

A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter

Member Update – Spring 2022

From the Chapter President

It's almost July, Summer is quickly upon us. The time is just flying, and half the year is already complete. It feels like we were just together at the AGM in January and planning is already underway for the next AGM. We will again shoot for that last week of January. Ideally, we are all in a better place as January arrives and we can make the 2023 conference and AGM an in person event.

We are planning to create more opportunity for in person events this year, as well as looking at content that we can deliver remotely. The life blood of the organization is in the person to person connections we can facilitate, and we are anticipating bringing that back this fall. I have some follow up to do with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of SaskBuilds to allow them opportunity to connect with our membership and continue to grow our longstanding relationship.

We are at an interesting crossroads, as we have a noticeable drop in membership, this has in part been due to the circumstances of COVID, but also, I think we have a situation where the turnover as members retire is outpacing the introduction of new membership. I would ask all members to consider the new folks in your respective workplaces and engage them in becoming members. The greater the membership the better the gatherings will be as we move back into in person congregation.

Enjoy the warm weather, and we will distribute more information for future events as finalize them.

Daniel Reeves, President, Saskatchewan Chapter.

Governor's Report

I was able to attend the Pacific Northwest Chapter's Regional Conference in Portland this Spring. Having the chance to reconnect and learn from my peers was energizing.

Considering the terrible shooter events in recent weeks, the mental health of our students and staff are top of mind. I found one presentation by the Camus Washington School District, along with Mahlum Architects, particularly impactful. Biophilia – A Foundation for Trauma Informed Design, discussed the facets of trauma and provided biophilic responses that reduce stress, improve cognitive performance and elevate mood and mental health. Some key takeaways were the visual connection to nature, non-rhythmic sensory stimuli, dynamic and diffuse light and biomorphic forms and patterns. I do have the slide deck and would be happy to share – email me at hmorgan@dirrt.com.

As you will note in this newsletter, getting together in person is top of mind. I also want to encourage you to check out the virtual sessions being offered by other chapters – the tours have been a great way to see what is happening in other provinces/states.

Stay well,
Heather Morgan, Governor, Saskatchewan Chapter

PS. As always – we would love to see what you are doing! remember to tag your photos with @a4le2 and @a4le_pnw or #a4le_pnw



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SEPT 13-14, 2022
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CALL FOR SPEAKERS

There are many challenges and opportunities in the Planning & Design for Early Childhood Educational spaces. Two years ago, educators, designers, and researchers collaborated in Austin to rethink early childhood environments to enhance learning. This year we are gathering to explore how neurodevelopment and the physical environment collide to promote brain-targeted teaching models for the future. We are looking for your knowledge, expertise, and experience to bring together resources from across the nation in this call for presenters! Categories of topics include **Community Impact** and planning for equity, **Physical Environment** and design for experience, **Neuroscience and Early learning** and planning for the whole child, and **Funding & Policy** for resources and implementation.

Deadline: June 13, 2022

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Schools Next Design Competition

Once again, we had some tremendous entries from student teams for the **Schools Next** competition. What you may not know is that you are able to mentor a team remotely or access a mentor from the A4LE pool of volunteers. If you would like to learn more about getting a team together, contact Donna Robinson at donna@a4le.org.

The SchoolsNEXT Design competition offers an opportunity to illustrate the kind of creativity that students bring to the planning and design process. The competition highlights the importance of well-planned, healthy, safe sustainable and resilient schools that foster student and teacher achievement and enhance community vitality. The international annual competition, open to middle school and high school students, challenges student teams to design their learning environments to enhance learning, conserve resources, be environmentally responsive and engage the surrounding community. The multi-disciplinary solution requires students to follow a planning process from the concept phase to completion of the project, with thorough documentation. The students present their project to a jury for review.



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STUDENT | DESIGN | COMPETITION

**Announcing the 2022 SchoolsNEXT
Student Design Competition Winners!**

The date is closed for submitting your proposal, contact Donna Robinson if you missed the cut off, in case there is still room. Keep an eye out for more information regarding registration.

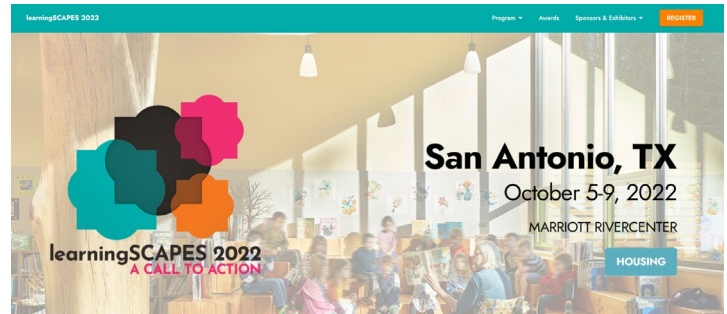
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Anchorage STReAM Academy
Anchorage, AK

[Narrative](#) | [Student Progress](#) | [Video](#)



A4LE LearningScapes 2022
October 5-9th, 2022
San Antonio, TX



Join Us in San Antonio!

