



COMING SOON:

**A4LE Southern Region
Conference**

March 29 – April 1, 2022

Hilton Fort Worth

Downtown

Registration now Open!

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**LearningSCAPES 2022
Conference**

October 6-9, 2022

San Antonio, Texas

Call for Speakers: Due

March 7, 2022

PRESIDENT'S PEN

As we start the new year, I'm reminded of a quote by Joseph Chamberlain, "May you live in interesting times." I'm not sure Mr. Chamberlain had 2021 in mind when he said these words, but I believe they certainly are appropriate. As we go into 2022, we face an equally challenging and divisive climate. We all face numerous challenges and in the upcoming year, whether it hiring staff, keeping budgets, or just coping with the new realities in this COVID world, I know that we can rely on the expertise within A4LE and the School Facilities community as a whole.

No matter what you face this year, know you are not alone and that there are partners you can reach out to for help.

Some of the opportunities this year are the Southern Region conference in Fort Worth. We were able to enjoy an in-person event in Austin in 2021 and hope to have the same this year. If you have not attended a Regional Conference, it is a great opportunity for networking to perhaps help with some of the challenges you face. Additionally, the Association will host the International LearningSCAPES conference in San Antonio in the fall. I hope this will be an opportunity for some of our Regional members to attend an International Conference that would not typically travel out of state.

Thank you for your continued support of the Association and your active participation in your Chapters and Region.

Regards,

Gary Hutton

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

SOUTHERN REGION FOUNDATION Chairwomen's Pen

Happy New Year!

As we kick off 2022, we are happy to continue our partnership with the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) with our work on the Texas School of Architecture Exhibit. At this month's Midwinter Conference, we shared with all participants the winners of the Caudill Class, which proudly represent many of our members with excellence in architectural design and planning. The Caudill Class is a design standard established in 2015 and presented to districts and architects selected from the field of projects that have received at least four stars from the six areas of distinction. Caudill Class recognition is not limited in number but is awarded to any entry that, in the opinion of the Caudill Jury, is worthy of this special recognition. The six areas of distinction are:

*Design
Community*

*Value
Planning*

*Innovation
Transformation*

This year's winners will share their projects in a series of upcoming one-hour webinars this Spring. Be on the lookout for email notification on when these informative events will take place.

Scholarship applications are out for attendance to this year's Southern Region Conference in Fort Worth. Funded from the Otto Grove Scholarship fund, this \$1,200 scholarship covers the cost of registration, travel and housing for any Southern Region member, or Southern Region resident recommended by a member. Preference is given to members that have never attended the conference, but we encourage all that may have financial challenges attending to apply. The deadline for applications of February 15, and winners will be notified on March 1, 2022.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy 2022!

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

SUBMISSION:

Deadline for entries:
February 15, 2022

QUESTIONS/CONTACT:

For all questions contact
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donna@a4le.org

SOUTHERN REGION FOUNDATION 2022 Scholarship Application

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.

Using a scholarship process, the Foundation intends to fund efforts in the Southern Region that address the following:

- Awareness of A4LE and the importance of quality educational facility planning.
- Advance the understanding of benefits gained from quality educational facilities.
- Extend the body of knowledge related to educational facility planning.

This scholarship provides financial assistance for one or more individuals residing in the Southern Region states to attend the Southern Region Annual Conference, March 28-April 1, 2022, in Fort Worth, TX. This important event brings together school planners, educators, and design and construction professionals from around the world to collaborate on ideas and issues relating to the planning and design of contemporary schools.

Preference will be given to those who have not received a scholarship to a Southern Region Annual Conference in the recent past due to financial burden. The maximum amount of this scholarship is \$1,200 and may be applied to registration, travel and/or hotel costs as needed. Incidental expenses such as meals not covered by the conference fee and ground transportation are not included in this scholarship.

The Foundation Advisory Council will take up and consider all received applications and make a recommendation to the Southern Region Board of Directors for a final award. Award recipient will be notified on or about March 1, 2022.

What's Happening

Upcoming Events

February 16, 2022

Planning for the Careers of the Future
TECC-W, Lewisville ISD

March 23, 2022

Panel Discussion
Eastern Hills High School, Fort Worth ISD

May 18, 2022

Chapter Meeting

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

Even the darkest night will end, and the sun will rise.
~ Victor Hugo

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. After a roller-coaster year with few ups and far too many downs, we finally resumed our monthly chapter meetings back to in-person format in Sep 2021. 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. Our chapter membership has been rising steadily and is currently at 329 members.

