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## SOSH ARCHITECTS PROMOTES MICHAEL SALERNO AND CHRISTINE SAWATZKE TO ASSOCIATE

**(Atlantic City, NJ)** – SOSH Architects, an award-winning architecture, interior design, and master planning firm, is pleased to announce the promotions of Michael Salerno, AIA, and Christine Sawatzke, RA to Associate.

“Both Mike and Christine began working with us as college interns,” noted John DeRichie, SOSH Principal. “It has been an honor to watch them grow into the talented and professional architects and leaders they are today.”

Michael Salerno first started his career at SOSH as an intern in 2007, joined the firm as a Project Coordinator the following year, and has since grown into a key member of the team. In recent years, he has stepped into a leadership role on projects of various scopes and sizes for clients including Ocean Casino Resort and Tropicana Atlantic City. Mike brings his passion for the architecture profession outside of the office as well. He currently serves as the President of AIA South Jersey and holds an appointed position on the City of Linwood NJ Planning Board. Mike earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and a Master of Architecture from Northeastern University. He currently resides in Linwood, NJ with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Anthony and Nieko.

“I am grateful for the continued opportunity to contribute to SOSH,” said Salerno when asked about his promotion. “I look forward to helping our team remain a top architectural design firm and a leader in our community.”

Christine Sawatzke began working at SOSH in 2005 through an internship. She joined the firm as a full-time employee in 2011 and became a licensed architect four years later. Since then, she has played an integral role on the design team of numerous high-profile projects including Hard Rock Northern Indiana, Hard Rock Atlantic City, Resorts World Bimini, Stockton University Academic Building, and OceanFirst Bank Headquarters. Christine earned a Bachelor of Architecture from Syracuse University’s School of Architecture. She now resides in her hometown of Linwood, NJ with her husband, Dan, and two children, Jackson and Emmie.

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Michael W. Salerno, AIA  
Christine Sawatzke, RA

“Having started as an intern, I am excited and honored to represent SOSH as an Associate many years later,” reflected Sawatzke. “I look forward to strengthening our relationships with current clients, developing new relationships, and cultivating our internal team’s growth.”

Both Salerno and Sawatzke will continue to lead design teams on the firm’s major projects in the hospitality and commercial markets, and deliver thoughtful and creative design solutions and strong project management to SOSH Architect’s clientele.

“These recent promotions are a reflection of SOSH’s commitment to our team’s ongoing professional development,” said Kim McCarron, SOSH Principal. “We are proud of the example led by Mike and Christine, and the continuous talent and dedication they contribute to our team. We look forward to seeing them excel in their new positions.”

#### **ABOUT SOSH ARCHITECTS**

*SOSH Architects is a nationally recognized architecture, interiors, and planning firm that specializes in the hospitality, entertainment, retail, civic, and education markets. With headquarters in Atlantic City, NJ, the firm is led by founders Thomas J. Sykes and William A. Salerno, and principals Kimberly McCarron, Mark Petrella, and John DeRichie III who commit their personal involvement in each project. Since its founding in 1979, SOSH has established a worldwide reputation for master planning, architectural design, interior design, project management, and visualization services. For more information, visit [www.sosharch.com](http://www.sosharch.com).*