

SOUTHERN REGION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

August 2019



The President's Pen

Dillon Brady



As summer comes to an end, staff and students around the region are coming back to experience the amazing work that our members have accomplished. I hope that you all have had a successful summer and were able to take a break to enjoy your friends and family during the busy months.

The annual call for nominations is out and we are looking forward to seeing new names and faces of members on the ballots. If you or someone you know would be a great to serve on either the chapter or regional board, please get their name submitted.

Anaheim is around the corner, October 4-6. If you ever needed an excuse to make it to one of the international conferences...Southern California gives you one. Plan to attend and learn what is going on around the industry.

Thank you again for all you do to make the future of education better!

Dillon Brady, ALEP

President, A4LE Southern Region

— COMING UP —

***LearningSCAPES 2019
Scholarship Information***
*October 4-6, 2019
Anaheim California*

***2020 Southern Region
Conference***
*April 28 – May 1, 2020
Fort Worth, Texas*



The Chairwoman's Pen

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



Happy August everyone! Another summer has flown by with a flurry of construction activity in schools around our region. It is exciting to see the growth our region is experiencing, as well as the innovative environments that are being built for our students.

As you may know, summer is a busy time for the foundation as we finalize the Otto D. Grove Jr. College Scholarship selections and launch the scholarship application for the LearningSCAPES conference. Applications for the latter one were due by July 31st, and winners will be notified by August 19th.

We were thrilled to receive a large number of very qualified applications for the Otto D. Grove Jr. College Scholarship. The committee had a hard task reviewing the applications, but in the end, we are excited to announce that the region provided six (6) scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to the following students:

Alma Aguirre Molina
Allison Lyn Brown
Hulen Howard
Enrique Jimenez
Madalyn Melton
Alaa Mohsin Oudah

Lastly, in late May, the Southern Region Foundation awarded Kent Brittain, PBK, a scholarship to cover the tuition for his participation in the A4LE Advanced Academy program. He will join his course mates this Fall as the course covers six different modules over 10 months, concluding in the ALEP designation.

As always, thanks to the Southern Region Foundation Advisory board and in particular the Scholarship Committee for their hard work. I hope everyone has a great start of school and a productive Fall.



Alaa Mohsin Oudah

I thank you, personally for the great efforts in providing such significant scholarships to students like me: Without scholarship patrons willing to support construction education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue advanced construction degrees.



Allison Lyn Brown

I am a graduate student in the College of Architecture at Texas Tech University, and I am from Willis, TX. During my time at the COA, I have learned that architecture is not what I originally thought it would be. It is a difficult and challenging major meant only for people who are truly passionate about it. For me, I want to use architecture to build dreams, whether that be residential homes from scratch or by remodeling. I am also interested in building for communities where people are in need and something like a new, efficient and unique building can matter so much to them.



LearningSCAPES 2019



SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Board Meeting

10:00AM–12:00PM, Salon 7

Leadership Training

1:00PM–5:00PM, Pacific

Registration

3:00PM–5:00PM, Grand Foyer

Leadership Reception

6:00PM–7:00PM, TBD

Friday, October 4, 2019

4 school tours

8:00AM–5:00PM, Bus Pick-Up Location

General Session

8:30AM–11:00AM, Royal Ballroom

Registration

9:00AM–4:00PM, Grand Foyer

Workshop (3-hour)

9:00AM–12:00PM, Garden 1-2

Workshop (3-hour)

1:00PM–4:00PM, Garden 3

Grand Opening

6:00PM–7:30PM, Royal Ballroom

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Registration Open

8:00AM–5:00PM, Grand Foyer

LEmarketplace Grand Opening (lunch)

