects + Engineers

### PROJECT MANAGER

Scott Kutchen

### PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Dan Drefke

### PROJECT SIZE

87,207 sq. ft.

### DATE COMPLETED

August 2019



## NEW STARBUCKS LOCATION ADDED ON DRAKE UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS

When Drake University and their food and facilities management company reached an agreement to continue their relationship, they decided to take action on several immediate upgrades to food facilities on campus. One of these upgrades was to a coffee shop in the Olmsted Center.

"At this particular location, we sold Starbucks coffee but it was not a licensed Starbucks location," said Kelly Foster, Business and Insurance Manager at Drake. "The new agreement with Sodexo gave us the opportunity to bring in an actual licensed Starbucks. We worked with Starbucks to redesign the space and create the much-needed coffee and open table area for students, faculty and staff on campus."

After recently completing the Drake Relays Meet Operations remodel and the HVAC renovations at the Quads residence halls together, Drake engaged Story Construction to complete the Starbucks and corresponding grease interceptor projects to bring the facilities up to code. Story's Small Projects Group carried out most of the work at the Starbucks build-out.



"We had really solid communication with the team throughout the project," Foster said. "The whole team worked extremely hard together. This project once again needed to be finished in a short time line, so success really depended on working together, and they were able to do that."

The Starbucks and grease interceptor projects were completed ahead of schedule and a few days after classes began for fall semester.

### CLIENT

Drake University  
Sodexo USA

### DELIVERY METHOD

General Contractor

### ARCHITECT

INVISION

### PROJECT MANAGER

Shane Geiselhart

### PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethan Dix

### PROJECT SIZE

4,200 sq. ft.

### DATE COMPLETED

August 2019

### CLIENT

Indian Hills Community College

### DELIVERY METHOD

Construction Manager

### ARCHITECT

OPN Architects

### PROJECT MANAGER

Clint Jensen

### PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT

Luke Trewin

### DATE COMPLETED

August 2019

## BATHROOM RENOVATIONS FINISHED AT INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Trustee Hall, one of the larger residence halls on Indian Hills Community College's Ottumwa campus, received updates to its rest room and shower room facilities over the summer.

"The group-style showers in Trustee Hall, we felt, were outdated," said Bill Meck, COO at Indian Hills. "It's all about providing facilities and amenities that are expected of us at Indian Hills, so this was a necessary step in that direction."

Indian Hills joined with OPN Architects to make the existing rest rooms into seven individual rest rooms on each floor, which involved utilizing the former laundry space on each floor and converting them to rest room spaces. The team identified space on the first floor to renovate into a new, larger laundry facility that increased the overall laundry capacity in the building.

Indian Hills then engaged Story to serve as the construction manager on the job. As is usually the case for a student living quarters project, it needed to be completed while students were gone over summer break. The Construction Production 2.0 process was an important tool for keeping the entire team on track and keeping the staff at the college informed.

"Luke [Trewin] was fantastic," said Meck. "We appreciated the way he and the Story team approached this project, and I think they appreciated how we approached it as well. In the end, it's for the students occupying this building, and I think the Story guys really got that."



# EMPLOYEE PROFILE

## LUKE TREWIN, SUPERINTENDENT



Luke joined Story Construction in March 2018 as a foreman. Since then he's been promoted to superintendent and is currently working on the new office building for Midland Power in Boone. He has dedicated time to several projects since joining the team, including the Drake Quads HVAC renovation and the Storey Kenworthy warehouse project.

Luke is a native of New Hampton, IA where he graduated from high school. He's been a foreman and a superintendent for two other contractors in Iowa. To date, his favorite project is the recent renovation for Indian Hills Community College, stating "working with that entire team made the project very rewarding." His favorite part about his job is the people, specifically cooperation and coordination and watching a job come together.

In his free time, Luke enjoys working on his motorcycle. He has friends who live in Union de San Antonio in the Mexican state of Jalisco, so his vacations often consist of trips to the region.

Thanks for your hard work, Luke!



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