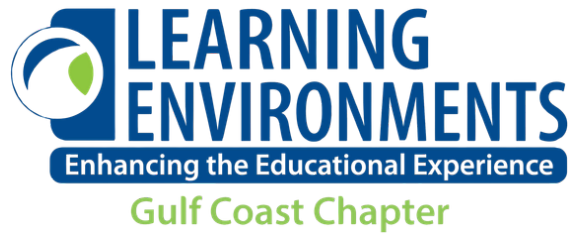


Gulf Coast Quarterly Newsletter



I can't believe we are halfway through 2026! Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Summer Mixer at Kirby Icehouse this year. It was wonderful to kick off the summer with familiar faces while also welcoming new ones to our chapter.

Looking ahead, our Annual Sporting Clays Tournament is scheduled for November 19. This event is always a highlight of the year, and registration is now open. We are also working to finalize details for an upcoming campus tour – stay tuned for more information coming soon.

A few important reminders and opportunities:

- Be on the lookout for upcoming campus tours in the fall – Kingwood MS (September/October) and Lamar CTE (October/November).
- Early Bird Registration (ending July 31) is now open for A4LE LearningSCAPES 2026, taking place November 4-7 in Seattle, WA.
- If you haven't already, please ensure you are a registered member with A4LE. We continue to encourage emerging professionals to get involved – feel free to invite 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 a busy, exciting and impactful second half of the year with our chapter.

Sincerely,
Shannon Thompson
Gulf Coast Chapter President

ANNUAL SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

April 19-22, 2027

Little Rock, AR

[Click Here](#) for more information on next year's conference!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September/ October-
A4LE Tours - Kingwood MS
& Lamar CSD CTE
Nov 19th- A4LE Gulf Coast
Clay Shoot

Emerging Leaders

Emerging Professionals –
Help Us Grow!

We're looking to expand our Emerging Professionals outreach and are seeking a few volunteers to help lead the effort.

If you're interested in connecting, planning events, and supporting upcoming professionals in our industry, we'd love your involvement.

Reach out to a member of our committee if you'd like to get plugged in.

A4LE Gulf Coast Summer Mixer Recap



Thank you to everyone who joined us on May 13th for our Annual A4LE Gulf Coast Summer Mixer at Kirby Ice House.

It was energizing to reconnect with familiar faces and welcome new members who joined us for a night of conversation, collaboration, and connection. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success.

A big thank you to our sponsors for your continued support and commitment to A4LE Gulf Coast—we truly couldn't do this without you.

As summer gets underway, there's a lot of great work happening in our schools, from planning and design to construction efforts that will positively impact students and educators across our region. Enjoy the highlights, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!

A4LE / AGC Construction Forecast



Over 300+ attendees joined us this month for the AGC Houston / A4LE Construction Forecast — an incredible turnout and even better conversation around where our industry is headed.

Big thanks to Bob Richardson for delivering a fantastic, insightful look at what's ahead for construction here in Texas.



We're grateful to Katy ISD for hosting and to all of our amazing sponsors who made this event possible:
Durotech, VLK & PBK, Raven Mechanical, Teal Construction, Permit Us Now, and Greco Structures, GPD Group, AVEX Houston.



Looking forward to continuing the conversation — and shaping what's next together.

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](#)

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A4LE Gulf Coast Scholarships

We're incredibly grateful for the strong support behind the A4LE scholarship fund.

Your generosity is helping students take the next step in their education and opening doors for future industry leaders.

We're excited to keep the momentum going and raise even more in the coming year to grow this impact even further.

Thank you for making a difference!

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