11:00AM–1:00PM, Grand Ballroom

Sessions

1:00PM–2:00PM, Garden 3

Sessions

2:15PM–3:15PM, Garden 4

Sessions

3:30PM–4:30PM, Salon VII - VIII

Sessions

4:45PM–5:45PM, Terrace

Sunday, October 6, 2019

LEmarket Place Sessions - Speed Sessions

8:00AM–9:30AM, TBD

Registration Open

8:00AM–2:00PM, Grand Foyer

Sessions

9:45AM–10:45AM, Garden 1-2

Sessions

11:00AM–12:00PM, Garden 3

Closing Session Luncheon

12:30PM–2:30PM, TBD



2019 SESSIONS:

Choose a session below to view full Abstract, Speakers and Objectives

- ["Hack" Your School: An Innovators Guide to Future-Focused Facilities](#)
- ["Are you sitting down for this?!" Critical Research Should Guide Interior Design](#)
- [21st Century Facilities Master Planning: An Interactive Web-Based Format](#)
- [A Day at the Museum Part II: Executing elements of children's museum design within PK-12 learning environments](#)
- [A District's Journey in Project-Based Learning](#)
- [Architects and Designers can have a greater impact on student engagement than teachers](#)
- [Brand-new & shinny! Now what? Educators' "Spatial Commissioning" Workshops & Results](#)
- [Capturing the essence and intent of a school through pre-design co-creation sessions](#)
- [Champions and Challenges](#)
- [Co-creation, Exploration and Connectivity: A Library Transformation Story at Shanghai American School](#)
- [Co-creation: What does it mean and how can we leverage it to plan and design better schools?](#)
- [Crafted in Community: Co-Creating the Next Generation of CTE](#)
- [Culture + History, School and Community](#)
- [Cutting Edge Scandinavian Schools: A Design Research Mission](#)
- [Design for Unique Learners: Innovative Learning Environments and their Post-Occupancy Evaluation for Students with Developmental, Cognitive, & Multiple Disabilities](#)
- [Designing Creative Learning Experiences Through Outdoor Innovation](#)
- [Educational Commissioning: Harnessing the Power of Teacher Hacks](#)
- [Embracing Diversity and Promoting Community: How One School Risked Conformity for Inclusivity](#)
- [Engineering Physical Activity and Well Being Into the Playground](#)
- [Flex and Flexibility](#)



South Texas Update

July chapter meeting (NEISD Career and Technical Education Center tour) was highly successful with over 30 attendees...it's exciting to see how different local districts are addressing the CTE needs of their students!

No chapter meeting will be held in August, so districts can prepare for the start of school...best wishes to all our local school districts for a safe and successful school year!

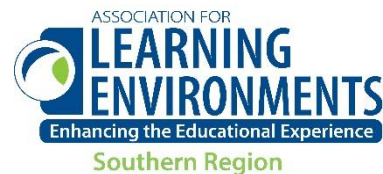
The annual Fall Mixer for our chapter members will be held Sept. 26 (5-7pm) at The Rustic; an invite will be sent out later with more details...please RSVP for this fun event and invaluable networking opportunity!

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- [From Gastronome to Iron Chef: Reshaping and Transforming the Culinary Experience](#)
- [From Large Scale to Human Scale: Learning from Neuroscience to Enhance School Experiences for all Users](#)
- [Growing Pains: Community Engagement and the Impact of Unique Pedagogy During Planning and Design Development](#)
- [How Do We Get There From Here? Master Planning Best Practices for Existing Schools](#)
- [How School Facilities can Support the Challenges of Student Homelessness](#)
- [How to CHANGE your PARADIGM. Edmonton Public Schools' Journey to 21st Century Learning Environments](#)
- [Immersive Learningscape 3.0: The Good, the Bad, and the Data. A Post-Occupancy Evaluation Story at Fulton County Schools](#)
- [Innovate, Iterate, Prototype: How failing fast can generate engaging and effective learning environments.](#)
- [Learning from Learning Spaces: Informing Collaboration Space Design Through a Multi-Site Post-Occupancy Evaluation and Workshops](#)
- [Make It Real: Utilizing Building Information Modeling and 3-D Virtual Reality Visualization to Improve and Enhance the School Design Experience](#)
- [Making the Grade: How IEQ in Schools Affects Student Performance](#)
- [Opening the Conversation: Closer Collaboration among Educators and Architects](#)
- [Place Versus Space](#)
- [Post-occupancy Results from Students and Teachers on the Saskatchewan Joint-use School Bundles](#)
- [Reengaging a Campus Community Through Facilities and Instructional Transformation](#)
- [School Safety: What Can Schools Learn from America's Busiest Airports](#)
- [Schools as Community Catalyst](#)
- [Schools as Professional Workplace](#)
- [Societal Benefits of Managing Facility Cost of Ownership](#)
- [Telling our Story: Gardiner Middle School Dual Immersion Program SchoolsNext Competition](#)
- [The Great Outdoors: Environmental Stewardship in Urban Landscapes](#)
- [The Power of Passion, Purpose and Perspective: The Story of Anaheim City Elementary vs. Disney](#)
- [The Samueli Academy Story](#)
- [Transforming the Existing Schools of Los Angeles – Los Angeles Unified School District's Comprehensive Modernization Program](#)



