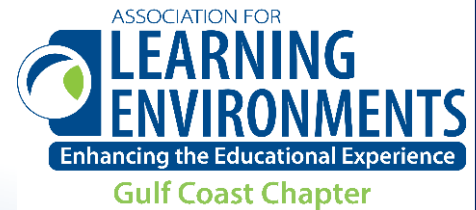


GULF COAST CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

May 2023



The President's Pen

Stephanie Foster



— COMING UP —

- **May 18, 2023**
Summer Social
Loft 18
2313 Edwards St,
Houston, TX 77007

Southern Region Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma came and went. It was a huge success and thank you to those that attended this year! The Gulf Coast Chapter always knows how to represent. Next year's Southern Region Conference will be in Galveston, TX. Please make sure to plan to attend as I believe next year is going to be the best one yet!

We just had our Best Practices: ALEP Q&A discussion at the Tarkett Showroom for those interested in getting ALEP Accreditation. We had great attendance and takeaways for next year's ALEP Q&A. If you are interested in becoming ALEP Accredited, please check that out on our A4LE website. This year's ALEP Academy is almost full!

Coming up in May is our Summer Social Event at Loft 18 on May 18. Be sure to RSVP to snag your spot! If you have never been, this is a great way to kick off your summer with drinks and fun golfing, soccer, baseball virtual games. The best part is that it is all indoors!

After our Summer Social Event, we give all of our members a summer break as our schedules get more booked with completing our work before school starts in August. We will begin to have our sessions start back up in August/September after school starts.

See you all at our Summer Social!

A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Golf Scramble, March 6, 2023

On March 6th 2023, our chapter hosted the Annual Golf Scramble at Wildcat Golf Club, Houston. It was a great day for golf and the event had great participation. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks everyone for coming out participating at this event. Thanks to all the sponsors and event organizers who made this possible.



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Connect the Dots Southern Region Conference, Tulsa April 3-6 2023

The Southern region conference attendees had a great time in Tulsa learning and networking. The sessions were very diverse and informative. Congratulations to the design award winners Stantec Architects who won both the Summit award and Project of Distinction award. Congratulations to the Service award winners Karen Russell and Adam Jones from our Chapter along with Kerri Brady for the Cornerstone award.



A4LE Best Practices: ALEP Awareness, April 26 2023 at Tarkett

The chapter organized their first ALEP awareness best practices event moderated by Stephanie Foster with Tarkett and panelists Sylvia Fitzwater (Arcadis) and Parul Vyas (Stantec). The discussion revolved around the two main pathways to gain ALEP accreditation and sharing personal experiences and goals to inspire more members to seek this important accreditation.



SAVE THE DATES: GULF COAST CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Summer Mixer

Thursday, May 18, 2023

[HOUSTON, TX | Indoor Golf | Loft18 |](#)

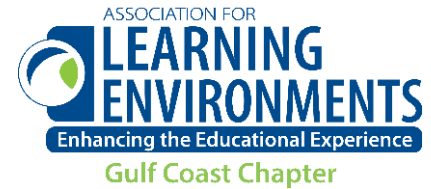
2313 Edwards St, #200 Houston, Texas 77007

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

RSVP required



SAVE THE DATES – Conferences 2023



LearningSCAPES 2023

October 12-15, 2023 Hilton Chicago

The Art and Science
Driving the Transformation
of Learning Environments

[Register | LearningSCAPES 2023 Conference \(a4le.org\)](https://a4le.org)

Congratulations

Gary Hutton, Spring ISD, Planner of the Year at A4LE Southern Region, Tulsa 2023

A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Membership Outreach

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](#)

Brendon Hoffman, Membership Chair

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