## **Kristen Wolfe**

Risten Wolfe, M.A., NCIDQ, IIDA, CHID, follows the motto that one has "gotta keep going!" Whether it is hitting a deadline, accomplishing a goal, working through a multi discipline project, or simply pushing through a long trying week, she knows it is imperative to never give up.

"Until this day, I will repeat this phrase when strength and determination is required to meet the expectations of the task at hand," she explains.

As a multi-discipline project manager within the project management and construction services department at Barry Isett & Associates Inc., Wolfe works with each of the 13 engineering disciplines within the company organizing the components of the project including: design drawings, bidding documents, permit applications, project schedule, project budget and construction phase services. She is responsible for connecting Isett to the client and taking projects from concept to completion.

She is also lecturer at Marywood University currently teaching a professional practices course for students in the architecture and interior architecture program.

She earned her bachelor of fine arts degree in interior architecture and a master of arts degree in interior architecture and design at Marywood University. "The combination of academic rigor and experiential learning has given me the knowledge and confidence to continue to chase excellence in my field," she admits.

Her mentors have included Susan McCabe, who taught her an endless amount of design practices, techniques, and theories, and to accept constructive criticism; and Sam Mundrake, who taught her that growth is continuous and never stops, just like design. "Our relationships transcend professional work and I can confidently say that I would not be where I am without their influence, guidance, and mentoring," she noted.

The young woman attributes her success to watching those around her, both personally and professionally. Having grown up watching her grandparents who were business owners, she watched them dedicate all they had to being the best at their craft, starting from humble beginnings and growing into leaders in the area. She watched her parents work hard to raise she and her sister, while both exceled in their careers. She also watched her colleagues grow and develop to be experts in their field. "I have taken a piece from every relationship and every experience, adding those pieces to my professional (and personal) toolbox," she explains.

She is surrounded by her loving family, a supportive fiancé and amazing friends who provide the support she can count on.

Wolfe is certified by the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications; the International Design Continuing Education Council, and the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers. She is a member of the International Interior Design Association.

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a passion of mine. In my role as Isett, I have been so much more engaged in the world of engineering, now fully engaged in the holistic process of multidiscipline design. I am so lucky to work in a field that I love," admits Wolfe.

She is a member of the Jessup 21st Century Association, overseeing the organization's social media and says she is fortunate to work for a company like Isett that values being of service in the community.

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