

IN - SOUTHERN REGION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

August 2018



The President's Pen

Tim McClure



As we start the new school year, I hope everyone had a great summer and an even better start to the school year! I know we have excited students, all throughout our region, returning to their facilities with high expectations to learn, grow, and collaborate within each of their environments! I wish everyone a great start to the school year and a productive year throughout.

**2019 Southern Region
Annual Conference**
*April 3-5, 2019
San Antonio, TX*

I want to take a brief moment to congratulate two members that have recently been awarded the Association for Learning Environments Fellow designation. A Fellow is the most respected member of the Association's community. They represent the mark of excellence in the industry in which they serve and are recognized as those that advanced the association and its mission. Please help me congratulate both Bill Stice and Irene Nigaglioni for their designations as fellows!

**LearningSCAPES 2018
(re)imagine**
*November 1-4, 2018
Chicago Illinois*



Bill Stice has been a member since 1988 and has served in numerous positions throughout the association from the Gulf Coast Chapter to the Southern Region and has served on the International Board since 2012. Most recently Bill has been engaged in the strategic plan with focus on the Global Task Force and the Branding Task Force.



Irene Nigaglioni has been a member since 1998 and has served in numerous positions throughout the association. She has served in the Gulf Coast Chapter, Southern Region and the International Board. Currently Irene serves the Southern Region as the Foundation Chair. Irene has contributed to several books, written many articles, and continues to be an active presenter at conferences.



The Chairwoman's Pen

Irene Nigaglioni, AIA, ALEP, LEED AP BD+C



Happy Back to School time!

It is hard to believe summer is over, and we are starting a brand new school year. If your work has anything to do with schools, you know summers are super busy, as we try to complete new schools and renovate existing schools.

The Foundation Advisory Board was also super busy this summer with several scholarship applications. Our applications included the following:

1. Otto Grove Advanced Academy for Learning Environments Scholarship (\$4,900.00):

This scholarship covers the cost of tuition for one member of the Southern Region to enroll in this Fall's upcoming Advanced Academy program. The program, which kicked off August 13, is a six module certification program that earns graduates the designation of Accredited Learning Environment Professional. As always, our applicants were extremely qualified, and we had a tough decision in our hands. In the end, the Foundation Advisory Board awarded the scholarship to [Liz Rohrbacker of KKT Architects in Tulsa, OK.](#)

2. Otto Grove College Scholarship (\$3,000.00 each):

This scholarship provides \$3,000 to help cover college tuition and associated costs for Southern Region high school or college students enrolled in majors is architecture, engineering related to the building environment, construction management, education or another field related to educational facility planning and contributing to the mission of A4LE. For consideration applicants must demonstrate a balance of the following characteristics:

1. Outstanding communication skills, both verbal and written.
2. Outgoing personality, strong character, integrity and self-motivation.
3. Outstanding leadership potential as measured by leadership roles in school, college or community activities.

We are excited to announce that we had a large number of applicants, and five students from our region were selected for scholarship award. The names of the recipients can be found throughout this newsletter.

3. Otto Grove LearningSCAPES Conference Scholarship:

This scholarship provides funding to help cover registration, travel and housing to the upcoming LearningSCAPES conference in Chicago. We again, received several applications, and will be awarding four scholarships. Details on the winners will be shared in our winter newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great Fall semester, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Chicago.



Otto Grove College Scholarship Winners Announced!

The Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board is pleased to announce the winners of this Fall's Otto Grove College Scholarship. The winners are:

Elijah Montez, University of Texas, Austin



Autusa Behroozi, University of Texas, Austin

"These funds make a difference in my life, education, and future. This scholarship will directly give me the opportunity to Study Abroad in Europe in the fall as a part of UT's School of Architecture program."



Eleanor Wakou, University of Texas, Austin

"I can't thank all of you enough for this scholarship. I am so grateful! Paying off college loans has always been a concern for me, starting from the first semester. However, this scholarship serves as encouragement to remind me that it will surely work out. More over, beyond the financial support, the fact that I could receive this scholarship is an achievement. It's very motivating, and serves as an inspiring reminder to keep achieving."

Louisiana Chapter News

The **Louisiana Chapter of A4LE** is hosting two events this Fall, in September and November.