We are looking forward to better days ahead and have been busy with several exciting chapter activities and updates. Our September meeting was held at the Collin College facility in Allen and demonstrated a meaningful partnership between K-12 district and a community college.

We recently received news that our Jan chapter meeting will need to pivot back to a virtual format due to a sharp uptick in COVID cases and our high school venue temporarily restricted guests on campus. We are hoping that this is just a bump on the road- we look forward to a successful Southern Region Conference to be held in Fort Worth this April and a wonderful 2022!

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



Monica deLaGarza
New Member Spotlight

Chloe Hosid is a Design Researcher in Corgan's education studio where she contributes research-based insight and design strategies. She earned a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Kansas, a Master of Science in Applied Cognition and Neuroscience from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a certificate in Permaculture Design. She has a passion for the altruistic nature of designing spaces for learning and for finding meaningful ways to promote health, wellbeing, and cognitive performance through thoughtful design and the integration of nature in the built environment. By joining the chapter, Chloe is hoping to connect with and learn from the A4LE community.

The **Impact Award** is near and dear to my heart; We kicked off this year's awards in Fall 2021.

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**. This 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. This 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.

2021 NTX IMPACT AWARD WINNERS

Motor Paths

McAuliffe Elementary, Lewisville Independent School District

Motor Paths for McAuliffe Elementary won the \$7,500 grant to create durable motor paths and provide teachers with an opportunity to balance academic and sensorimotor learning.

<https://youtu.be/galQzObqgiw>

Love Outdoor Classroom

Clara Love Elementary School, Northwest Independent School District

Love Elementary's Outdoor Classroom submitted by Northwest ISD received a \$5,000 grant. Their vision is to re-purpose an existing landscaped area into an outdoor learning space for all students on campus.

<https://youtu.be/5gSdwktn2Hc>

Unmasking Emotions

Smithfield Middle School, Birdville Independent School District

Smithfield Middle School in Birdville ISD received a \$3,000 grant for their submission titled Unmasking Emotions.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d-9AO-6FwSiD5dMmkj4OliTd9mJZCwf5/view?usp=drivesdk>

Recording Booth Renovation

CityLab High School, Senior Architectural students, Dallas Independent School District

Receiving the Inaugural Student Impact Award of \$5,000 was Dallas ISD's CityLab High School for their Recording Booth Renovation Project.

https://youtu.be/d7L6gdf_LqI

Our chapter celebrated this year's Impact Award winners and all our NTX Chapter members at our **Holiday party** in December. Turn out for the party was great and after skipping last year's celebration, our Impact Award committee provided an avenue for last year's winners to showcase their projects as well.

What's Happening

Upcoming Programs

March 7, 2022

Annual Golf Tournament
Wildcat Golf Club –
Highland Course
Shotgun Start 8:30am

Past Programs & Events

January 13, 2022

Chapter Social Mixer
Saint Arnold Brewing
Company, Houston

November 5, 2021

In Person Tour & Lunch
Katy ISD Outdoor Learning
Center

GULF COAST CHAPTER

Post Covid, the Gulf Coast chapter is trying to schedule events and bring back more of a norm. Our first local in person event was held on November 5, 2021, with a tour and lunch of the Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center. The mixer at Saint Arnold's is back and took place on January 13!

Future events include the golf tournament on March 7 and the Southern Region conference March 29 – April 1, 2022.

Lisa Kassman
Katy ISD
Chapter President



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Happy 2022, everyone!

You may have been wondering how our A4LE membership has been affected by the pandemic these past couple of years. Well, at least for 2021, the number of members in the Southern Region has remained steady with monthly totals continuing around the 1200 mark. And this steady trend continues with the overall A4LE organization with monthly numbers consistently in the 5200 neighborhood.

Concerning the work roles of the members we have, the Southern Region as well as the overall organization, tends to run just less than 30% of our members being school district and related public sector personnel. That is great, but just imagine if we could increase those numbers, bringing in all that additional experience and knowledge to this organization to benefit students and communities!

Let's challenge ourselves in the new year to increase involvement from our school district friends and clients.

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.

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LearningSCAPES 2022 is heading to San Antonio!
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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?

Learning For All: A Call to Action

Speaking Proposals Due: March 7, 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.

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!

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>



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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