Southwest Region

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

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A4LE AWARDS TRAINING HASELDEN CORPORATE OFFICE

6950 SOUTH POTOMAC STEET CENTENNIAL, CO 80112

Join us at Haselden's corporate office on August 28th at 3:00 PM for a presentation on the A4LE awards submittal process and a question answer session with members. Light refreshments will be provided!

CLICK HERE for information about the Rocky Mountain Chapter Design Awards and past winners



MEMBERSHIP HAPPY HOUR

LOCATION AND DATE TBD DENVER, CO

Our September membership event will feature the 2018 A4LE award winner Poudre Valley School District's **Mobile Academic Classroom** by RB+B ARCHITECTS. Stay tuned for more details on date and location.



MOBILE ACADEMIC CLASSROOM

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CHINOOK TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACADEMY SCHOOL DISTRICT #20

9750 GRAND LAWN CIRCLE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80924

The school is the first new stand-alone middle school for Academy District 20 in over 20 years and was the largest project in the 2016 bond. Through a community design workshop process, it was determined that the building should focus on project based learning, student wellness and connections to nature. The building was designed utilizing WELL Building criteria with an emphasis on healthy and positive spaces. Utilizing the middle school team concept, classroom clusters are built around project-based learning labs that offer opportunities for teaming, collaboration and small group work.



Join us for networking, presentation about incorporating Project Learning and Design Thinking into school curriculum.

SCHEDULE

3:30 - 4:00 PM Arrive and network

4:00 - 5:00 PM Presentation by Tom Andrews the principal at Chinook Trails focused on his research into Project Based Learning, Design Thinking and how he has interwoven those into curriculum for the school. Also available to be a part of that conversation is Henry Reitwiesner from Academy 20, Brian Calhoun from RTA and Jack Mousseau from MOA.

5:00 - 6:30 PM Tour of the facility with Tom, Academy 20, MOA, RTA and Bryan Construction.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT. STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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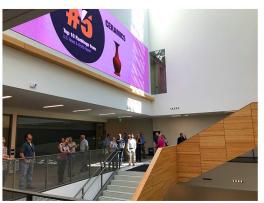
1725 EUCLID AVENUE, BOULDER, CO 80309

The tour of the University of Colorado's Center for Academic Success and Engagement (CASE) was sponsored by GH Phipps and led by David Schafer of OZ Architecture and Gary Constant of GH Phipps. The attendees learned about the challenges of building on top of an existing parking garage in the middle of campus and designing a building which serves as an introduction to the University for prospective students and their parents. Highlights of the tour included:

- An atrium which highlights an easily traversed stairway that encourages the use of stairs over elevators (which are tucked around a corner).
- Discussions about designing for a multi-department University building that is being finished in phases versus a single department building.
- Sitting in the auditorium used to entice prospective students.
- Enioving some delicious food, getting to know other A4LE members, and enjoying a view of the Flatirons.







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THE INNOVATION CENTER OF ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS

33 QUAIL ROAD LONGMONT, CO 80501

The tour of the St. Vrain Valley Schools Innovation Center was hosted by School Leader, John Steckel, and Anderson Mason Dale Architects, Cathy Bellem. Attendees learned about the deeply ingrained culture of STEM in the St. Vrain Valley District, and how it manifest in a facility to house STEM resources for the entire district. Program highlights included:

- The Technology lab where students as young as 13 become Certified Apple Technicians, and are employed by the District to provide service to the district's Apple equipment.
- The Robotics & Engineering lab where a massive fish tank houses amphibious robotics experiments
- The Aeronautics lab and adjacent Drone landing field
- Biomedical engineering, makerspaces, business incubator programs, PTECH programs, and multi-media labs
- The St. Vrain district Professional Development offices, where STEM Professional Development courses are offered for instructors throughout the district.

Established as a home-base for the District STEM initiative, the building houses in-depth research, enhanced collaboration, and technically enhanced outreach in a state-of-the-art facility.







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