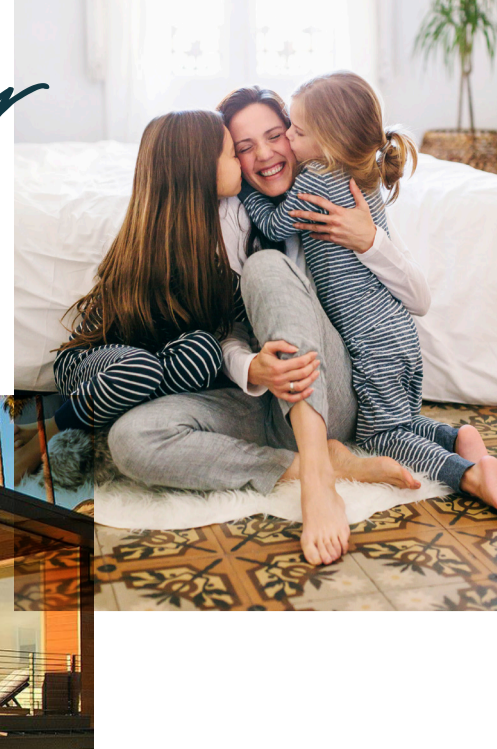


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Q&A WITH DENNIS THOMPSON OF THOMPSON NAYLOR ARCHITECTS

DENNIS THOMPSON
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HOW DID YOU FIRST START WORKING WITH DENNIS ALLEN?

I first worked with Dennis Allen and his small crew on residential remodels in the late 1970's. Dennis and I were teaching design/build classes at UC Extension at that time, and some of our students actually hired us to help with their projects. Dennis and I found that we had similar values and work ethics, so as our companies grew, we continued to do projects together, and we have had many fruitful collaborations over the years!



TIPTON MEETING HOUSE

TELL US ABOUT A FAVORITE PROJECT YOU'VE DONE WITH ALLEN?

There are so many, but one that I'm most proud of is the Tipton Meeting House at the UCSB Sedgwick Reserve in Santa Ynez. It's a multi-purpose building that serves as the headquarters and visitors' center for the Reserve. We set out to create a very high-performance building in a more severe climate than the coast. Through a team effort including my firm, Allen Construction, our engineers, and UC staff, we were able to build a highly energy- and water-efficient, environmentally sensitive building that achieved LEED Platinum status, the highest possible LEED certification. It's beautiful, and staff and visitors love being there.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON NOW?

We're working on over a dozen projects at the moment. In addition to a church remodel, two small apartments near the Arlington Theater, two ranch properties, and several residential remodels, we are designing three replacement houses from the Thomas Fire and one from the Woolsey Fire, all in Ventura County. These new houses will be much more fire-resistant and resource-efficient than the ones they replace, and I believe that the owners will soon be very happy in them.

Regional Update

VENTURA THOMAS FIRE REBUILD

A little over a year since the Thomas Fire devastated parts of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, Allen Construction is beginning to break ground on the first of eight rebuild projects in Ventura, where we have had an office for over 12 years. The Ventura team, led by Production Manager, Daniel Mault, has worked hand-in-hand with our clients and architect partners through the long, complicated process of reaching settlements with insurance companies in order to begin rebuilding.

The current projects are varied in scope and are in key Ventura neighborhoods including Ondulando, High Point, Skyline, and near the Ventura Botanic Garden above Downtown.

Our first project to break ground is a 2,700 square foot two-story home with a contemporary feel working with Arri / LeCron Architects. Construction on this project will include the use of an innovative green building material, GigaCrete, for the exterior walls. The walls will be made using foam and light gage steel, then finished with a high-performance structural coating. The system is highly durable, fire-resistant, waterproof and energy-efficient.



GIGACRETE INSTALLATION

The second project to begin construction will be a beautiful French Country Hilltop Home designed by acclaimed architects and longtime friends of Allen Construction, Becker, Henson, Niksto. This 3,000 sq. ft. home will feature a pitched slate roof, Kolbe French Doors, and open living spaces capitalizing that will capitalize on the amazing views from the top of the hill in the Ondulando neighborhood.



FRENCH COUNTRY HILLTOP HOME

Among the other six projects in various stages of the insurance settlement process is a Zero Net Energy (ZNE) home working with architect Laura Kay Dunbar. The home will feature advanced framing, solar with battery backup, air sealing for comfort, health and energy efficiency, and a whole house ventilation system. This project will allow us to apply our extensive green building experience and will meet LEED and Passive House standards.

