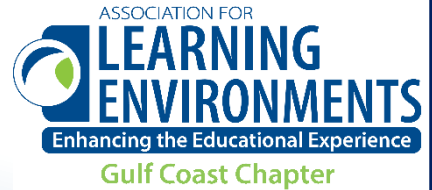


# GULF COAST CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

March 2020



## The President's Pen

Easy Foster



### — COMING UP —

Wow! The education marketplace is busy and gaining steam. There is a wave of facility planning underway with more on the horizon. There was a substantial amount of school bond work that was passed by voters in our region and we are beginning to see those projects rolling out. Design professionals, contractors and school district personnel are all heads down, elbows up working for the future generations of leaders coming up through our school systems. Innovative learning opportunities, unique classroom environments and facility effects on educational outcomes are common conversations in all our daily lives. Pretty soon, projects will be underway and the fruits of our labors will be put to use in developing students and growing productive, independent adults that will be our peers in a few short years.

Our Gulf Coast Chapter calendar of events is active, with school tours happening regularly, best practice meetings on the docket and social events to facilitate building our networks. We have had great turnouts from our membership and guests and I hope that everyone gets great value from the events that happen. We look forward to the next Southern Region Conference in Fort Worth April 29-May 1. We are also super excited to have LearningScapes in San Antonio October 28-31. If you have never been to the international conference, you should take the opportunity to attend. It really doesn't get this "local" very often. There are scholarships available to aid in attending both conferences. Please look to the A4LE website for scholarship applications.

We should all be working on our membership focus for the coming year. We want to increase the involvement of the owner side in events and programs. All of us should take every opportunity to let our customers, clients and vendors know what a great value A4LE membership is for their organizations. If everyone does a little, we will see explosive results.

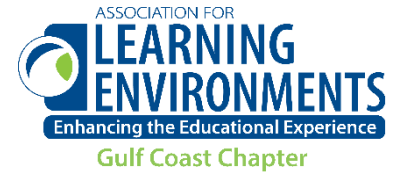
If you have questions on how to participate in the chapter or in any event as a presenter, sponsor or volunteer please reach out to any of the Gulf Coast Chapter board members (see list on page 2). We would all be happy to help get you involved.

- **March 20, 2020**  
Gulf Coast Golf Tournament  
Wildcat Golf Club  
12000 Alameda Road  
Houston, Texas 77045
- **April 29, 2020 - May 1, 2020**  
2020 Annual Regional Conference  
Hilton Fort Worth Downtown  
Fort Worth, TX  
**See link at bottom of page**
- **October 28, 2020-October 31, 2020**  
LearningSCAPES 2020  
San Antonio, Texas  
<https://learningscapes.a4le.org/>
- **November 16, 2020**  
Sporting Clay Event

[https://www.a4le.org/Southern/2020 Region Conference/2020 Region Conference.aspx](https://www.a4le.org/Southern/2020%20Region%20Conference/2020%20Region%20Conference.aspx)

# Chapter Golf Tournament

## Friday, March 20, 2020



### [Wildcat Golf Club – Highlands Course](#)

12000 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77045

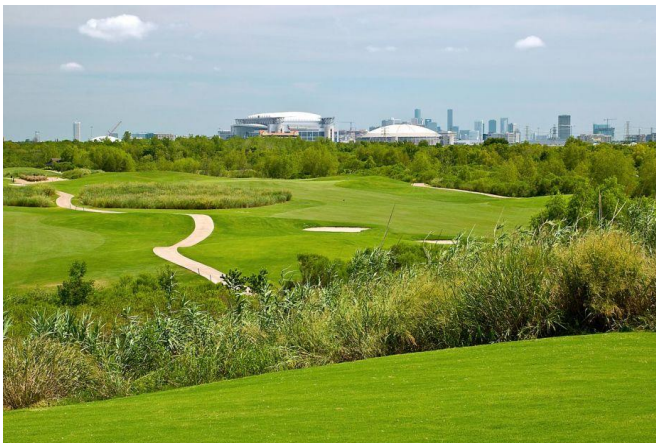
Registration: 7:00 AM

Breakfast Tacos

Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

Lunch & Awards (Southern Fried Catfish, Creole Chicken

Quarters, Crawfish Etouffe w/ Dirty Rice & Sides)



Team Sponsorship: \$600

Players Package (Optional): \$100

Tournament Entry includes:

Driving Range, Golf for (4) Players,

2 Beverage Tickets per Player,

Tournament Giveaway

Players Package includes: (8) Team

Mulligans, 6' of Putting Licorice

and (1) Ball Throw per Player

### Sponsorship Opportunities *(Does not include Team)*

<b>Breakfast Sponsorship (2)</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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Lunch Sponsorship (2)	\$750
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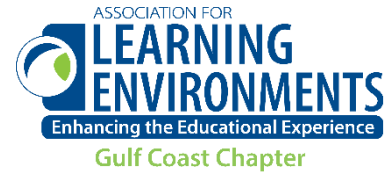
Beverage Cart (2)	\$500
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Raffle Sponsorship	\$250
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Hole Sponsors w/ Sign	\$150
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Cigar Sponsor (2)	\$500
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## The Annual St Arnold's Brewery Meeting & Mixer



On Thursday, January 9, 2020, the chapter enjoyed a very well attended mixer at the St. Arnolds Brewery. A tradition that has proven to be very popular with our membership. Chapter President Easy Foster opened the meeting with a warm welcome and made a few announcements. Julie Williams was on hand to announce the upcoming LearningScapes 2020 in San Antonio. Once the business was out of the way, the members had a very enjoyable evening of networking and socializing. Thanks to all who attended.



### **Gulf Coast Chapter Officers**

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**Easy Foster**  
**Conroe ISD**

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**Cory Junemann**  
**Texas Air Systems**

**Past-President**  
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**Hill International, Inc.**

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**Matthew Morgan**  
**Cypress- Fairbanks ISD**

**At-Large**  
**Adam Jones**  
**DBR**

**At-Large**  
**Brendan Hoofman**  
**Huckabee**



<http://learningscapes.a4le.org/>

The international conference will be in San Antonio this year. The Gulf Coast Chapter is sure to have a large presence and we hope to see you all there. Remember, there will be scholarships available to help members attend. Please watch for the scholarship opportunities.

### **Membership Outreach**

Looking for help! This is Lisa Kassman, Executive Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction for Katy ISD. I am the membership chair for the Gulf Coast chapter. There are many benefits for a school district representative in becoming a member of A4LE besides the networking. The relationships you develop with other school district peers can help with their day to day duties. I have reached out to other districts and shared information I received regarding architect fees, delivery methods, contract issues to name a few.

I request that when you are visiting districts that are not members, please share about our K-12 community. Please let them know that for new members, the Gulf Coast chapter will pick up their fees for the first year. I will be happy to visit districts that are interested!

Lisa Kassman

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