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September 13-14, 2022

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Deadline: June 13, 2022

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

I want to start this letter off by thanking all the people who were responsible for the success of the Southern Region Conference. Russ and his team who did the planning, the vendors who sponsored the exhibits, event, and presentation, the presenters who took the time to prepare and give some very thoughtful and informative sessions, and all the attendees who make the Conference the reunion of friends that it is. Finally, Donna, who I hope has been able to get some much-deserved rest.

This year was especially meaningful as I was able to present the Planner of the year award to Danny Brewster, a Friend and colleague of many years. I think we can all agree that his dedication to the success of A4LE and the efforts he has made to the advancement of Education Facilities more than justifies his selection.

As we all wrap up a successful conference, we now look forward to the next event, the International Conference in San Antonio. This is an opportunity for the South Texas Chapter to showcase their city and Educational Facilities to the world. As the largest Region in the association, I hope that we will have a large turnout at the conference. I hope if you have never attended an international conference, you will consider doing so this year as it is in our backyard.

Thank you for all you do for A4LE and the students of the Southern Region to provide the best Learning Environments in the World.

Regards,

Gary Hutton

General Manager – Operations, Spring ISD
President, A4LE Southern Region

SCHOLARSHIPS

SOUTHERN REGION FOUNDATION Chairwomen’s Pen

Happy Spring!

We are excited that we had the opportunity to visit with friends at the Southern Region conference in Fort Worth last month. We were also thrilled to have the Otto Grove scholarship recipients in attendance and enjoying the conference. This year’s recipients were:

- Allan Patrick, Katy ISD
- Brenda Swirczynski, Birdville ISD
- Dan Grosz, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
- Angela Clarkson, LWPB
- Jeff Campos, Encotech

Scholarship applications are out for enrollment in the **Advanced Academy Program**. Funded from the Otto Grove Scholarship fund, this \$6,000 scholarship covers the cost of tuition for one Southern Region Member to participate in the Advanced Academy Program, which provides students the opportunity to earn the prestigious ALEP designation. This intense, high-quality 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 environments. The deadline for applications of April 29, and winners will be notified by June 1st.

Also, be on the lookout for applications to the **Otto Grove Student Scholarship** which provides \$3,000 to students in our region interested in pursuing a college degree in architecture, engineering or education.

Lastly, please join us as we highlight the **Caudill Class award winners** in a series of webinars that provide us a deeper look into these successful projects. You can find registration information on the A4LE website.

Have a great spring!

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



Jeff Campos
I am honored and grateful to have received this scholarship. It means a lot to me as a new member and a young engineer-in-training. I have already benefited from my membership personally and professionally being a part of A4LE.

Dan Grosz
The A4LE possesses special meaning for me as I have a passion for educational facility design but also having attained ALEP professional accreditation – what we do day-in and day-out serves great purpose in the lives of our 117,000+ CFISD students.



Allan Patrick
Receiving this scholarship is a great privilege to be a part of a great organization. A4LE has helped me in my professional development with design of facilities with Architects and the end user. I want to thank the scholarship committee for allowing me to participate in the conference and continue networking with my K-12 peers.

Brenda Swirczynski
Receiving the scholarship support will allow me to fully participate in the conference and network with other conference attendees and presenters in a way that allows me to experience all the experience has to offer. Much appreciation to A4LE Southern Region Foundation for this opportunity!



SCHOLARSHIPS

ONLINE SUBMISSION:

Deadline for entries:
June 18, 2022

QUESTIONS/CONTACT:

For all questions contact
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donna@a4le.org

SOUTHERN REGION FOUNDATION 2022 Otto D. Grove Scholarship Student Scholarship

The A4LE Southern Region Foundation is a non-profit organization established to foster research and scholarly study regarding the impact of school facilities on student achievement. The Foundation acts as a proactive catalyst for promoting the development of quality learning environments in the A4LE Southern Region by funding scholarships and grants through the Otto D. Grove Jr. Fund.

Scholarship Award:

Each academic year, up to five (5) student(s) will be selected as the recipients of a \$3,000.00 Southern Region Foundation Otto D. Grove Scholarship Award.

Students will be selected from within the Southern Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas).

Eligibility Requirements:

The Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board seeks students for nomination who meet the following eligibility requirements:

Nominee must complete and submit all application, achievement and essay forms and character recommendation letters required by the A4LE Southern Region Foundation. Character letters should be from professors or teachers and/or representatives from organizations or part time jobs.

