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## Meadows News

HOLY TRUCK!



Meadows Office Interiors is excited to announce our newest addition, the Meadows delivery truck! This vehicle is yet another way Meadows continues to enhance our level of service and provide the ultimate in convenience for our customers. We leverage the truck for Meadows Service Group to deliver parts and supplies needed for maintenance, cleaning and repair services. It is also utilized for deliveries of Meadows Rental Group products as well as small project deliveries. Using our own wheels has allowed us to increase our response time for client needs, and that is always our top priority. Keep an eye out for the Meadows truck in a neighborhood near you! [#MeadowsDelivers](#)

## COMPOSE CONNECTIONS UNVEILED



On March 7, 2017, Meadows was excited to introduce the latest innovation from Haworth Design Studio, Compose Connections, to many of our valued customers and design partners who joined us at the Haworth NYC Showroom. The event featured product experts from Haworth who shared details about the benefits of Compose Connections and the many ways this new product line is a perfect complement to existing Haworth systems.

Compose Connections is designed for the open plan office environment. It is a dynamic, non-panel system solution that delineates space and provides flexible access to power and data. As part of Haworth's Integrated Palette™, using the Compose Connections kit of parts gives companies the ability to shift with ease from individual workspaces to more collaborative areas. Since it integrates seamlessly with other Haworth product platforms, Compose Connections provides true design freedom and is future-proof.

This spine-centered system puts power and data directly on the spine for ultimate accessibility no matter where a user moves or how an individual or shared top is utilized. Compose Connections lets you arrange height-adjustable, fixed height and mobile tables in a variety of collaborative or touchdown applications. No matter the need, workstyle or ergonomic, this product can fulfill the requirements.

Raised off the floor, Compose Connections has a more progressive look than standard panel environments and, by decoupling the power and data infrastructure separate from the worksurface components, this furniture solution optimizes both efficiency and reconfigurability, while offering users greater control of their workspace.

To learn more about Compose Connections or see these products in action, contact your Meadows Account Manager or email us at [info@meadowsoffice.com](mailto:info@meadowsoffice.com). You can also check out details [here](#).



## Recent Events

WPEO 1/19 @ MEADOWS

Meadows Office Interiors was honored to host and be a sponsor of the Women Presidents Educational Organization's Celebrating Our Partners Reception on January 19th. The event was a thank you to corporate members who support the WPEO and demonstrate their commitment to WBE's every day.



WPEO President and Founder, Marsha Firestone, PH.D., greeted a large crowd of members from both the New York and Washington D.C. regions. WPEO is a dynamic community of certified women-owned businesses that provides advocacy, high-level networking events and educational opportunities. As a long-standing WBE, Meadows is always excited to support the WPEO and help promote supplier diversity and the growth of those businesses.



## STATE OF DESIGN: WELLNESS DESIGN

On December 1st, Meadows hosted the fourth and final installment of the State of Design: Where We Work series in collaboration with Metropolis magazine. The topic of the event and panel discussion, moderated by Susan S. Szenasy (Editor In Chief, Metropolis), was Wellness Design.



Panel members Randy Fiser (CEO, ASID), Angie Lee (Director of Design Interiors, FXFOWLE), Jo Petherbridge (Former EVP of Communications, BBC Worldwide Americas) and Mesve Vardar (Director, Industrial Design, Humanscale) discussed topics included in our past panel conversations that could have an impact on employee well-being. Everything from acoustics and lighting to ergonomics and ways to help employees remember to take a break from the task at hand to attend to their physical and mental needs. Stay tuned for more exciting and informative events coming in 2017.



## Employee Spotlight



**SHAKISHA WASHINGTON**  
Director of Project Coordination

North Carolina native and Queens resident, Shakisha Washington, joined Meadows in November 2016 as Director of Project Coordination. Her 21 years in the contract furniture industry, brings a wealth of experience to the team at Meadows. With 6 months at Meadows under her belt, Shakisha finds the leadership, showroom, technology, and her colleagues to be the best parts of her Meadows experience. "It's a pleasure to work with an intelligent, professional and dedicated team. This is my first experience working in a collaborative environment," Washington adds.

