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**LearningSCAPES 2021**  
**Conference**  
October 14-18, 2021  
Denver, Colorado  
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## PRESIDENT'S PEN

The Southern Region Board has been working behind the scenes to put our goals into action. Below are a few updates we'd like to share with you:

**Knowledge Based Goal Update:** : Since many of us are still working from home and practicing social distancing, the feeling of isolation can be overwhelming. Virtual connections are more important than ever before and we encourage you to invite a friend to your next local chapter event as well as becoming a member! Whether you joined us in Austin for the Southern Region Conference or not, we hope you will mark your calendars for our next conference in Fort Worth March 28-April 2, 2022. Details will be available on our website soon!

**Membership Based Goal Update:** Our A4LE Texas State Director, Wayne Reynaud, continues to lead the charge on the Mentor | Protégé Chapter Program. Mentor Chapters will continue working with Protégé Chapters to help strengthen their local groups through the sharing of knowledge, presentation materials as well as successful fundraising events. Wayne will be meeting with chapter presidents later this month to brainstorm new ideas for support and mentoring opportunities between South Texas & Louisiana; Central Texas & Arkansas; and North Texas & Oklahoma. A silver lining from this past year of doing all things virtual is that now members are given an opportunity to participate in chapter meetings and events across our region. Check out what other regions have planned for the next few months under the Chapter Updates!

**Industry Leader Based Goal Update:** Join the Force...the JEDI Force for positive change! The Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Community is one of utmost importance in discussing and implementing change on the issues of racism, bias, equity and inclusion. This community is one that spans many industry organizations, including the American Institute of Architects, creating the opportunity for synergies across multiple platforms. We invite you to join the MembersConnect [JEDI Community](#) as well as the Facebook JEDI group that can be accessed on the A4LE Facebook page. These two platforms will be used for JEDI discussions and where we will hold a book club discussion. Watch for upcoming announcements about JEDI activities!

I've always believed the most precious gift you can give is your time. Hopefully, you have seen an email listing several opportunities for a call to serve the A4LE. Serving not only provides invaluable insight into our organization, but participation also helps to bring new ideas and develops the future leaders of A4LE.

Lastly, the Southern Region Conference in Austin a couple of weeks ago was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many of you in person and it was a great opportunity for all of us to reconnect after such a challenging year. Stay safe and healthy and we will see each other again soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Glenn".

**Brian Glenn, AIA, LEED AP BD+C**  
President, A4LE Southern Region

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### CHAIRWOMAN'S PEN

The Southern Region Foundation kicked off the new year coming up from a busy Fall. The Foundation's newly formed Advocacy Committee has been busy reviewing the Texas School of Architecture Exhibit criteria in order to better align with current trends and focus. The new criteria will be submitted to TASA for review prior to publication. This effort is part of the foundation's sponsorship of the School of Architecture Exhibit and a collaboration with TASA for years to come. Please visit the Texas School of Architecture site at <https://texasschoolarchitecture.org/> to see this year's winners as well as all the submissions.

The efforts that the foundation has undertaken in Texas as part of this process will be moved forward so an equal effort can take place in the region's other states. Oklahoma will be the next state to undertake the School of Architecture design competition, with the assistance and support of the foundation.

In other news, Scholarship winners will be announced very soon! These include attendance to upcoming conferences, enrollment in the Advanced Academy as well as the Otto Grove College scholarship application this summer.

Lastly, if you are interested in joining the foundation advisory board please let us know. We are looking for passionate folks with a particular focus on fundraising and investing. If interested, please email me at [irene@in2arch.com](mailto:irene@in2arch.com).

Looking forward to a great 2021!

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

## What's Happening

### Past Programs

**February 11, 2021**

Louisiana Community and  
Technical College System  
(LCTCS) Walker Campus Tour  
*Virtual Presentation by:*  
Holly & Smith Architects

## LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Our Louisiana Chapter of A4LE is moving forward and continues to promote growth in membership by hosting events to which anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

The Louisiana Chapter of A4LE has shown tremendous resiliency over the last year. In addition to the COVID challenges our members and their families have been facing since March, in August many of our members had to step up and help our friends and neighbors in Lake Charles recover from the devastating Hurricane Laura. Despite all of this, our membership has held steady, and we are excited for what 2021 has in store. Our goal for 2021 is to look at ways we can leverage technology to further our reach and recruit more members throughout the state.

Another first-time initiative we are pursuing as a chapter is creating partnerships with various educational vendors and businesses in an effort to create a true hands on and flexible learning environment for old schools with little to no funding. We intend on working with the students to develop and the design the space then renovate an existing classroom over the summer.

**David Hebert**, AIA, LEED AP, ALEP  
Grace Hebert Curtis Architects  
Chapter President



# What's Happening

## Upcoming Programs

### May 26, 2021

STEAM: Realizing the Integration of both Content and Learning Environment  
Allen ISD | STEAM Center  
Presentation by: VLK Architects

### June 23, 2021

The Art of Quiet: High Performance Music Facilities  
Dallas ISD | Woodrow Wilson HS  
Presentation by: BRW Architects

## Upcoming Events

### July 8, 2021

Emerging Professionals Bowling Tournament  
Bowlmor Lanes - Addison, TX  
Tournament Start: 6:00pm  
Sponsorships Open!

### October 22, 2021

Annual Golf Tournament  
Coyote Ridge Golf Club- Carrollton, TX  
Shotgun Start: 8:00pm  
Sponsorships Open!

## NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

As incoming President of the North Texas Chapter, my goal is to continue the collaborative culture of our Board to make great things happen not only in North Texas but also on an International scale. We continue to be trail blazers in the Southern Region and influencers internationally.