Candidate must be currently enrolled in a bachelors or post-graduate degree program at an accredited post-secondary institution within the Southern Region states.

Nominee must submit evidence of enrollment at a college or accredited postsecondary institution or show evidence of a college or post-secondary institution acceptance letter.

Candidates must show evidence that their major is architecture, engineering related to the building environment, construction management, education or another field related to educational facility planning and contributing to the mission of A4LE.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

Hello, my name is Sangeetha Karthik and I am the President of the A4LE North Texas Chapter. I have been involved with A4LE since 2012. It is my privilege and honor to serve our NTX chapter in this pivotal role. A4LE provides a wonderful avenue to share thought leadership on Education design. The sense of community shared by our members, school district leaders, architects, engineers, contractors, and product manufacturers through this organization, is a vital part of our profession and was solely missed during the pandemic.

We recently held the Cost Panel Discussion and enjoyed a great conversation on the current challenges. Stay tuned as we are busy planning several exciting chapter activities and updates.

Sangeetha Karthik, AIA, RID, LEED AP
Corgan
Chapter President



Stay tuned for information on the 2022 **Impact Awards**.

The premise of the Impact award is to fund projects at our local schools, that impact the community through the revitalization efforts of the learning environments. Funding for the award comes from our annual **NTX Golf Tournament** held in the fall. Last year, with the support of our wonderful partners, our chapter raised over \$40,000 to give back to our schools. It was a brisk and sunny October day when we gathered for great golf, wonderful door prizes, and a shared sense of purpose for this worthwhile cause.

Since its inception, thousands of dollars have been awarded to local schools. The requirements and submissions have evolved over time, with this year's submissions including the Inaugural **Student Impact Award**. Last year the North Texas Chapter awarded four winners from four different districts. Three awards went to the top three Teacher submissions and one award went to the best Student submission.

A4LE NTX Contractor Panel Discussion

Cost & Material Challenges – Q1 2022

Cost Challenges

Approximate Material Escalation from March 2020

- PVC – 110%
- Structural Steel – 95%
- Glass & Glazing – 85%
- Metal Studs – 300%
- Drywall – 90%
- Acoustical Ceilings – 250%
- Copper – 60%
- Rebar – 70%

Material Procurement Challenges

- Steel Joists & Deck – 9-10 Months (Pre-COVID - 3-4 Months)
- Roofing Insulation – 5-7 Months (Pre-COVID – 2-3 Weeks)
- HVAC Chillers – 8-12 Months (Pre-COVID – 2-4 Months)
- HVAC Roof Top Units – 3-4 Months (Pre-COVID – 1-2 Months)
- Metal Studs – 2-3 Months (Pre-COVID – 2-3 Weeks)

Cost per Square Foot Ranges for 2022

New Construction

- Elementary Schools | \$315-\$360
- Middle Schools | \$325 - \$390
- High Schools | \$375 - \$450

Renovations

- Light Renovation | \$25-\$60
- Medium Renovation | \$60-\$90
- Heavy Renovation | \$90-\$150

NORTH TEXAS Education Committee

May 2022

The Education Committee has focused this year on reaching out to Colleges of Education throughout North Texas to solicit interest in partnering with educators in research efforts. We believe that engaging professionals who are training the next generation of teachers will provide key insights into current advancements and innovations in education methodology, and when combined with passionate input from future educators, will result in unique design solutions for schools. In addition, we have reached out to the Tarrant County College Architecture department for engagement. Their program is currently in transition but will have an opportunity for a partnership down the road.

This fall, we will be collaborating with Dr. Hugh Kellam (Professor of Learning Sciences) and Dr. Taylor Kessner (Secondary Social Studies) in the UTA College of Education to discover how educational environments can best support the goals of teachers and students. The intent is to advance the conversation of learning space design, both in the physical and digital worlds.

A4LE will connect with Dr. Kellam, Dr. Taylor and the student teachers in their program virtually throughout the semester and meet in person for visioning sessions and workshops. Surveys will be conducted at the beginning of the semester, again several weeks into the students' district placements, and finally at the end of the semester to discover their passions and goals, pain points of their school environment and their vision of the ideal learning space. In October, a visioning session will compare results of the first surveys to define what student success mean to them, how it can be achieved, and how the built environment can facilitate those goals.

