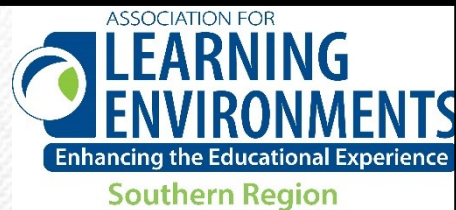


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December 2017

The President's Pen

Tim McClure

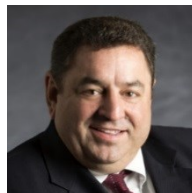


Thank you Lisa for your leadership and guidance of the Southern Region this past year! I am excited to be serving as the Southern Region President this year and I am looking forward to our continued growth as an organization.

As we prepare for the upcoming year we will continue to focus on the strategic plan that our leadership prepared earlier this year. In addition to the Southern Region's strategic plan, we will also focus on supporting A4LE's steering committee initiatives for the Knowledge Center Steering Committee, the Membership Steering Committee, and the Development Steering Committee. As we continue to strive toward our own region's goals, it is very important that we are also committed to the global goals of A4LE.

As we move into this next year, we will continue our commitment to disaster recovery efforts. With the response that the Southern Region has had with natural disasters, it is imperative that we continue to support each other and learn from past experiences. We have created the Disaster Action.

Committee to focus on these efforts. It is with great pleasure that I introduce everyone to our committee chair Mr. Chris Pellegrin, AIA from the Louisiana Chapter. Mr. Pellegrin serves as a Principal with CSRS and has led the rebuilding of the school system in the city of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. For the past 10 years, his team has been managing the design and construction of over \$2B in damaged educational facilities.



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— COMING UP —

**A4LE, Southern Region
Conference: Call for
Presentations due:**
January 22nd, 2018
[Click here to submit](#)

**A4LE Southern Region
Annual Conference
Scholarship applications**
Opening January 2018!

**A4LE Southern Region
Annual Conference**
April 4-7, 2018
Waco, Texas
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**Southern Region
International
Conference
Scholarship
attendees reports:**

Southern Region members had the opportunity to attend the LearningSCAPES Conference in Atlanta in late October, thanks to scholarships from the SR Foundation.



The Chairwoman's Pen

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



I am certain you will agree with me that 2017 has been a crazy year, with challenges for many in our area. Hurricane Harvey affected many of our Texas School Districts, as well as many of our members personally. While we have seen incredible resiliency from people affected by this terrible storm, the recovery is nevertheless very hard.

Much like in 2005 when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita battered East Texas and our neighbors in Louisiana, members of the Southern Region of A4LE grouped quickly to offer help to those affected. The Harvey Task Force, which has been rebranded since as the Disaster Recovery Task Force has provided assistance to school districts along the coast, as well as in areas East of Houston. Special thanks go to Jim Brady for getting the task force together, as well as to Chris Pellegrin who is now the task force's chair.

The Southern Region Foundation is proud to provide funding to support the activities of the task force. There are two main funds:

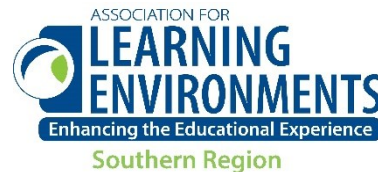
- Harvey Task Force: To assist with SR relief and recovery efforts
- Gulf Coast: To assist with Gulf Coast area relief and recovery efforts

A fundraiser was held at the LearningSCAPES Conference in Atlanta. We greatly appreciate all that participated and contributed. As efforts continue to take place, we will share news with our members.

2018 will be another busy year, and we will kick it off with the scholarships for attendance to the Southern Region Conference "Breaking out of our Silos" that will take place in Waco. Be on the lookout for the applications.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and a happy 2018.

Irene Nigaglioni



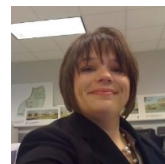
Southern Region International
Conference Scholarship attendees
reports: Continued

This year's recipients included:

- Sue Robertson, Planning Alliance



- Shannon Thompson, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD



- Easy Foster, Conroe ISD



- Sarah Stewart, Northwest ISD



The scholarships helped cover the cost of registration and travel to the conference.



