

IN - SOUTHER REGION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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The President's Pen

Joe Irizarry



— COMING UP —

In Jim Collins' "Good to Great," he tells us that change starts with people. It requires like-minded people committed to a common cause. The Southern Region has made numerous changes that will elevate membership value—our common cause. More members can access regional and international conferences. More members can access professional development programs. More chapters can access funds for chapter development, emerging professional outreach, future learning environment practitioners and community programs. More members will get to enjoy Louisiana hospitality as we head to New Orleans for next year's regional conference. As I hand the president's gavel to the capable hands of our 2017 Southern Region President, Lisa Lamkin, I have to acknowledge the people behind these changes:

Southern Region Board

Southern Region Foundation Council

Southern Regional Conference Planning Committee

Southern Region Chapter Boards

It's been my honor to serve as your Southern Region president this year. As we transition to 2017, we have much good work to do to make our organization great. Great for our members. Great for the communities we serve. It all starts with the people—us. Let's make it so.

SOUTHERN REGION FOUNDATION NEWS

Otto Grove Scholarship

Applications for the annual Otto Grove Scholarship were accepted by the Southern Region Foundation in July. This is a competitive, merit-based scholarship designed for undergraduate and post-graduate students who desire financial support for their pursuit of educational opportunities.

Each scholarship is valued at \$3,000 and students are selected from within the Southern Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas & Louisiana).

This was a banner year with over 60 applications. The quality of the applications was excellent, and the Foundation Advisory Board had a tough time narrowing down to five (5) successful recipients.

**The 2016 Otto Grove
Scholarship recipients are:**

The Chairwoman's Pen

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



Hello A4LE Southern Region,

The summer of 2016 has truly been a busy time for the Southern Region Foundation. We worked on a variety of items, many of which are systems and protocols in order to make scholarship and chapter funding easier for all chapter and regional activities.

We have added a funding request form to the website so that chapters can request funding for their chapter development activities. This will make the process easier, as all the necessary information can be found on the form, making the review and response faster. Check it out at <http://media.a4le.org/southern/SRFundingApplication.pdf>

In addition, the Foundation board has approved a budget for the 2016-2017 year that includes funding for a variety of activities and events, such as scholarships for attendance to the regional and international conferences, chapter development activities, scholarships for participation in the Advanced Academy program, to name a few. We will be actively sharing this information at all chapter meetings, so that all our members have access to these great opportunities.

As you can see on the right column, we did award several scholarships in July. This year's 60+ Otto Grove College scholarship applications was a first ever for the Foundation, which means our message is reaching out further each year. In addition, we received a significant number of applicants for the opportunity to attend the conference in Philadelphia, and we are thrilled to have afforded four members the opportunity to do so. We look forward to hearing from them after they have attended this year's event.

Lastly, all these wonderful opportunities couldn't happen without the generous donations from sponsors. We are truly grateful for your contributions, and hope you see they are being put to good use. If you or your company are interested in donating, please follow this link to our donation form. <http://media.a4le.org/southern/SRDonationForm.pdf>

I appreciate the hard work from the 2015-2016 advisory board members, and look forward to a busy 2016-2017.

2015-2016 Foundation Advisory Board

Bob Millunzi	Brad Chilcote	Bill Stice
Conan Mathson	Michael Lachin	Kelly Horn
Johnny Hibbs	Barry Nebhut	Joe Irrizarry
Chris Narendorf	Liz Lonngren	Clay Clayton
Gary Hutton	John Haskew	



Mr. Cody Powell



Cody is a 3rd year student at Texas State University

Ms. Rebecca Pitman



Rebecca is a 4th year student at Texas A&M University

Mr. Paul McCoy



Paul is a 3rd year student at Texas A&M University

Ms. Nicole Mishnick

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Nicole is a 3rd year student at Tarleton State University

From the CEO of A4LE, John Ramsey

The association board of directors will be conducting a total organizational strategic planning exercise next year, which will build upon our current momentum for the future of the Association for Learning Environments. In the past, we have routinely gathered a strategic planning committee every few years to analyze trends of the industry, the profession, and the many internal and external factors that help us position our association for the future. The Strategic Planning Group (SPG 2017) will consist of the Board of Directors and leadership representatives from the each of our geographic regions.

The meeting will be held on March 31, 2017 in New Orleans just prior to the Southern Region conference.

The Incoming President's Pen

Lisa Lamkin



Thank you Joe for your leadership this past year -I am honored to serve as the Southern Region President at this exciting time for A4LE. One of the most important things we can accomplish at the region is to support our members in their local level initiatives to make an impact in their communities. It is through the impact you make that A4LE grows our voice in "Enhancing the Educational Experience". The Southern Region Board strategy this year will look to Advocate, Amplify and Applaud as we build on the strong foundation laid during the past few years.

Through advocacy we can work to shape the delivery and procurement process for facilities to provide local district choices and opportunity for innovation within appropriate statewide standards. Our most recent advocacy in Texas can be [found here](#). We can amplify the impact of our members in many ways including the scholarships and grants through our recently reorganized Southern Region Foundation. The Foundation is stronger than ever and ready with funds in hand to support your initiatives. Finally, please help us to applaud the impact you are making by sharing your story with us. Through your example we are inspired and encouraged to make a greater impact together!



2016 Otto Grove Scholarship recipient, cntd.:

Mr. Jessie Bullard



Jessie is a 3rd year student at Texas A&M University

Congratulations to all the recipients!

A4LE LearningScapes Conference Scholarship

The Southern Region Foundation accepted applications in July for scholarships to attend the A4LE LearningScapes Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. This year's conference theme was "Revolutions in Learning", and it promises to be a very relevant learning experience.

The foundation was able to award four (4) members scholarships to attend the conference. The scholarship recipients are:

Tim McClure, Northwest ISD
Sarah Stewart, Northwest ISD
Jeffrey Beyer, Jenks Public Schools
Sue Robertson, Orleans Parish School Board