Our goals for this year are to continue to grow our membership each month and become the largest chapter in the Southern Region. That will only happen if we continue to enhance the value of our membership. We have built a strong Chapter Advisor Committee made up of School District representatives that helps guide us throughout the year and challenges us to diversify our monthly chapter program. We continue to be very proud of our School Studio and Impact Awards. This year, we are adding to our School Studio committee with participation to include contractors and product vendors as we expand our partnerships to numerous local school districts and look for opportunities to strengthen our collegiate partnerships. We are excited each year to increase our awards to local school districts through the Impact Awards. This year's submissions will focus on teaching solutions for COVID-19 distance learning efforts. We welcome partnerships from other chapters throughout the Region to help judge our submission awarded this December 2020.

**Anne Hildenbrand, AIA, ALEP, LEED AP BD+C**  
BRW Architects  
Chapter President



**Matt Neustadter, AIA, RID**  
New Member Spotlight

Matt is architect in the education studio at WRA Architects. He grew up in eastern Pennsylvania and has been in Dallas for the 6 years since graduating from Penn State. He has focused on High Schools, Career and Technology Centers, and Higher Education projects in North and East Texas. Matt really enjoys working in the education sector due to its scale – big enough to provide a wide array of design challenges, but small enough to allow the entire team to have real, measured impact on the overall form.

# What's Happening

## Upcoming Programs

**May 12, 2021**

A Hands-On Approach:  
Designing to Support  
Engagement and Social  
Learning  
San Marcos CISD | High School  
Career and Technology Center  
*Presentation by: VLK Architects*

**May 26, 2021**

Emerging Professionals Panel  
Event

**July 14, 2021**

Emeril Lagasse's Culinary &  
Teaching Kitchen  
Austin ISD | Cunningham  
Elementary  
*Presentation by: Fuse Architects*



**October 30, 2020**

Board Retreat  
JUST ZOOMING...  
HOW ABOUT YOU?

## CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER

It has been both a poignant and exciting time to start my Presidency of the Central Texas Chapter during a global pandemic, when even human survival is dependent upon flexibility, agility, and the ability to innovate. Committed to reengaging with our A4LE family, a Board Retreat helped to kickstart discussions about an overall vision for the year ahead.

Our goals for this year will include a few new initiatives!  
**Engaging Membership with Innovative Programming** – Virtual Programming without in-person visits to facilities in our Central Texas Chapter is making us look at new ways to engage our membership through topic-centered programming with virtual tours.

**Mentorship Program for Emerging Professionals (EP)**- A new Chapter initiative, the mentorship program is for a small group of mentees in a 7-month program. Engagement activities will include mentor/speaker events and coffee chats prior to monthly Chapter presentations.

**Scholarship Program for K-12 Students/Teachers** – Pilot annual scholarship program for high school students or classroom grant for teachers to pay it forward. Fundraising started with the Chapter Conference and will add an area for donation to scholarship fund for our meetings.

**Fundraising for Pandemic** – An outdoor fundraising clay shoot, or skeet shoot to be planned for the purpose of fundraising for pandemic assistance to K-12 students for critical life needs to help refocus on the learning experience.

**Sita Lakshminarayan, AIA, ALEP, LEED AP BD+C,**  
BLGY Architecture  
Chapter President



**Seth Ackland**  
**New Member Spotlight**

Seth is a Project Director for Kitchell CEM in their Austin office. He is a seasoned Construction Professional with over 25 years of educational project experience including K-12 and Higher Education facilities. He joined A4LE to engage with the design community and looks forward to enrichment via A4LE's numerous learning opportunities related to future-ready schools.

## What's Happening

### Stay Posted!

The Board had a Planning Retreat for upcoming 2021 programs. Keep your eye out for invites in your email and the chapter/region website for updates.

## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

We wish everyone good health this month and the months to come. Oklahoma is working hard to get students back to school safely as our comrades in the region are also doing. We are hoping the learning process gets back to a more normalized pace for our students, faculty, and staff, but then again what is normal anymore. Stay safe out there!

**Christina Hoehn**, Guernsey Engineers  
Architects  
Oklahoma State Director



## 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.](#)

JOIN US FOR A4LE's  
**ASSOCIATION DAYS 2021**

**JULY 22-23**

**DIGITAL CONFERENCE**

COMBINING THE BEST CONTENT FROM OUR REGIONS & CHAPTERS FROM ACROSS THE ASSOCIATION



Join us for A4LE's Association Days 2021 Digital Conference! 1.5 days of the best content from our Regions and Chapters from across the association.

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- Non-Member Public - \$175

**Additional Tracks**

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- Non-Member Corporate - \$200
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- Non-Member - \$850

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- Tier 1 - \$1,000
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# 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:**

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>

## **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 year, 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!



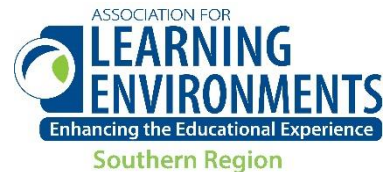
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## 2020 Southern Region Conference Post-Event Wrap Up

We had a great time at the Southern Region Conference in Austin, TX, April 5-9, 2021. It was so great to spend face time with friends and associates after a year of all things virtual.

Over 300 attended the 5-day event that kicked off with a Sporting Clay Tournament and ended with an audience led panel discussion on Virtual Education Trends. Attendees were also able to participate in a walking tour of downtown Austin, a golf tournament and a scavenger hunt that perhaps no one was prepared to handle the heat in! This conference had it all ~ including yoga. From interactive and informative sessions, virtual school tours and memorable keynote speakers, this year's planning committee went above and beyond.

Thank you to all of our sponsors. Without your continued support, we would not be able to do what we do.



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 2021-2022 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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