

# Christian Owens Joins VLK as Principal

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VLK Architects proudly announces that Christian Owens, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, will be joining the firm as [Principal – Education Design Practice Leader](#). With two decades of experience, Christian has made a difference within his community by helping clients create meaningful spaces. He has led the design for a variety of building types and scales, ranging from educational and healthcare facilities, to commercial and community institutional, to athletic complexes and airport airside infrastructures throughout the world. As Principal - Education Design Practice Leader for the firm, he will be responsible for supporting and collaborating with our design teams, steering initiatives to continually improve our educational design processes, cultivating firm culture, and building client relationships.

“Design is the lifeblood of architecture and is a culture driven by passionate individuals to create tailored environments for clients,” said Christian Owens. “I foster great design by empowering and mentoring the talent in our practice.”

With a Bachelor of Architecture from Texas Tech University, Christian is driven by his desire to contribute to, influence, and change how we approach the built environment. He is an adjunct professor for Texas Tech University’s College of Architecture, as well as a visiting critic for the University of Texas School of Architecture (UT SOA). He continuously engages in research to help advance and evolve the field of architecture and has received numerous awards for his forward-thinking design solutions. A thought leader in the industry, Christian has authored articles and given seminars nationwide on sustainability, project visioning and planning, and 21st Century learning environments. He has served on the graphics committee for the U. S Green Building Council and is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Serving on the Board of Directors for the Autism Treatment Center of Texas, Christian has an extraordinary passion and extensive portfolio in designing for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and in studying how informal learning spaces, furniture, and technology can affect their educational and therapeutic outcomes. By connecting his knowledge and expertise with the most up-to-date research, he develops smart, accessible solutions that can support sensory needs across the full spectrum.

“Christian shares the same unwavering passion and robust commitment for creating innovative, impactful environments to suit the needs of each client that each of us has here at VLK,” said Sloan Harris, CEO / Partner, [VLK Architects](#). “Having his insight and expertise as a contribution to our work will, without a doubt, take our projects to the next level. We are thrilled that he is joining the [VLK team](#).”

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