On September 20th, a presentation will be provided: “**Park Elementary and the Search for a REAL 21st Century Elementary School Design**”. Currently under construction near the Louisiana State Capitol, Park Elementary will be East Baton Rouge School's first primary school to be designed completely around the basis of 21st Century classroom and whole-school environments. Gary Gilbert of Coleman Partners Architects, LLC will provide insight into their guidelines that were used, their methodology of design, as well as details and the learning style model. Comments by East Baton Rouge Schools leadership, CSRS/Tillage program management and some insight into the pedagogy of the facility/use of the spaces will make the presentation interesting for educators and education planners for schools as well! The event will be located at Baton Rouge's Carver Library branch located at 720 Terrace Avenue, starting at 1:00 pm. RSVP's will be necessary since box lunch will be provided.

The November event will host David Stubbs, who has unique experience and is a design partner with VS <http://vsamerica.com/designpartner>. He has been in the education environment sector, but is also an architect as well, and has been a leader within CEFPI/A4LE for a while. He is definitely qualified, animated, and I am sure will be able to appeal to any audience.

Stubbs' topic will be “**Just Start Something: A guide to support change in evolving educational environments**”, and will be tailored to the audience. A reception will follow the presentation. The event will be held at the LSU Design Building auditorium; 4:30 pm on November 13th. Non-designated on-street parking will be available.



Otto Grove College Scholarship Winners Announced!

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Georgina Cantu, University of Texas, Austin

“I am incredibly grateful because this award will help me pay part of my tuition for this upcoming year. The past three years in college have been tough due to lack of financial stability. I have had to take out many loans and work two jobs to try to cope with all the expenses that college has brought my way. This award relieves me from part of my financial burden and will allow me to concentrate more on my education without having to worry so much on financial issues.”



Ian Naquin, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

“Receiving this scholarship means that I have a better opportunity to continue my education in order to pursue a career that I love and will allow me to change the world for the better through Architecture.”



North Texas Members Call for Programs

The Call for Programs for the 2018 -2019 year is out!

In order to collect a diverse and wide range of program ideas and venue locations, we are requesting your assistance in identifying potential program topics, speakers and school locations that our A4LE NTX Board will review and select during the month of July while we prepare for the 2018-2019 calendar year.

This year, the A4LE NTX Board has solicited feedback from school entities in order to continue to provide desired topics that are of particular interest to them. Programs submitted that are relevant to the feedback received have a better chance for selection. The results are below.

SURVEYED PRESENTATION TOPICS PREFERENCE:

(School entities were surveyed for their preferred presentation genres and the results included the following.)

Educational Design

Construction Costs

Construction Types

State Programming Requirements

Pre-Development Challenges

Pecha Kucha Style Presentation (5 - 10 minute presentations, possibility of five chosen for one chapter meeting, not necessarily all from the same firm)

Looking ahead, we need to fill the months of August, September, November, January, February, March, May and June. What a great opportunity to host the A4LE NTX Chapter and highlight your project while helping inform our chapter of trending planning, design and construction strategies that are shaping our schools, our students and our future leaders.

To participate, please fill out the attached Program Submission Form and return by June 11, 2018 to be considered for the 2018-2019 calendar year. **Please send questions and return all forms to the programs chair, Jorden Dial jdial@joeris.com.**

The North Texas Chapter Board values your ideas and participation and encourages you to join us at our next meeting!

The UTA+A4LE Design Studio third Edition has started again.

The goals of the Studio are threefold:

- 1) to engage architecture students in the K-12 building types and industry,
- 2) foster collaboration between A4LE as a professional organization with Architectural Colleges and
- 3) explore and research as a professional organization current and important industry design issues with the fresh eyes, energy and idealism of the architecture student.

This edition will focus on three pressing issues: Safety and Security, Universal Design and Modularity. The chosen building type to explore and develop the above will be the CTE & CTC Centers, to also explore the job readiness and developing life-long learning as well as the STEM hands philosophies.

Visits to Plano STEM Academy (Sept.10) CTC Arlington (Sept.17), Garland CTC (Oct.15), and Rockwall CTE and College Center (Oct.24) / Additional to the tour presentation from professionals serving the K-12 industry on the foci themes listed above will complement. Designs from the students will be presented to A4LE Panels.

The students will compile their research findings, projects and recommendations and present these to A4LE on December 3.



