



**2020 Southern Region
Conference**
September 16 - 18, 2020
Fort Worth, Texas

**LearningSCAPES 2020
Conference**
October 28 – 31, 2020
San Antonio, Texas
*Early bird registration ends
August 4, 2020*

PRESIDENT'S PEN

With this past year's elections, the Southern Region has some new faces in our leadership team. It is my pleasure to be serving as your Southern Region President and I am excited to be working with the rest of the board and the chapter leaders as we navigate through 2020.

We are all currently experiencing a new challenge as we continue to battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. For us within the education systems, this has been an everchanging target for making decisions on taking care of our staff and students. For those serving school districts, I know it is equally challenging trying to manage work from home scenarios and balance any additional parental responsibilities that have been placed upon you. As an organization, we are met with the challenges that come with deferred opportunities for increasing membership, fundraising, in-person meetings, conference planning, and socializing with one another. These types of challenges, on top of trying to maintain your health, can certainly provide an increase in stress levels. Through all these challenges please take care of yourself and your family first! I know as a region we are strong, and we have endured and overcome other challenges in the past and I know we will do the same this time.

The Southern Region Board held a strategic planning session in February to help set the course for the region as we move forward. After two great days of planning, five main goals were identified:

- 1) Knowledge Based Goal: Provide Educational Collateral and Relevant Communication with Membership
- 2) Membership Based Goal: Focus on Mentorship and Chapter Partner Initiative (Chapter Protégé Program)
- 3) Foundation Based Goal: Fundraising, Sponsorship, and Support
- 4) International Based Goal: Support and Lead Emerging Professional's 20 Under 40 & Chapter Partner Initiative
- 5) Industry Leader Based Goal: Provide Synergies with other Industry Partners

We are currently finalizing the objectives to go along with these goals, and we will send the final strategic plan out to our entire membership soon.

As we focus on the rest of the year, I look forward to resuming our normal chapter, region, and international events. Please stay digitally informed and virtually involved with your local chapters for the time being and we will continue to update you on any changes to events as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim McClure".

Tim McClure, AIA
President, A4LE Southern Region

SCHOLARSHIPS



Scott Walker

Thank you for this scholarship as I truly appreciate the opportunity to attend the Ft. Worth Regional Conference this year in my new role. I am looking forward to a great conference with other professionals. This annual conference remains the benchmark for networking, and always provides great updates and current trends for education facility planning.

CHAIRWOMAN'S PEN

Happy start of summer!

While the last few months have been trying, the Foundation has continued its work to ensure we are providing for our regional members. We completed several scholarship applications and have determined worthy winners. We are grateful to our members that have provided funding over the years so that we can offer scholarships at different levels, from conference attendance to college tuition. The first batch of 2020 scholarships are for attendance to this year's Southern Region conference in Fort Worth, which will now take place in the Fall. We are thrilled to announce that this year, we granted 14 scholarships to some very worthy applicants. This year's scholarship recipients are:

Jason Baezner	Steven Bryan
Jesse Clayburn	Ashley Dixon
Jody Doebele	Krystal Ford
Carolina Fuzetti	Bobby Galvan
Paul Roome	Greg Segura
Joshua Solis	Miguel Tamez
Shannon Thompson	Scott Walker

In addition, we have completed the scholarship application review for tuition to the Advanced Academy. This intense program consists of six, 6-week online courses created by industry experts. The comprehensive program of study is grounded in the key knowledge and skills central to the sound planning, building and maintaining of learner-centered school facilities. Graduates from the Academy earn their ALEP designation. We are thrilled to announce that this year's recipient is Sheri Offenhauser, with Page Southerland Page.

Lastly, we participated in the region's Strategic Planning session in February and are excited for what is to come. We are looking forward to expanding the role of the Foundation, increasing sponsorship and funding so that we can support critical programs like the Emergent Professionals initiative, as well as continue to fund chapter events. Stay tuned for more from the Foundation!

Irene Nigaglioni, AIA, ALEP, LEED AP BD+C
Foundation Chair, A4LE Southern Region

What's Happening

Upcoming Programs

Stay Posted!

Keep your eye out for future events and meeting dates.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

The Arkansas Chapter members in Little Rock have started lunch meeting to discuss reinvigorating the state chapter and promote the organization.

This year's goal is to have regularly scheduled meetings with presentations that will increase membership and participation in central Arkansas and then spread these efforts to other statewide membership.

Aliza Jones, ALEP, *Educational Facility Planning*
Chapter President



What's Happening

Upcoming Events

June 12, 2020

Board Planning Retreat

Postponed

Annual Golf Tournament

Wildcat Golf Club –

Highlands Course

More information to come

Past Programs

June 8, 2020

Roundtable Discussion:
COVID-19 & How it will
affect reopening of schools
in the fall, 2020

GULF COAST CHAPTER

Big things are on the horizon in the Gulf Coast Chapter. Our chapter goal this year is to increase our membership. We had an amazing 2019 with outstanding attendance at our monthly gatherings. Our members enjoyed events at Top Golf and St. Arnold's Brewing Company as well and toured some amazing facilities.