Reflections on a Great Year

Lisa W. Lamkin, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C



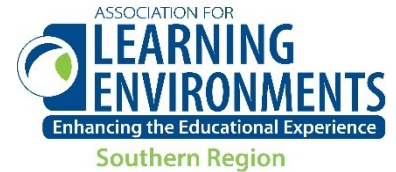
Gonna Fly now! Launching the year with the LearningSCAPES conference in Philly was inspiring. Thanks to the hard work of SR convention chair Tim McClure we were already confident of our choice to invest in our Louisiana chapter and journey to New Orleans for the conference -what a success!

The best laid plans! At our biennial strategic planning gathering we developed strategies for investing in strong local chapters. Larger mentor chapters paired up with proteges to support their program and member drive initiatives and share lessons learned. I look forward to seeing this initiative gain momentum over the next year –thank you Wayne Reynaud for getting the teams started!



Count me In! Just when we thought that the year was coming to a close, the devastation of Hurricane Harvey impacted many of us in the Gulf Coast & South

Texas chapters. We partnered with International leadership to establish an Action Task Force meeting weekly through October. In addition to our incredible board – key task force members included Chris Pellegrin and Jim Brady. Key initiatives Chris as newly appointed Disaster Action Committee chair will continue with include: reaching out to affected districts directly, fundraising with the Count me In campaign we launched at LearningSCAPES in Atlanta and sharing lessons learned from the Katrina and Harvey response. We go forward with an increasing appreciation for the importance of building in resilience as we invest together in one of the most critical centers of community – our schools. Thank You for the opportunity to serve as your President this past year – our momentum continues to build. We are together an organization that has incredible opportunities to Enhance the Educational Experience. I look forward to seeing our impact continue to expand next year!



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 annual competition, open to middle 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 will present their project to a jury for review.

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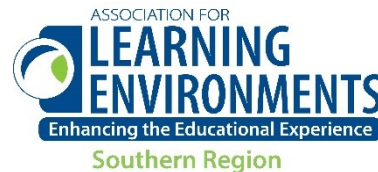
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Schools around the world are advancing the limits of public education by providing real-world learning experiences and opportunities for students to ask questions and problem solve, collaborate and gain experience tactile, hands-on work. This is a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

Timeline:

December 1, 2017	Middle school and high school teams mentor registration open
October 2017 – May 2018	Student design competition
February – March 2018	Student design competition projects, narratives, videos, PowerPoints completed for submittal
March 1, 2018	Electronic submissions due
March 1, 2018	Assemble juries
March 15-31, 2018	Preliminary juries convene School districts, chapter and state
March – May 2018	Regional juries convene
May – June 2018	International Juries (Electronic)
November 1-4, 2018	LearningSCAPES Chicago

For more information or to register at Team
Contact Donna Robinson at donna@a4le.org.



Presidents Pen

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Mr. Pellegrin also led the A4LE Southern Region's Katrina-Rita Task Force which was able to provide valuable recovery advisory services to St. Bernard Parish School District, as well as best practices guidance to school districts across Louisiana and Texas.

He led teams of volunteers to conduct damage assessments and prepare reports that were used to fight for FEMA recovery dollars. Ultimately, this task force was able to put together a best practices guide for how best to prepare and respond to a disaster. Please welcome Chris as he leads the efforts in disaster actions moving forward.

Tim McClure
Southern Region President



North Texas Chapter News

This year we recognized several individuals who have been instrumental in the continued leadership and success our organization has had in our region. Thank you for all you do for NTX A4LE!

Service Citation Award: O. Wayne Reynaud, AIA – HKS

Thank you Wayne for your leadership as our 2016-2017 President. Your passion and dedication to our organization is contagious!

Service Citation Award: Sangeetha Karthik, AIA – Corgan

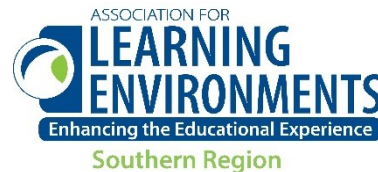
Thank you Sangeetha for your outstanding leadership as our Impact Award Committee Chair. We couldn't be more proud with the continued success and outreach the Impact Award has made in our region!