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NTX 2018 - 2019 EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 26, 2018:

Location:

Submitted by:

Transformation, Connection, and Identity
Grand Prairie ISD | Grand Prairie High School
Corgan

OCTOBER 19, 2018:

Location:

Shotgun Start:

NTX Golf Tournament
Coyote Ridge Golf Club
11:00 AM

NOVEMBER 14, 2018:

Location:

Submitted by:

**A Quiet Space in a Noisy World:
Transforming the Sensory Experience for
Diverse Learners**
Arlington ISD | Martin High School Auditorium
HKS

DECEMBER 5, 2018:

Location:

Time:

**Holiday Party / IMPACT Award Winner
Presentation**
Grapevine Brewery TBD
TBD

JANUARY 16, 2019:

Location:

Submitted by:

Plano STEAM Academy
Plano ISD | Academy High School
Stantec

FEBRUARY 20, 2019:

Location:

Submitted by:

Solar Preparatory School for Girls
Dallas ISD | Solar Preparatory School for Girls
BWA Architects

MARCH 20, 2019:

Location:

Submitted by:

A4LE | UTA Schools Studio New Research
Village Tech Schools
UTA Chairs

APRIL 2019:

Location:

Southern Region Conference
San Antonio, TX

MAY 22, 2019:

Location:

Submitted by:

Process, Not Product, of Learning
Grapevine-Colleyville ISD | Cannon STEM
Elementary School
Huckabee

JUNE 19, 2019:

Location:

Submitted by:

PechaKucha Presentations as follows:
*BRW's Benefits of Early Childhood Learning,
P+W's Understanding the planning process
and cost of furniture in non-traditional spaces,
and ARMKO's Envelope Preconstruction
Meetings, Why They Are Important?*
DeSoto ISD | Katherine Johnson Technology
Magnet Academy
BRW, Perkins+Will, and Armko

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happening in your
local area:

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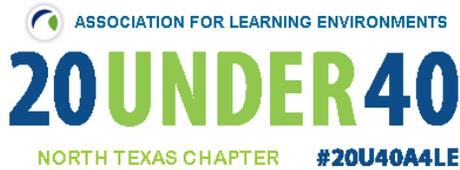
[South Texas Chapter](#)
(San Antonio area)

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A4LE NTX 2018 - 2019 20 UNDER 40 SUMMARY

"Twenty Under Forty" is an educational and networking gathering for twenty members of the A4LE Southern Region who are near or under forty years of age. This event is a new initiative for the southern region. The A4LE Pacific Northwest Region has previously held 20 under 40 events to provide additional value for membership to the emerging professional members and to aid with the succession of leadership and future direction of the overall organization. A4LE is hoping to bring the summit's previous success in the Pacific Northwest to the Southern Region.

Since this is a new event for the Southern Region, we are seeking anyone who is interested to help format the summit's content and agenda. Please notify Donna Robinson or any member of the A4LE North Texas Board if you are interested in assisting with this event.

Delegates will be selected by invitation and is limited to 20-25 attendees who are currently members in the A4LE North Texas Chapter or Southern Region. This creates some exclusivity of the gathering and in hopes to drive future demand to attend.

The summit is expected to be held in April of 2019. The content and format of the summit is currently being assembled. The A4LE North Texas Chapter will provide additional information as the summit becomes more developed.



Central Texas Chapter

Upcoming Events

September 12, 2018

Austin Community College, Elgin Campus

October 10, 2018

Lunch meeting-confirming location

November 6, 2018

Central Texas Chapter Conference
Central Library, Austin TX

Gulf Coast Chapter



South Texas Chapter

September 26, 2018; 5:30 pm

Mixer- The Flying Saucer





Create energetic conversation and interaction as we explore ways to (re)imagine the learning environment, share and engage in strategies which impact individuals, companies, schools and communities. Make connections in Chicago with the most dynamic gathering of educational facility planners, architects, designers, educators and suppliers in the K-12 school facility industry. As we become more socially connected every day, the opportunity to network with those who share passion, interest or needs similar to yours becomes easier and more essential.

Learn more: <http://learningscapes.a4le.org/>

View Schedule and Session descriptions here:
<http://learningscapes.a4le.org/schedule/>

REGISTRATION:

FULL REGISTRATION:

- Commercial Member - \$775
- Non-Member Commercial - \$1075
- Public Member -\$475
- Public Non-Member - \$675

DAILY:

- Commercial Member - \$550
- Non-Member Commercial - \$350

Spouse/Guest Meal Function Tickets: (Entire Conference)

Per Person - \$125

[Click here to register](#)

Schools around the world are advancing the limits of public education by providing real-world learning experiences and opportunities for students to ask questions and problem solve, collaborate and gain experience tactile, hands-on work. This is a 21st Century learning approach where students are enabled, engaged and empowered through a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) curriculum, leadership and teamwork proficiency to master the 21st century skills they need to succeed in today's global economy.

Now looking for teams for the 2018-2019 School year competition!

[Register your school today!](#)

We need you to mentor next years teams! Interested in becoming involved as a mentor- [click here](#)

