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## **Mueller Associates Advances Four Engineers to Junior Mechanical Project Engineer Roles**

***Promotions reflect the firm's commitment to developing the next generation of MEP engineering talent***

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Mueller Associates is pleased to announce the promotion of Christopher Hodges, Michael Kowalski, PE, Meghan LaGreca, and Justin Saelens, LEED AP BD+C, to junior mechanical project engineer. Each has demonstrated outstanding technical expertise, dedication to engineering excellence, and a strong commitment to the firm's mission of delivering high-quality mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering solutions.

Christopher Hodges joined Mueller in 2021 after earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware. He has contributed to significant projects, including Bowie State University's Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts and Humanities building and renovating the National Museum of Women in the Arts. An active ASHRAE member, Christopher serves on Mueller's Social Workplace Committee, helping to foster employee engagement and company improvements.

Michael Kowalski, PE, joined Mueller in 2022 and recently became a licensed Professional Engineer in Maryland. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Temple University and played a key role on several projects, including UNC-Chapel Hill's Carrington Hall School of Nursing and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's (UMBC) Sherman Hall renovation. Michael is an active ASHRAE member and has demonstrated strong technical leadership through his mentorship of younger engineers.

Meghan LaGreca joined Mueller in 2024, bringing HVAC, plumbing, and medical gas systems design expertise. She holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from SUNY Maritime College and has significantly contributed to major projects, including UMBC's Sherman Hall renovation and Towson University's Smith Hall modernization. Her analytical skills and attention to detail have quickly made her a valuable asset to the firm.

Justin Saelens, LEED AP BD+C, joined Mueller in 2022 after completing his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering at UMBC. He has contributed to notable cultural and academic projects, including the Muskegon Museum of Art and multiple projects at the National Gallery of Art. A member of both ASHRAE and the Baltimore chapter of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), Justin demonstrates his commitment to sustainable design through his LEED AP BD+C certification, and he serves on Mueller's Social Workplace Committee.

"These promotions reflect both individual excellence and our firm's commitment to developing strong technical talent," says Todd Garing, PE, LEED AP BD+C, president of Mueller Associates. "Chris, Mike,

Meghan, and Justin have each demonstrated exceptional capability in complex engineering projects while embracing Mueller's collaborative approach. Their advancement strengthens our ability to deliver innovative MEP solutions for our clients and positions us well for continued growth."

## **About Mueller Associates**

Established in 1966, Mueller Associates delivers mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering services for cultural facilities, museums, higher education institutions, libraries, performing and fine arts centers, historic preservation, government facilities, and other institutional and corporate facilities. Mueller specializes in complex and stringent environmental control and energy conservation engineering solutions. The firm is a leader and innovator in sustainability and resilience.

Current and recent projects include the renovation of the historic Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the new Bezos Learning Center, both for the Smithsonian Institution; the new Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia; George Mason University's new FUSE at Mason Square in Arlington, Va.; Radford University's Artis Center for Adaptive Innovation and Creativity in Radford, Va; the College of Health Professions at Towson University in Towson, Md, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Communication Arts and Humanities Building at Bowie State University in Bowie, Md, the revitalization of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., plus the renovation of Carrington Hall at the University of North Carolina's Nursing School in Chapel Hill, N.C, and numerous projects for Northrop Grumman Corporation throughout the Baltimore-Washington University. For more information, visit [www.muellerassoc.com](http://www.muellerassoc.com).

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