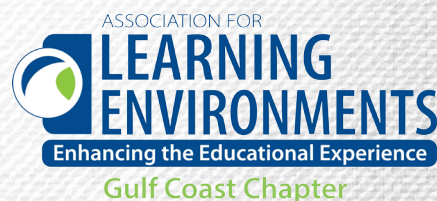


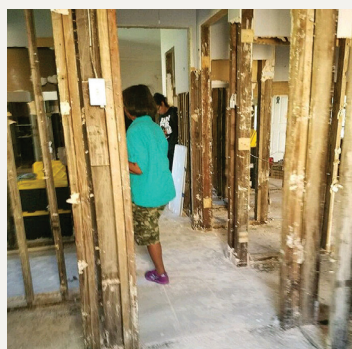
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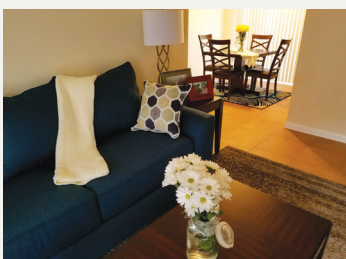
Greetings Gulf Coast Members,



It is always great to experience and share the many thoughtful and compassionate activities that A4LE and its members have been doing to support their communities.

2017 turned into one of the wildest, most destructive years in memory for the Gulf Coast. Natural disasters were so frequent, that at times the only thing missing from the mix seemed to be a locust outbreak. It also provided opportunities for our organization to come together and support both communities and schools. The money raised from the fall clay shoot continues to help families rebuild their houses and their lives, and allows children to get back to school and a normal life.

With the support of many vendors and suppliers we have adopted two houses for a total rebuild and refurnish. The money and donations also have helped provide furniture, food, and materials to assist in the rebuilding of 17 other houses on the Eastside of Houston.



2018 kicked off with the most successful Saint Arnold's event to date and got the new year off to a great start. With the many successful Bond programs passing in 2017, the 2018 year will be another busy one.

If you've not already done so, I urge you to sign up and join members from around the Southern Region for our annual conference in Waco. The event runs April 4-7, and promises to be an awesome time for you to learn, share, and connect with colleagues. More than 200 people have already registered, so join us for "Breaking Out of the Silos" next month.

Sincerely,

Dillon Brady

— COMING UP —

A4LE Southern Region Conference
April 4-7, 2018 | Waco, TX

A4LE Southern Region Golf Tournament
April 4, 2018 | Waco, TX



A4LE Southern Region Architectural Exhibit
April 5-7, 2018 | Waco, TX

A4LE Southern Region Sporting Clay Tournament
April 5, 2018 | Waco, TX

2018 Early Childhood Education Design Conference
April 26-27, 2018 | Denver, CO

A4LE International LearningSCAPES
November 1-4, 2018 | Chicago, IL

2018 James D. McConnell Award Entry
November 1-4, 2018

Gulf Coast Chapter Sporting Clays Tournament
November 26, 2018 | Houston, TX

Southern Region Annual Conference, April 4-7, 2018

A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter members are encouraged to attend the Southern Region Annual Conference in Waco, Texas. The event, entitled "Breaking Out of the Silos," takes place April 4 through 7 at the Waco Convention Center. Registration is available [online](#), but to ensure receipt of printed materials relevant to the conference, including a personal name badge, members must register no later than April 2..

This year's conference will be an ideal time for continuing education, networking, and fun. In addition to multiple breakout sessions, the schedule includes school tours, a movie screening, an architectural exhibit, a golf tournament, a clay shoot, and a casino night gala. Full conference registration includes all meals, access to all conference sessions, keynote addresses, refreshment breaks, opening/closing receptions, all tours, and the Planner of the Year reception and gala.

Special thanks to the event's Platinum Sponsor, Dally + Associates.



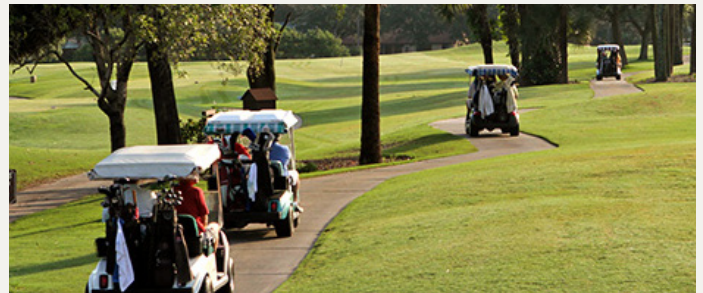
Fun Sporting Events at 2018 Annual Conference

In addition to the many educational breakout sessions, school tours, and receptions, the upcoming 2018 Southern Region Annual Conference includes a couple of fun sporting events that are perfect opportunities for networking with friends and colleagues from across the region.

The conference kicks off with a golf tournament on Wednesday, April 4, at the 18-hole, 72-par Cottonwood Creek Golf Course. Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m., and lunch is provided.



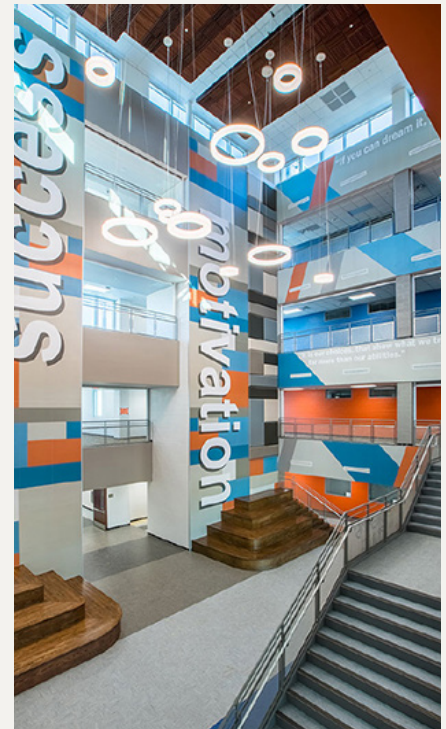
A sporting clays shoot follows on Thursday, April 5, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Waco Skeet & Trap Club. The competition, which is sponsored by Dally + Associates, is a 100 round shoot, with trophies for top teams and top guns. A BBQ lunch is provided.



Bridgeland High School Tour, Feb. 15, 2018

More than 100 A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter members registered for the Feb. 15 tour of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD's Bridgeland High School in Cypress. The school is part of an educational village that currently also includes an elementary school. They both will be joined by a middle school in the future, and ultimately all three schools in the nearly 1 million-square-foot multi-campus complex will share common areas and multi-use facilities.

Nearly 1 million-square-foot campus!



Thanks to our sponsors, Gilbane, Inc. and IBI Group. A very large group of chapter members enjoyed the tour.