South Texas Update

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Volunteers being requested to help plan and coordinate the upcoming 2020 LearningSCAPES conference (to be held in San Antonio); interested parties can contact Julie Williams (jwilliams@colbitech.com).

Currently taking names of those who would be interested in serving on next year's chapter board (in the Service Director position); nominees will be voted on at the September mixer.



Updates from Oklahoma

Liz Rohrbacker Earns Oklahoma's Fourth ALEP Designation and Recognition for Excellence

Interior Designer Liz Rohrbacker, a Principal at KKT Architects in Tulsa, is having a great year. She was recognized among *Oklahoma Magazine's* "40 Under 40" Class of 2019 for exemplary leadership, in both the office and the community; she was chosen to attend A4LE's Southern Region 20 Under 40 event in Dallas, and she earned her ALEP Certification this summer. Liz is on the Oklahoma A4LE board, and we're excited about the attention she's bringing to the importance of excellence in school design.

75th Anniversary of the Oklahoma State School Board Association Conference

The Oklahoma State School Board Association's Conference is August 22-25 at the Oklahoma City Cox Convention Center. Governor Kevin Stitt and State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister will deliver keynote addresses during Friday's General Sessions.

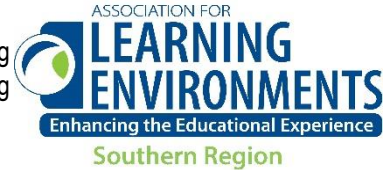
OSSBA is celebrating 75 years of promoting quality public education for Oklahoma's children by supporting, safeguarding, and advocating for Boards of Education. The annual conference offers school board members legislative reviews, legal roundtable discussions, and an overview of the state's education budget. Events include a golf tournament and an architectural exhibition with an opportunity to vote for "The People's Choice" of best educational design for 2019.

Funding Increases for Oklahoma Schools

After years of funding shortfalls and cutbacks, the Oklahoma legislature granted Oklahoma teachers a pay raise averaging \$6100 in 2018. A \$1200 raise was added in April. The 2019-2020 state budget appropriates an additional \$203 million for education spending, bringing Oklahoma closer to regional averages on per-pupil spending and teacher pay.

North Texas Chapter Update

On July 17th, the North Texas Chapter Board met for our annual strategic planning retreat. We had a full day of planning for the upcoming year that led to some exciting outcomes.



Through our Chapter Advisors and the folks involved in our 20U40 initiative a request was made for us to focus on a revamping of our monthly programs to better suit our audience. Many different strategies were discussed and several of them were incorporated into our programs this year. Our hope is to serve our Educational Owner representatives as well as the numerous different professions represented at our monthly programs. We are also working on providing continuing ed credits for engineers as well as interior designers. Below is the 2019-2020 list of programs.



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Incoming NTX Chapter President

On another note, we are very excited to be the host chapter of this year's Southern Region Conference and look forward to seeing everyone in Fort Worth in April.