CHAD STACY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER,
DUNN SCHOOL

Project Spotlight

UNDER CONSTRUCTION -

Allen Construction Begins Work on Dunn School's New Leadership Center

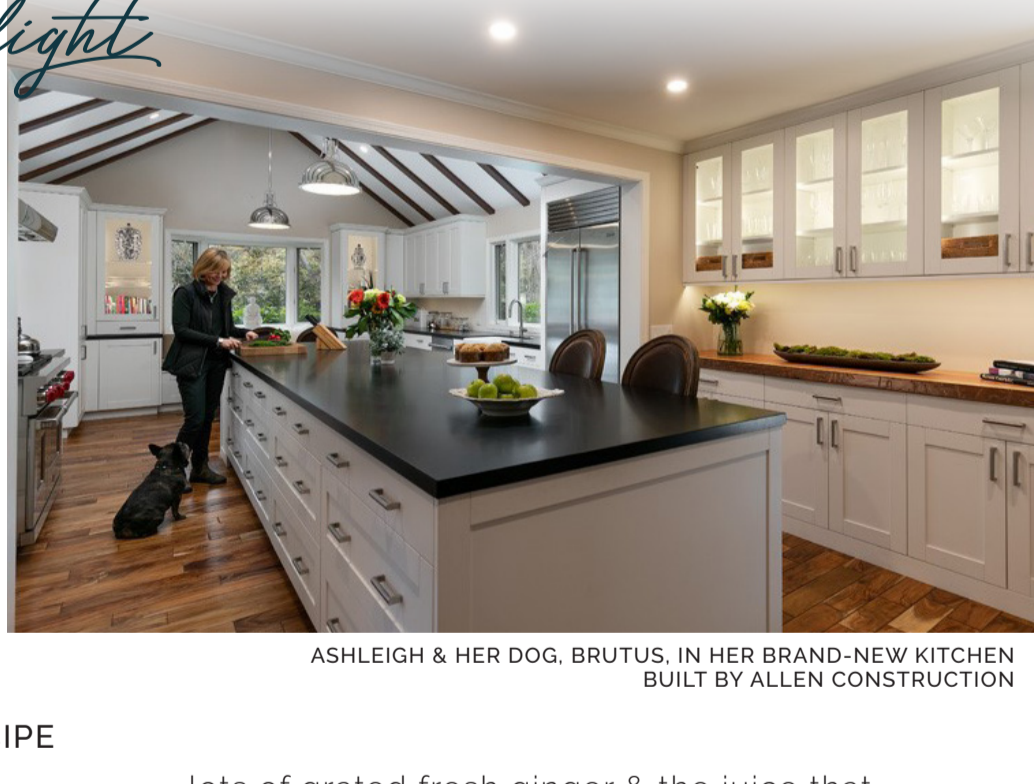
In December, Allen Construction began work on a new 6,121 square foot, state-of-the-art, leadership center at Dunn School in Los Olivos. Once completed, the Cindy Shropman Leadership Center will be a multi-purpose facility that serves as the hub of whole-student education and leadership at Dunn School.

"We are excited to partner with Allen Construction to bring our vision of a world-class student leadership center to life," said Chad Stacy, Chief Financial Officer for Dunn School. "With the timeless charm, and the commitment to sustainability, this building should perform as well and look as great fifty years from now as it does today."

See the full article [here](#).

Client Spotlight

We recently completed a new kitchen remodel for our client Ashley and when we were photographing it, she shared some delicious Healthy Ginger Cake with us. We loved it so much that we asked her to share her recipe. It's made with all-natural ingredients and it's absolutely delicious!



ASHLEIGH & HER DOG, BRUTUS, IN HER BRAND-NEW KITCHEN BUILT BY ALLEN CONSTRUCTION

HEALTHY GINGER CAKE RECIPE

1 cup almond flour
1/2 cup buckwheat flour
1/2 cup teff flour
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/3 tsp xanthan gum
black pepper
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
2 tsp ground ginger

lots of grated fresh ginger & the juice that comes from the grating
1/2 cup black strap molasses
1 tbsp coconut sugar
1/3 cup honey
1 stick butter, melted
1/2 cup water or coconut/almond milk or rum is good too!

2 cups or so of crystallized ginger. (I like to soak the ginger in boiling water to wash off the excess sugar.)

The sweeteners are very easily replaced with whatever you have, maple syrup, Yacon syrup, Agave, but the black strap molasses does give it an extra something.

All of the spices are very much to taste, and I highly recommend tasting the raw dough until you have it how you like it. The dough should be thick and gluey, like cake dough. Bake in a loaf or other cake pan at 300 degrees for one hour (add 10 minutes if baking two.)

Obviously the most important ingredient is you, stir it in.

Allen Accolades

ALLEN CONSTRUCTION AWARDED BEST OF HOUZZ 2019

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT US

We recently hired Allen Construction to fully remodel our mid-century beach house. We knew it would be challenging to work with an older home full of surprises, but they did a great job revitalizing the entire house with current features while mixing in historical charm. Should we ever need another trusted builder, the team at Allen Construction will be our first call - they should be yours as well! - *Shauna W*

If you're looking for a contractor who acts as a true partner, who takes on your project with excitement and expertise, hire Allen Construction. Their process of getting to know your project, your personal constraints or concerns, and finding a way to make things happen will set your mind at ease. They will not disappoint. - *Annie W*

See more reviews from our happy clients on our [Houzz page](#).