Shakisha's focus is providing the best customer service possible and feels her best career accomplishment was being able to turn the tables on a failing account. The client was unhappy and the account wasn't profitable. With hard work and a consultative approach, within 6 months she was able to identify areas to improve profits and streamline the process to improve the client experience. Shakisha's favorite thing about working in New York City is the cultural diversity. She says, "Working in NYC is a daily trip around the world!"

Refining Meadows processes and collaborating with her team is a big part of Shakisha's day-to-day workflow. She is a mentor for new employees engaged in Meadows University, a customized training program which grows team members who are new to the industry, as well as more seasoned employees who want to explore other roles within the Meadows organization. When Shakisha is not in the Showroom working she enjoys repurposing things and rehabbing old furniture. On the weekends she says you'll find her watching movies indoors if it's cold, or outside gardening or barbecuing if the weather's nice.

### Would Shakisha Rather...

- Drink coffee or Tea? *Coffee.*
- Watch TV or read a *Coffee TV.*
- Travel by train, plane or automobile? *Plane. She's waiting for the George Jetson cars. If she could take a jet to work every day she would.*
- Swim in a pool or the ocean? *Ocean.*

## Everybody Loves Shakisha

We asked Shakisha's colleagues to tell us their favorite things about working with her.

"From words of encouragement and reminding you to trust the process to taking out the time to help solve different situations that arise on the job, Shakisha has always made sure that each of her team members feels valued. Being new to the industry, I am glad to learn and work alongside someone like her."

– Yuliana Baez, Project Coordinator

"Shakisha is greatly knowledgeable and enthusiastic about sharing the information she has obtained with her many years of experience in the industry. With her skills and leadership qualities she has proven to be an invaluable team member. She's committed to growth, quality and progress, all while she inspires those around her to strive for the same."

– Troy Jenkins, Customer Success Facilitator

## Designer Picks



**CASSANDRA COLLARD**

Designer

"Allemuir's Open seating, designed by Luke Pearson and Tom Lloyd is one of my favorite seating lines. I like the modern design of the seating and am drawn to the variety of features offered in the line including the high back chair, swivel base, and wire frame base. Open also allows the designer to tailor the seating to the client by offering two tone upholstery, and a decorative railroad stitch. As the name states, Open integrates into open lounge collaboration areas well. I have specified it in both an educational and corporate environment including open lounge areas, reception areas, and break room lounge spaces."

Open by Allemuir



## What We've Been Reading

*"Decade of Design"*  
– Interior Design

*"6 Design Innovations That Prove Everything Will Be Okay"*  
– Architectural Digest

*"Too Big to Hide: Rethinking Infrastructure on Campuses"*  
– Metropolis

*"6 Innovative New Offices"*  
– Interior Design

*"Designing Local Workplaces in Global Cities"*  
– Metropolis

*"38th Annual Interiors Awards"*  
– Contract

*"The 27 Most Innovative Spaces And Places Of The Year"*  
– Co.Design



## In Our Showroom...



## THE HUDDLE ROOM

Meadows' Huddle Room is extremely versatile and can be used as a space for one-on-one meetings with clients and coworkers, or as a quiet touchdown secluded from interruption and distraction. Outfitted with Clarus black, back-painted Glassboard, this surface can be used for active brainstorming with markers or utilize magnets to display items for review and discussion. Other featured furnishings include a Coalesse Together Bench and a Coalesse Bob Table.

## ...And On Our Website



AROUND THE SHOWROOM

## SHOWROOM NAVIGATOR

The Meadows Showroom provides clients and designers the opportunity to view our floor to ceiling capabilities in a real-world working environment. But if you don't have time to stop by the showroom, taking a tour via our website navigator is the next best thing. You can access the complete showroom floorplan to view all the infrastructure, furnishings and more, with just a click of the mouse. From raised access flooring, moveable walls, systems furniture, seating, and wood casegoods to art and accessories, collaboration tools, sound masking and more, you can check it all out [here](#). And don't forget to click the 360 icons to get a chance to stand in the showroom, right from your web browser.