Early bird rates end on July 1, 2022.

Announcing Our Opening Keynote

Frans Johansson

Author, entrepreneur, and acclaimed international speaker, Frans Johansson has inspired readers and audiences worldwide with his ideas on leadership, innovation, and diversity, while his practical insights have empowered thousands to take action. In his role as CEO of The Medici Group, Frans has advised executive leadership at Fortune 500 companies such as Disney, IBM, Nike, and Mastercard. His firm recently launched Via Renaissance, a revolutionary Change Acceleration Platform that enables entire divisions to adopt specific changes in behavior on a continual basis.

Frans is the author of *The Medici Effect* (Harvard Business Press, 2004 & 2017), which innovation legend Clay Christensen described as "one of the most insightful books on managing innovation that I have ever read." His follow up book, *The Click Moment* (Penguin Portfolio, 2012) was hailed by Fast Company as the book that challenges traditional business-school thinking, having destroyed the 10,000-hour rule. *The Medici Effect* has been translated into 21 different languages and become the definitive book on diversity driving innovation, influencing numerous industries and fields such as architecture, design, economic development, education, and investing.

Raised in Sweden by his African-American/Cherokee mother and Swedish father, Frans has lived all his life at the intersection. He has been featured on ABC, CNN, CNBC, the PBS Newshour, and National Public Radio. He has spoken to audiences on six continents, in virtually every industry, and across disciplines, from creatives to engineers, financiers to scientists, and politicians to humanitarians. Frans holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from Brown University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, and currently sits on the Board of Trustees of the New York Hall of Science.

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Obama High School
Santa Ana, CA

[Narrative](#) | [Presentation](#) | [Video](#)



Sign Up a Team for 2022-23

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20 Under 40

Look for the 20 Under 40 Event to resume in July 2023 in Calgary!

If you are 40 (ish) or under and are interested in learning more about this terrific professional development and networking event, please contact your A4LE Chapter Executive for details.

A reminder to members that the A4LE Member's Forum is a great way to stay on top of the latest news: [Members Forum Web Link](#)

Gerry McCudden Scholarship

The [Gerry McCudden Scholarship](#) is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program designed for graduating grade twelve students who desire financial support for their pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities.

This year are offering one scholarship for **\$2000** and the competition closed on June 1st. We are in the process of reviewing a lot of great entries and will update you with the winning scholarship soon!

A4LE SK Chapter Fall Get Together

We know it has been a tough few years, but in person events seem to be back.

We are working on an informal and in-person get together this September, in both Saskatoon and Regina, to give you a chance to reconnect with your colleagues and vendor partners. Look for more information coming soon.

Pinnacle Award Winners 2022

The Pinnacle Award Program recognizes outstanding educational facilities in the Pacific Northwest Region. The program follows criteria from the Association's LEolutions Planning & Design Awards Program, to encourage regional projects to also compete at the international level.

The Pinnacle Award for 2022 went to Grant High School, Portland Public Schools, Portland OR, with Mahlum Architects. View the submission here: <https://media.a4le.org/pacificnorthwest/GrantHS.pdf>

Project of Distinction went to Discovery High School, Camas School District, Camas WA with DLR Group/Architects of Achievement. View the submission here: <https://media.a4le.org/pacificnorthwest/DiscoveryHS.pdf>

Regional Conference 2023 – Vancouver!

We are excited to announce that the next A4LE Regional Conference will be held in Vancouver, BC! Nice to have it back in Canada and hopefully it will mean that more of our Western Canadian members will be able to attend.

Dates are to be announced soon, but I have it on good authority that it will be end of April 2023.

This will be a combined effort from the Alaska and British Columbia regions. Alaska has similar constraints to Saskatchewan, and it is always helpful to have the opportunity to learn from each other.

SK Chapter IN PERSON Conference/AGM MORE TO COME

Your Chapter Executive is working hard to bring back the in person experience we all know and love! Look for more information to come for the Chapter Conference/AGM in January 2023!

A notice will come out for presentations, but, in the meantime, we would love to hear from you if you have suggestions. We want to make sure the content is valuable to the membership. We also welcome those that wish to be part of the planning committee. Reach out to Dan Reeves at Group 2 if you are interested – dan.reeves@group2.ca