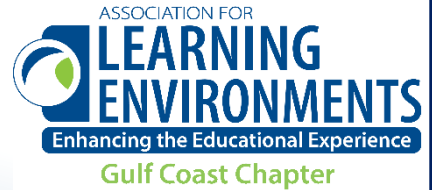


# GULF COAST CHAPTER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

September 2023



## The President's Pen

Stephanie Foster



I am sure many of you have a sigh of relief as the frenzy for opening our schools this summer is now past us. It was an incredible summer in terms of work AND heat! Now with kids being back in school and our heads above water, we can now focus on getting back together to start a fresh new school year.

Coming up is our School Tour held at Ft Bend ISD's James Reece Career Technical Center hosted by Stantec, Ft Bend ISD, and Bartlett Cocke General Contractors. This will be on September 29th at 9a, which makes it easy for those having to go to TASA/TASB that weekend.

Following our School Tour is A4LE LearnSCAPES in Chicago on October 12-15. This year's theme is The Art and Science Driving the Transformation of Learning Environments. It will explore the tracks of Research, Response, and Resiliency through the lenses of Art and Science. It provides a framework for describing the values, attitudes, knowledge, and skills required for effective collaboration among key constituents to improve the planning, design and construction of school facilities. I hope to see you all there!

In our local chapter in October, we will have a best practices event on October 25th discussing the impact of the new bills House Bill 3, 1040, and 1031. More to follow up later!

It has been a pleasure being your President this past year. After LearningSCAPES in October, I will be passing the baton off to our President Elect, Brenda Garcia with Goose Creek CISD. Thank you all for the opportunity and I hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Your Chapter President

Stephanie Foster

## — COMING UP —

- **September 29, 2023**  
**Project Tour 9am-11am**  
James Reese CTC  
Fort Bend ISD  
12300 University Blvd,  
Sugar Land, TX 77479
- **October 25, 2023**  
**House Bill 3, 1031-1040 Panel**  
Associated General Contractors  
3825 Dacoma, Houston,  
TX 77092
- **November 13, 2023**  
**Annual Sporting Clay**  
Greater Houston Gun Club  
6700 McHard Road,  
Houston, TX 77053

## A4LE Gulf Coast Chapter Summer Mixer, Loft 18, 2023

It was great to mingle and network with many of our chapter members at the summer mixer at Loft 18 this year. Thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and event organizers who made this possible.

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## A4LE/AGC Summer Forecast Report Seminar, June, 2023

The Summer forecast hosted by A4LE-AGC was house full! The attendees had the opportunity to network over lunch followed by very informative panel discussion that included District Leaders - Lisa Kassman (Katy ISD), Easy Foster (Conroe ISD), Carolina Fuzetti (Fort Bend ISD) and Brenda Garcia (Goose Creek CISD). The panel discussion was followed by a market update by Bob Richardson, with Durotech.



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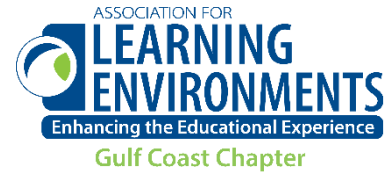
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**PBK**

**At-Large**  
**Kirk Madison**  
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## UPCOMING GULF COAST CHAPTER EVENTS



### Chapter Project Tour

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

James Reese CTC, FBISD

12300 University Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479

Registration required.

[Chapter Project Tour \(a4le.org\)](https://a4le.org)

Join our fellow chapter members and colleagues on this breakfast presentation + tour.

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am



James Reese Career Technical Center

12300 University Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479



### Chapter Annual Sporting Clay

**Monday, November 13, 2023**

Greater Houston Gun Club

6700 McHard Road, Houston, TX 77053

Registration Opens soon

GREATER HOUSTON SPORTS CLUB

A4LE GULF COAST CHAPTER SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

11.13.2023

6700 MCHARD ROAD, HOUSTON, 77053

More information about signing up and sponsorships to come soon.

ASSOCIATION FOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS  
Enhancing the Educational Experience  
Gulf Coast Chapter

SAVE THE DATE

See you soon at LearningScapes



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

Volunteer at the Southern Region Conference in Galveston, 2024

**Sign up to volunteer**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2024 Southern Region Conference**

Galveston TX, May 6-9, 2024

**Waves of Hope: Navigating  
Resilience & Balance**

**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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