This year, our plan is to focus on the recruitment of school district members. Having the input of district officials is critical to our mission. Our 2020 goal is face to face outreach to promote the association and the availability of scholarships to these districts.

Easy Foster, RTSBA, AIC, CPC, LEED AP BD+C, *Conroe ISD*
Chapter President



What's Happening

Upcoming Programs

August 19, 2020

Chapter Discussion & Tour
Featuring LTCS System
President Dr. Monty Sullivan
& River Parishes Community
College Chancellor Dr. Dale
Doty

Dr. Sullivan will discuss the LCTCS System and how workforce needs of business and industry partners help shape the planning and design of new facilities. Following the discussion, Dr. Dale Doty will conduct a tour of the Technical Training Center that houses programs for industry-based certifications.

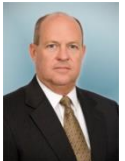
September 23, 2020

School Furniture Vendor
Crawl
New Orleans, LA

LOUISIANA CHAPTER

The Louisiana Chapter continues to grow! Our main goal continues to be to increase membership. All our events are open to anyone that would like to learn more about A4LE and our commitment to enhancing the educational environment. We wrapped up 2019 with great programs. Our members toured the new Park Elementary School in Baton Rouge in September, visited the Louisiana Children's Museum in New Orleans in October, learned about the geothermal system at Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond in November and hosted a dynamic panel discussion of superintendents at the Bullion Primary School in Prairieville in January 2020. Our March event has been rescheduled to August 19th and we have an exciting School Furniture Vendor Crawl scheduled for Sept. 23rd in New Orleans. As life begins to return to normal, our Chapter is planning other events for this summer and fall. This is going to be an exciting year!

R. Todd Mann, AIA, PMP, CSRS
Chapter President



Jamie Richard McKnight
New Member Spotlight

Jamie is a project business analyst at CSRS, Inc. with experience in program management, scheduling, construction procurement, contract management, and cost-benefit analysis for higher educational facilities. Born and raised in Baton Rouge, she attended Louisiana State University and began her career at the Baton Rouge Area Chamber working on economic development in the nine-parish Baton Rouge Area. Since joining CSRS, Inc. in 2015, she has coordinated and managed efforts for facility improvement projects for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) totaling over \$485M. Additionally, she is responsible for compliance to governmental regulation and agencies, including the LA Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, Office of Community Development, and FEMA. As a new member, she was responsible for creating and implementing a social media campaign for the A4LE's Louisiana Chapter which has generated new member prospects and increased attendance at Chapter events. We are excited Jamie has joined A4LE and look forward to getting to know her better!

What's Happening

Upcoming Programs

June 17, 2020

Experiential Learning and the Changing Face of Early Childhood Education

Virtual Presentation by:
Huckabee

July 15, 2020

Board Planning Retreat

September 16, 2020

Creating Inspiring Learning Environments that Face Today's Challenges: Resiliency in the Context of School Safety and Storm Shelters

Submitted by: Stantec

October 16, 2020

Annual Golf Tournament
Coyote Ridge Golf Club

Past Programs

May 20, 2020

The Great Lockdown: Impact on Economy and Enrollment Patterns
Virtual Presentation by:
Templeton Demographics

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

The North Texas chapter is experiencing some great things. We are currently at our highest membership, with a goal to pass the Gulf Coast Chapter before year end! A little friendly competition never hurt anyone. We've also enjoyed some really great programs and have had record attendance at several of them.

Jorden Dial, *Joeris General Contractors*
Chapter President



2020 Impact Award Winners

The NTX Chapter received thirty-three submissions and was thrilled to award five deserving recipients by giving away a total of \$20,000. Thank you to our chapter for their continued support!

- 1 - Adaptive Tandem Bicycle Project | Little Elm ISD Little Elm HS
- 2 - Motor Room Renovation | Chase's Place (Non-Profit)
- 3 - Maker Education | Dallas ISD Solar Preparatory School for Girls
- 4 - Realm Coding | Burleson ISD Realm Middle School
- 5 - Pumping Panther's Pride | Richardson ISD Apollo JH



Alison Beck-Maller, AIA
New Member Spotlight

Alison is a lead project architect at Stantec with diverse experience in public assembly, boutique retail spaces, health care, and infrastructure projects, with a passion for higher education facilities. A graduate of the University of Kansas, she began her career at Populous in Kansas City before moving back home to Texas. Since joining Stantec in 2016, she has worked on elementary, middle and high school projects. For 10 years, Alison was a devoted volunteer and leader for TREC and JLD, focusing on programs and projects geared toward education and Dallas ISD. An avid marathoner, she currently uses her running shoes to chase her toddler and coach aspiring architects. We are excited Allison has joined A4LE and look forward to getting to know her better!

What's Happening

Stay Posted!

Based on Feedback from our online survey we are planning events for when we resume meetings and for the fall. Keep your eye out for invites in your email and the chapter/region website for updates.

Congrats!