Workshops in November and December will be held to engage with smaller groups of students to help them craft a design for their ideal learning space – whether a classroom, extended learning space, full campus, or a virtual environment. Tours of schools and firm offices will be offered by A4LE members.

We look forward to this this collaboration and will continue to seek out others. If you have suggestions of other education outreach opportunities of any kind, please reach out to Jason Mellard or Steve Johnson.

What's
Happening

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

The Arkansas Chapter is excited to be assisted by the A4LE Southern Region Mentor to Grow our Arkansas Chapter. We hope to make positive steps as we emerge from COVID.

Brad Chilcote, AIA
Arkansas State Director
Wittenberg Delony &
Davidson Architects



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Hello, everyone!

It was great to see the turnout (in person) for the Southern Region Conference in Fort Worth. Hope everyone enjoyed the time together!

The organization continues to grow! For the beginning of 2022, the number of members in the Southern Region are on the increase with monthly totals nearly at the 1300 mark. And this trending is also true for the overall A4LE organization with total membership approaching 5400.

Let's keep encouraging our colleagues to join A4LE. Let them know about all the sharing of knowledge and networking opportunities available, enabling them to better serve their district or company. And I urge you to make the most of your membership experience by exploring volunteer and leadership roles available at your local chapter, region and international levels.

John Haskew, Membership Chair

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.

learningSCAPES 2022



LearningScapes 2022 is heading to San Antonio!
October 6-9, 2022 • Marriott Rivercenter

LearningSCAPES 2022 in San Antonio this October will be about taking a deep dive to better understand the end users – students, educators, and communities – for whom we plan, design, build, furnish, equip, and operate educational facilities. Who are the key end-users? What are their needs? And how can we serve them better?

Registration Open!

Early Bird Registration Ends: July 1, 2022

Become a Sponsor! Customize a Sponsorship Package to meet your specific marketing needs. Select a sponsorship opportunity that offers recognition and access to members and other attendees. Contact Carla Cummings at 602.750.5696 or Carla@a4le.org

Schedule of events and registration information can be found at learningscapes.a4le.org.



2022 Southern Region Conference Post-Event Wrap Up

We had a great time at the Southern Region Conference in Fort Worth, TX, March 29 – April 1, 2022. It was so great to see friends and associates, stay on top of emerging trends and meet all the new faces of the organization.

Over 400 attended the 5-day event themed *Wayfinders – Charting the Course: Past > Present > Future*. The conference kicked off with a Sporting Clay Tournament and ended with the Gala with entertainer Cody Fisher and some boot scootin' at Billy Bob's Texas in the Fort Worth Stock Yards. From interactive and informative sessions, conversation-starter name badges, 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.

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!

Join us in these upcoming presentations!

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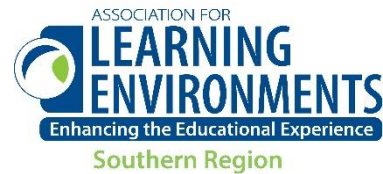
You can access free learning resources and webinars on the A4LE website by clicking on the Learning Studio?

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>



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 2022-2023 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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“Imagine a world where education was the most sought-after treasure. Where the entrances of schools are considered sacred gateways to truth and knowledge. A place where the lessons on the complexities of life provide vast perspective on what has occurred and what may happen in the future. Imagine this place to be a forum of diversity that held no bias and provided insight on the importance of sustaining our community connections and natural environments.

Middle school and high school students who participate in the SchoolsNEXT competition have a chance to envision the world just described. The SchoolsNEXT competition is more than just a competition, it’s a roadmap to unlock the imagination and creativity of students by introducing the planning process of how schools are designed and built. Through this process student teams are encouraged to plan and design their schools of the future to enhance learning, conserve resources, be environmentally responsive and engage the surrounding community.

Participating students have a chance to learn about the importance of the school environment and how it plays a role in their social and emotional development. Part of the competition guidelines are for students to develop skills in math, language arts, communication, leadership, science, architecture, and planning. Most importantly, anyone who has a passion for improving the lives of others will find that the SchoolsNEXT competition is a path towards understanding the role of diverse learning environments and that all students have a right to them.

In this role as a Regional Coordinator for the SchoolsNEXT Competition, I will be visiting local Southern Region Chapters and discover local area champions and mentors to partner with area schools to prepare our Southern Region for competition in the 22-23 school year.”

Gabriella Bermea, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP
SchoolsNEXT Regional Coordinator
JEDI Representative, A4LE Southern Region



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