Distinguished Service Award: Beverly Fornof – Corgan, Anne Hildenbrand – BRW, and Roberto Zuniga – Huckabee

Thank you for your leadership in the creation and overwhelming success of the UTA School Studio Program. We are thrilled to partner with UTA faculty and students and we cannot wait to see what is in store for next semester!



Briar Glenn – Glenn Partners, Sangeetha Karthik - Corgan, Wade Wimbish – Cadence McShane, Beverly Fornof – Corgan, Anne Hildenbrand - BRW, Wayne Reynaud - HKS, Roberto Zuniga - Huckabee.



NTX CHAPTER A4LE | IMPACT AWARD

The North Texas Chapter of Association for Learning Environments North Texas Chapter called for entries for the 5th Annual Impact Award this year. This award fosters innovations in education through fund raising efforts from the chapter's annual golf tournament.

Corgan's Sangeetha Karthik, Perkins & Will's Mike Lyssy, and Corgan's Lauren Hladky are leading the A4LE | Impact Award to champion the North Texas Chapter's effort.

This year saw a remarkable participation by local schools with 48 entries received for consideration. Several schools have participated in the years past.

The panel consisted of James McSwaim, an educator from Houston ISD, Mechanical Engineer from DBA, James Kubala and Architect Bayardo Selva from Cre8, all from the Houston area did a phenomenal job of evaluating each of the videos and recommending the award.

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NTX CHAPTER A4LE | IMPACT AWARDED

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**2017 Impact Gold Shackelford Stem Celebration
Arlington ISD**
[Video Link](#)



**2017 Impact Silver Innovate, Collaborate, Debate
Northwest ISD**
[Video Link](#)

A4LE's forthcoming mission with this program is to generate interest nationwide by connecting local chapters with the schools in their area through the Impact Award.



**2017 Impact Bronze Weather Station Alerts &
Gadgets
Grand Prairie ISD**
[Video Link](#)



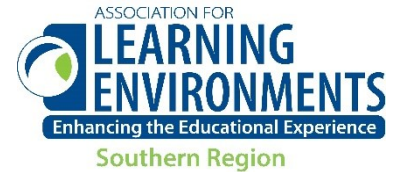
**2017 Impact Bronze Curriculum Materials
Dallas ISD**
[Video Link](#)

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NTX CHAPTER A4LE | IMPACT AWARED

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*2017 Impact Bronze Cougar Connection Den
Northwest ISD*

[Video Link](#)

NTX CHAPTER A4LE | UTA SCHOOLS STUDIO

The North Texas Chapter of Association for Learning Environments North Texas Chapter has partnered with the University of Texas at Arlington to create a studio focused on educational facility design & research, which initially kicked off during in the 2017 Spring Semester.

BRW's Anne Hildenbrand, Corgan's Beverly Fornof, and Huckabee's Roberto Zuniga are leading the A4LE | UTA Schools Studio partnership and providing professional support to the students throughout the semester by assembling professional panels, organizing school tours and offering overall guidance for the university.

This past 2017 Fall Semester the UTA graduate studio edition evolved from the more conventional University Architectural Design Studio, with a defined program and site, to a research based application which allows students to test design solutions for specific ideologies pressing the educational design industry's challenges of today and of the near future. Throughout the semester, students researched multiple challenges from spatial variances to biophilic design.

Led again by Professor Don Gatzke, former Dean of the School of Architecture, the UTA graduate students' goal was to apply the result of the studio's gained knowledge from their collective research into a 9th grade campus sited in one of two different contextual settings, either urban and suburban.



The students' research-based studies focused on the unique challenges in school design today such as implementing biophilic design, passive energy integration, and student-centered spaces at a variety of scales, and were highlighted in eye-opening ideas that would normally be too complex to explore and develop in professional realities.

The outcome, rather than simply a collection of their individual projects, is a catalog of well thought-out philosophies that highlight real contributions to the issues explored by research as well as a current and interesting compilation of bibliography and articles, combined to provide a surprising resource to the A4LE membership.