Lydia Wilson from Bixby Public Schools is the winner of a \$50 Gift Card for participating in our online survey. Thank you, Lydia, for your valued input!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

This year, our focus is member growth and pinpointing the needs of our members. As we look to expand our membership base, we are also looking for more school district involvement.

Our chapter recently sent out a survey to 100 existing and potential members in the state to determine what types of events would draw most attendance and what benefits they saw in our organization. Results ranged with the highest preference focused on building tours, round table discussions, vendor and contractor exhibits and social events. The greatest benefits were seen as access to tours, conferences, making contacts, and an information resource. We appreciate the feedback and will be working hard to incorporate this in our upcoming events. As some of our priorities have changed due to recent events, if you have additional information please reach out to the Oklahoma board.

Our most recent event was the annual Spring Symposium on March 6th at Devon Tower in Oklahoma City. This was an all-day event including a tour of the John Rex Charter School at the Myriad Gardens, four CEUs, an Education Spotlight Panel and Keynote speaker who spoke about the benefits of education foundations. Thank you to our sponsors, presenters and attendees for making this event great. If you have any feedback about the event, we would love to hear from you.

Liz Rohrbacker, RID, ALEP, KKT Architects
Chapter President



Darla Mullett
New Member Spotlight

Darla's role is business development representing Skyfold and Modernfold brought her to A4LE, first as a much-appreciated sponsor to our local events. She has since volunteered her time as a member and now as a board member. Darla has a heart for volunteering and has served on numerous non-profit boards throughout the years, many of which directly benefit both the education and A/E/C communities. As a member of the first Crossing's Christian School Board in OKC, Darla assisted in the hiring of staff and organized many successful programs at the school. Darla has been instrumental in school fundraising efforts and is an advocate for children in the Oklahoma County foster care system. We applaud the work Darla has done and appreciate her help promoting A4LE in Oklahoma.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Welcome, **new members!**
With the start of a new year and the focus to grow membership, we will be highlighting one new member from each chapter in our quarterly newsletters. If you are new to A4LE and would love to introduce yourself to the Southern Region, let your board know. We are pleased and honored to welcome you!

MEMBERSHIP

Our association's principal purpose is to ensure that our students have the best possible places in which to learn. Our members consist of practitioners involved in every aspect of school planning, design, equipping, operating and maintenance. We are dedicated professionals who want to share knowledge, best practices, and adhere to the highest standards and values in the art of delivering education through the intersection of learning and place.

Some of the **benefits** include:

- Unparalleled networking and establishing professional relationships with colleagues worldwide.
- Share best practices with fellow members – architects, facility planners, school district administrators, state and federal agencies, policy makers, manufacturers and suppliers via Members Forum.
- Participate in a variety of professional development opportunities.
- Upgrade your professional skills through our continuing education program.
- Access our job board, members' directory and other resources vital to your professional growth.
- Present at seminars, conferences, symposia and webinars to enhance your business relationships.
- Maintain real world competencies through accredited programs and international awards as well as the premier certification of the profession, Accredited Learning Environment Planner (ALEP).

Commercial Sector Memberships & School District/Public Authority Memberships are available. For more information on how you can become a member today, visit the website.

DISTANCE LEARNING STUDIO

A4LE continues to provide you with valuable resources and networking opportunities during this time of uncertainty. With the cancellation and postponement of our regional and chapter events this spring, we have coordinated with some of our member firms and expert industry professionals to share their projects, information and research with you. These presentations will be topical, relevant, and demonstrate the best practices and innovative solutions that have been used throughout the world. Join us for the live presentations or access the programs on-demand!

Join us in these upcoming presentations!

Tuesday, June 16th

[REOPENING SCHOOLS – WHEN AND HOW? Factors to Consider in the Midst of COVID-19](#)

Wednesday, June 17th

[Putting PBL & CTE to Work in Education](#)

Wednesday, June 24th

[Aligning Brain Focused Learning and Teaching with the GenZ/iGen Learner](#)

DID
YOU
KNOW?

You can access free learning resources and webinars on the A4LE website by clicking on the Learning Studio.

The [Knowledge Center](#) provides helpful links to online publications. Check it out!

Additional Resources:

How to Reopen K-12 Schools in the Safest Way Possible: A Path Forward for Education on COVID-19

North Texas chapter member & SR Vice President, Briar Glenn, recently participated in a webcast on the reopening of schools. Click the link to listen: <https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/dell/webinars/>

Interested in summer architecture programs for high school students? Click the link below to see programs at universities across the nation, many of them virtual.

<https://www.aia.org/pages/18291-summer-architecture-education-programs-for-h>



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**Association for Learning Environments
2020 Southern Region Conference**

September 16-18, 2020 | Hilton Fort Worth

Thank you for your continued support of the
A4LE Southern Region,
we appreciate it.

We have a very exciting program planned in
the heart of historic downtown Fort Worth.

Click here for conference details and a full
range of sponsorship opportunities:
https://www.a4le.org/Southern/2020_Region_Conference/2020_Region_Conference.aspx

We look forward to connecting with all of you
in person very soon!



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 2020-2021 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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(Austin area)

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