A4LE NTX 2019 - 2020 EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019: Location: Submitted by:	Honoring the Past, Inspiring Community and Elevating Talent Fort Worth ISD I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA Corgan
OCTOBER 18, 2019: Location: Shotgun Start:	NTX Golf Tournament Coyote Ridge Golf Club 11:00 AM
NOVEMBER 20, 2019: Location: Submitted by:	Next Generational Library blended with Personalized Learning and CTE Opportunities Richardson ISD JJ Pearce High School Glenn Partners
DECEMBER 4, 2019: Location: Time:	Holiday Party / IMPACT Award Winner Presentation, Owner Presentation and Brewery Tour Peticolas Brewing Company Dallas 4:00 PM
JANUARY 15, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	An Entrepreneurial Approach to Learning and Building STEM Resources to Engage Students of All Ages Garland ISD GRTC Corgan and Perkins&Will
FEBRUARY 19, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	Public Safety Training Center Partnership with Local Stakeholders and The Benefits of testing Building Envelope Elements Collin College Public Safety Training Center, McKinney, TX PBK Architects and Terracon
MARCH 25, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	STEAM: Realizing the Integration of both Content and Learning Environment Small District Strategies for Successful Bond Planning Allen ISD Allen ISD STEAM Center VLK and PBK Architects
APRIL 29-MAY 1 2020: Location:	Southern Region Conference Fort Worth, TX
MAY 20, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	The Art of Quiet: High Performance Music Facilities and DFW Economic and School Enrollment Trends Dallas ISD Woodrow Wilson High School BRW Architects and Templeton Demographics Metrostudy
JUNE 17, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	Experiential Learning and the Changing Face of Early Childhood Education Mansfield ISD Jandrucko Academy for Early Learners Huckabee
JULY 15, 2020: Location:	NTX Chapter Board Retreat Joeris General Contractors
AUGUST 2020:	NO CHAPTER PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020: Location: Submitted by:	Creating Inspiring Learning Environments that Face Today's Challenges: Resiliency in the context of School Safety and Storm Shelters Highland Park ISD Highland Park Elementary School Stantec

2020 Annual Regional Conference



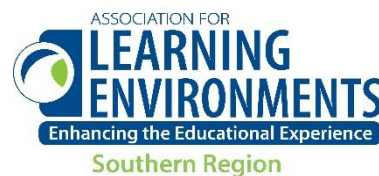
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April 28 – May 1, 2020

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Hilton Fort Worth Downtown

Fort Worth, TX



Subject to change

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Golf
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Clay Shoot
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Alternative Activity – Fort Worth Tours
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration Open
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Interactive Workshop (3) (90 mins)
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Opening Reception
7:30 PM	Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, April 30, 2020

6:30 – 7:30 AM	Yoga, walk or run in downtown
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	20 Under 40 Symposium
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Opening Session / Superintendent Roundtable
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Load Bus for Tours
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	School Tour 1 & 2
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Breakout Session (4)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Breakout Session (4)
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Plated Lunch / Educator Presentation
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Breakout Session (3) (alt. to Scavenger Hunt)
1:45 – 5:00 PM	Scavenger Hunt
3:00 – 7:00 PM	Trade Show / Tasting & Prizes
7:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own

Friday, May 1, 2020

7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Educator Presentation / SR Awards (Citation)
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Breakout Session (4)
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Breakout Session (4)
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Plated Lunch / SchoolsNEXT Presentation / International Update
1:45 – 2:45 PM	Breakout Session (4)
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Breakout Session (4)
6:00 – 8:30 PM	Planner of the Year Reception / Gala Dinner
8:30 PM	After Party

Registration now open!

Early bird Deadline

December 31, 2019

https://www.a4le.org/Southern/2020_Region_Conference/Registration.aspx



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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 2019-2020 School year competition!

[Register your school today!](#)

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

Find out what is happening in your local area:

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