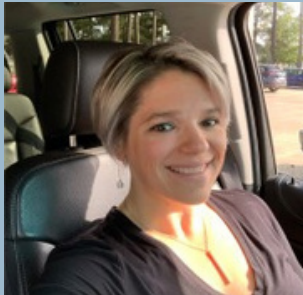
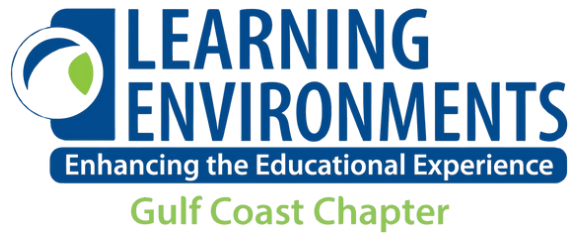


Gulf Coast Quarterly Newsletter



President's Pen



We kicked off the year with one of our most anticipated events – the Winter Mixer at Saint Arnolds’s – which once again drew a great crowd. It was a pleasure to reconnect with familiar faces and welcome new ones. We were also excited to introduce our newest Board Members, Amy Hayes (Cypress-Fairbanks ISD) and Megan Irvin (Katy ISD). We are thrilled to have their leadership and perspective on our Board. Looking ahead, our Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 2. This event is always a highlight of the year, so be sure to register soon. We are also working on details for a campus tour, with more information coming your way shortly. A few important *reminders* and *opportunities*:

- The student scholarship application deadline is quickly approaching, please help us spread the word.
- Registration is now open for the Southern Region Annual Conference, taking place April 20-23 in **Austin**.
- If you haven't already, please make sure you are a registered member with A4LE. We continue to encourage emerging professionals to get involved, so invite any up- and-coming colleagues in your firm, district, or company to attend an event and learn more about our organization.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support. I look forward to an exciting and impactful year with our chapter.

Sincerely,

Shannon Thompson

Gulf Coast Chapter President



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 2, 2026 - Gulf Coast
Golf Tournament at Wildcat
Golf Club

April 20-23, 2026 -
Southern Region
Conference - Austin

Past President's Pen

Hello Gulf Coast Chapter! I hope everyone enjoyed our Winter mixer on January 15th. It is always a great event and well attended. My time as president for the Gulf Coast Chapter has come to an end. I would like to thank all of the board members and all of membership for making 2025 a great year for the chapter. I am now passing the reigns over to our new President Shannon Thompson. She will do great and serve the chapter well!

Cheers,
Adam Jones

ANNUAL SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

April 20-23, 2026

Austin, TX

[Click Here](#) for Sponsorship Opportunities and
Conference Registration.

A4LE Gulf Coast January Mixer Recap



Thank you to everyone who joined us on January 15th for our Annual A4LE Gulf Coast Mixer at Saint Arnold Brewing Company. We had a fantastic turnout, and it was energizing to kick off the new year by reconnecting with colleagues, meeting new faces, and sharing ideas in such a great setting.

A huge thank-you to our wonderful sponsors for making this event possible. Your support continues to strengthen our chapter and create opportunities for meaningful collaboration.

We've included a few photos from the evening—spotlighting our sponsors and capturing the great conversations and camaraderie throughout the night. Enjoy the highlights, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Welcome Our Newest Board Members!



Amy Hayes earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Sam Houston State University and began her career with Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in 2009. After serving in the Deaf Education Department, she transitioned to Facilities & Construction in 2016, taking on roles from Administrative Assistant to Project Coordinator to Assistant Director of Contract Management. She now serves as Director of Contract Management, where she leverages her deep experience to support district operations and initiatives.



Megan Irvin serves as a Project Manager in the Facilities, Planning & Construction Department at Katy ISD, where she oversees a range of Bond projects—from campus renovations to new construction and additions. Megan holds a Bachelor of Environmental Design and a Master of Architecture from Texas A&M University. A proud Katy resident, she values the opportunity to live, work, and stay connected within her educational community.



Monday, March 2, 2026

Wildcat Golf Club – Highlands Course
12000 Almeda Rd, Houston, TX 77045

Net proceeds may be used support the Gulf Coast Chapter student scholarship programs.

A4LE Gulf Coast Golf Tournament

**[Click Here
to Register](#)**



A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Out Reach

The Gulf Coast Chapter has been and will continue to be one of the STRONGEST chapters within A4LE with your commitment! We are always looking for opportunities to encourage members to be part of the organization in fun and creative ways, if you have an idea let us know we'd love to improve! This year will continue to host and create opportunities to develop friendships and partnerships that will last a lifetime!

If you are a current member and have not had the opportunity to attend one of the conferences or join one of our tours, please consider signing up for our next event ASAP! If you are not a member or know someone that wants to be a member, please point them to the link below!

Please see link below for membership information:
[A4LE Membership](#)

Ashley Dixon, Membership Chair
Ashley.Dixon@pbk.com



Applications for the 2026 Gulf Coast Chapter Student Scholarships are open — and the deadline is March 6, 2026!

Know a student pursuing Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Skilled Trades, or Education? Encourage them to apply for a \$3,000 scholarship to support their next step.

🌟 Up to FIVE scholarships available!

Let's continue uplifting future builders, designers, and educators who will shape our communities. Please help us spread the word!

[🔗 Apply here: https://lnkd.in/gtTPiZrV](https://lnkd.in/gtTPiZrV)

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