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Local man receives Young Architect award

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Las Vegas architect Michael Del Gatto received the American Institute of Architects Young Architect Award for the Western Mountain Region on Oct. 25.

The award honors the six-state region's top architect who shows leadership in design, education or service to the profession early in his or her career.

Del Gatto, 34, has been a licensed architect for five years and principal for Carpenter Sellers Associates since 2005. He grew up in Las Vegas and lives in Summerlin with his wife and 17-month-old son.

"It's a personal honor, but architecture is not something that any one individual does on their own. So I have to give a lot of credit to our staff and my mentors," he said. "It's an award from your peers, so it means a lot."

Del Gatto has been the lead architect for the Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy and has designed buildings for the University of Phoenix throughout the country. He's also designed the Girl Scouts of Frontier Council administration building, Kennedy and Al's Garage restaurants at The District at Green Valley Ranch and the new liberal arts building for Nevada State College.

He has been part of the local architecture community since 1991. While in high school, Del Gatto quit a job at a pizza shop to be a runner for the Domingo Cambeiro Corp. architecture firm, even though it meant a 25 cents an hour pay cut.

He started at CSA in 2000 as an intern and said the company's principals, Rick Sellers and Steve Carpenter, have been his mentors.

He was named the Nevada Young Architect two years ago and is a registered architect in Nevada, California, Florida, Alabama, Montana and Ohio.

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