

## Rocky Mountain Chapter A4LE Newsletter

August 2017

Ready or not, here comes the new school year! We hope you are ready for this new start whether you are a school designer, an educator, or a parent. Fall seems like the *real* start of a new year, doesn't it? Exciting times. Our local Rocky Mountain Chapter of A4LE has lots of events planned for you. See something interesting? Join us and invite others who might benefit from our professional development offerings as well as our powerful and fun networking opportunities.

### RECENT PAST EVENTS

#### New Meadowlark School Hard Hat Tour

We had a nice group tour this lovely facility still under construction. It will be exciting to see the end result as the building is completed and the kids come in!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### A4LE Screening of the Film, "Most Likely to Succeed"

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**Sie Film Center** (next to Tattered Cover)

2510 E Colfax, Denver

**5:30 Happy hour in the lobby** with Cash Bar and Concession Stand

**6:45 doors open, 7:00 Screening of film with discussion to follow**

\$10.00 for A4LE Members and their guests (Member needs to reserve their guests' spots)

\$15.00 for non-members

Bring your students free of charge!

Free parking behind the theater

[Click here to register](#)

Join us for a fun and inspirational evening with friends and colleagues at a charming venue and experience a film that is turning our old views of school upside down. This movie has been shown at festivals across the globe including the very prestigious Sundance and Tribeca festivals. It has also been shown at the regional A4LE conference in Salt Lake City this year and the CEI conference at Snowmass last year. It is a fascinating exploration of how kids learn and how our schools may need to change to provide what kids need in our changing world environment. It is a close look at what happens at High Tech High, a school putting project based learning into full practice.

If you want to check out more, go to their web site at [www.mltfilm.org](http://www.mltfilm.org). Be sure to watch the clip about their showing at Sundance to catch the enthusiasm generated by this wonderful group of people.

*"Most Likely to Succeed" is a feature-length documentary that examines the history of education in the United States, revealing the growing shortcomings of conventional education methods in today's innovative world. The film explores compelling new approaches that aim to revolutionize teaching as we know it, inspiring school communities to reimagine what students and teachers are capable of doing. To date, "Most Likely to Succeed" has screened for thousands of audiences around the world, igniting conversations and empowering change along the way.*



From Director Greg Whiteley (Last Chance U, Mitt,) and Executive Producer Ted Dintersmith (author, Most Likely to Succeed)

## 2017 Design Awards

It is time to get your submissions ready for the 2017 Design Awards with the award culmination at our **Annual Christmas Party**. The party date is still TBD, but see below for the schedule for submissions and judging. This is a yearly favorite and is a great way to showcase your favorite projects. Each submission can be shown at the party to a very interested group!

August	Call for Entries
September 22	Application and Fees due (online)
November 3	All Awards Submittals due at Form + Works Design Group's Office
November 11	Jury Review
TBD	Holiday Exhibition and Awards Party

Last year, Oz Architecture's Roots Elementary was the Peak Design Award winner for 2016. Maybe the 2017 winner will be your project...but only if you submit it!



## New Board Member and Officer Nominations

In September, we will be electing a new board and slate of officers. As is true with all organizations, you will enjoy the group and get the most out of your membership if you take an active role. It's fun and, since it is a strong group, never too much for any one person. Let us know if you would like to join us.

## Southwest Regional Conference 2018 is in Denver

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Southwest Region is responsible for putting together plans for the 2018 Conference this Spring. Plans are well under way! We are looking at the week of April 23rd so save some time that week. We will publish more information as plans progress.

## Membership Committee

Our association depends on the commitment and enthusiasm of active local members. Be sure to invite your friends and associates for one of our upcoming events. We would love to have them join us! Don't forget any emerging professionals who might especially benefit from the programs and connections offered by the Association. Please contact Sue Walker [s.walker@vs-charlotte.com](mailto:s.walker@vs-charlotte.com) for information about joining our chapter.