A4LE's forthcoming mission with this program is to generate interest nationwide to form partnerships with Universities for each local chapter to engage architectural students early on in the passion for educational facility design.



UTA Professor Don Gatzke and School Studio Students on Tour at the Plano ISD STEAM Academy



Breaking Out of the Silos

We invite you to be an integral part of the Southern Region Conference by volunteering to share your knowledge, experience, lessons learned and tricks of the trade. This year's theme, Breaking out of the Silos, speaks directly to our opportunities to impact change and influence the world around us whether through educational planning, design, construction or operation – and everywhere in between!



April 4-7, 2018
Waco Convention
Center
Waco, TX

This year we are going to push the envelope of the regional conference and practice what we preach. The conference will have two (2) options for presenters to submit.

1. Progressive Digital Learning Sessions – These are an exciting way for you as school administrators, architects and engineers to present your designs and success in a 3D model using Google Cardboard.
2. Traditional session style 1-hour each (breakouts) – These are for those that have more data driven presentations, we will also have opportunities for traditional conference sessions.

Go to www.A4LE.org
for more information and to register for the
conference!



Hurricane Harvey East Side Relief



Hurricane Harvey dropped 50 inches of rain, you would think that it all fell on this lower income neighborhood where many of the houses had more than three feet of water in them.

Though the rain has stopped and much work has been completed there are still houses in this neighborhood that have not been mucked out, rebuilt or furnished and there are people living in tents in their yards.

Recently the Gulf Coast Chapter and Southern Region boards in connection with the Southern Region Foundation have created a fund within the foundation to directly assist in the rebuilding efforts of a neighborhood on the east side of Houston that was devastated by the storm.

In November, the Gulf Coast Chapter raised nearly \$20,000 at the local clay shoot to assist in the rebuilding efforts. However, the average cost to clean, rebuild, furnish these houses is \$24,000 each and we now have over 62 houses on the list.



How can you help?

- Send cash or check donations to **Association for Learning Environments Southern Region Foundation "Harvey East Side Relief"**
- Donate labor and materials to rebuild houses. Gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, etc work as well. But we need help in hanging cabinets and painting walls, too.
- Donate furniture/gift cards to refurnish the houses.

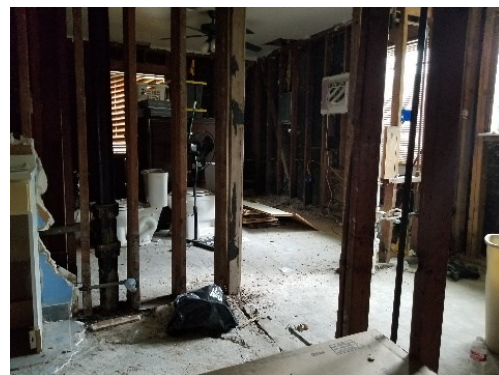
If you have other ideas or resources please contact Dillon Brady at 281-831-0866 or dillon.brady@cfisd.net to discuss.



Hurricane Harvey East Side Relief

A big thanks to all of the people that have already donated their time, money and resources. A VERY special shout out to the firms and people that have taken on entire houses to rebuild, assisted in mucking out homes, and for providing an extreme amount of materials.

Brad Bell – Prime Contractors Inc.
Eric Blankenship - Satterfield and Pontikes
Stephanie Foster – Tandus / Centiva
Nathan Geier / Hanna Kim – Huckabee
Janet Farren / Ryan Brown – Crossville Studios



We have a long way to go to get these families back to “normal” and any support is greatly needed.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?



A4LE and the Southern Region members are working feverishly to develop an action plan, assisting those communities touched by recent disasters. We are in the process of updating the Disaster Recovery Guide including a one-page reference document to assist those affected.

[Best Practices for Reacting to a Disaster](#)
[Make a Financial Donation to the Recovery Efforts](#)

Want to help?

If you would like to assist us in our efforts, donate goods or services, or receive the updated Disaster Recovery Plan, please [click here](#).

