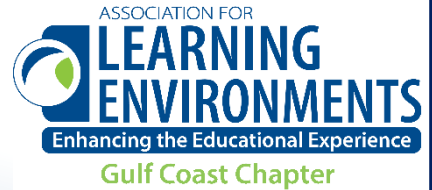


GULF COAST CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

December 2021



The President's Pen

Lisa Kassman



— COMING UP —

Happy Holidays!

The International Conference in Denver this past October was a success with many Gulf Coast members in attendance. The Gulf Coast Chapter had a change in leadership as noted on page 3.

Post COVID-19, we are trying to schedule events and bring back more of a norm. Our first local in person event was held on November 5 with a tour and lunch of the Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center. The mixer at Saint Arnold's is back – save the date of January 13! Future events include the golf tournament on March 7 and the Southern Region conference March 29 – April 1, 2022. We are also super excited to have LearningScapes in San Antonio October 28-31, 2022. 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 are all experiencing the challenges of material and labor shortages and delays and hoping the impacts can be minimized. Please reach out to our members for support or thoughts as you are designing & bidding the projects.

Looking forward to a great 2022!

- **January 13, 2022, 5:30pm**
Chapter Social Mixer
St. Arnold's Brewery
- **March 7, 2022**
Gulf Coast Golf Tournament
Wildcat Golf Club
12000 Alameda Road
Houston, Texas 77045
- **March 29, 2022 - April 1, 2022**
2022 Annual Regional Conference
Hilton Fort Worth Downtown
Fort Worth, TX

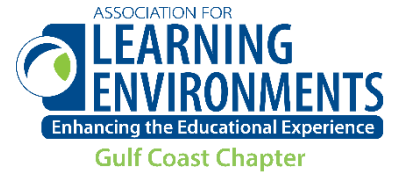
Chapter Winter Mixer

Thursday, January 13, 2022

[Saint Arnold Brewing Company](#)

2000 Lyons Ave., Houston, TX 77020

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM



Chapter Golf Tournament

Monday, March 7, 2022

[Wildcat Golf Club – Highlands Course](#)

12000 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77045

Registration: 7:00 AM

Breakfast and Lunch provided

Shotgun Start: 8:30 AM



Katy ISD Outdoor Learning Center Tour, Nov 5, 2021

On Friday, November 5, 2021, the chapter held their first in-person project tour since the pandemic at Katy ISD's Outdoor Learning Center. The tour was led by Lisa Kassman and Parul Vyas. The attendees were able to walk around and tour the project after the presentation. After the tour, everyone enjoyed the lunch at the outdoor pavilion. It was a great day with great weather. Thanks to all who attended the tour.



Gulf Coast Chapter Sporting Clays, November 15, 2021

The chapter held their annual sporting clays event on November 15th, 2021, at the Greater Houston Gun Club. The popular event was well attended. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who participated!



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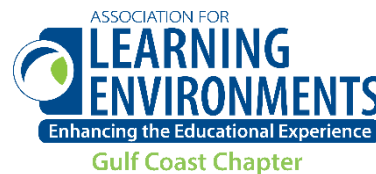
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Wayfinders – Charting the Course: Past-Present-Future



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March 29 – April 1, 2022

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Hilton Fort Worth Downtown

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[Registration \(a4le.org\)](https://a4le.org)

A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Outreach

Looking for help! This is Brenda Garcia, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction for Goose Creek CISD. I am the membership chair for the Gulf Coast chapter.

Since becoming a member of A4LE a few years ago, I've personally experienced the many benefits provided by a school district representative joining the A4LE. I'm sure the same could be said by anyone else in this industry that is a member. The relationships we can develop with other school district peers can be mutually beneficial. It is also a great benefit to build relationships with architects, contractors and numerous other professionals that form part of our teams in constructing facilities for our Gulf Coast districts.

Although we do a great job of reaching out via our emails, there's nothing quite like a face-to-face conversation. When you visit with any district personnel or other industry professionals that are not current members of A4LE, please consider sharing your experience as a member of our K-12 community. I'm certain they're not aware of what they're missing! If you know anyone that has questions and may be interested in joining us, please feel free to point them in my direction and I would be happy to visit with them. Thank you in advance for your help.

Brenda Garcia, Membership Chair
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