The President’s Pen
Lisa Lamkin, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C

Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year’s conference a huge success! The opportunity for building relationships and expanding knowledge will continue to reverb throughout our region. One of the important things we do is recognize those who go above and beyond in serving the organization; the following individuals were recognized in New Orleans:

Service Citation
Chris Narendorf
Thomas Campbell PE
Keith Anderson
Michael G. Lachin, AIA
Samuel J Herpin, AIA
Kevin F Moran AIA
Sarah Stewart
Jorden M. Dial
Kerri Ranney, AIA, Esq., REFP
Wayne Reynaud, AIA, REFP
Tania Hahn

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Distinguished Service
Anne Hildenbrand, AIA, LEED AP
Beverly Fornof
Bradley R. Chilcote, AIA, ALEP
John Hansen
Michael G. Lachin, AIA
Roberto Zuniga AICP, ALEP
Brandi McDaniel AIA, LEED AP
Jeffrey Newman
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Gulf Coast Chapter
South Texas Chapter

Cornerstone Award
Joseph A. Irazarry
Dillon M. Brady, REFP
Garrett Sullivan

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Planner of the Year
Mark R. French, AIA, ALEP

COMING UP

2017 Otto D. Grove Student Scholarship, Submissions Due: June 9th, 2017

A4LE International Conference, Southern Region Scholarship, Application due: August 8th, 2017

A4LE International Conference October 25 – 30, 2017
Atlanta, GA

Southern Region Scholarship

This Scholarship provides financial assistance for one or more individual’s residing in the southern region states to attend the A4LE Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. Preference is given to members who have not attended the international conference. Application form will be available online after July 7th, 2017. The deadline for submission is August 8th, 2017. Winners will be notified by August 18th, 2017.
The Chairwoman's Pen
Irene Nigaglioni, AIA, ALEP, LEED AP BD+C

We are excited to share with all that the Southern Region Foundation Advisory Board granted 13 scholarships for attendance to the Southern Region Conference in New Orleans. This is the largest number of scholarships ever awarded, and they represented a diverse group of folks from our region. Kudos are in order for the Louisiana Chapter who was able to elicit interest from 5 Louisiana new members that were able to attend the conference for the first time on Foundation scholarships. The scholarship recipients were:

- Becky Bannister
- Michelle Bergwall
- Kevin Crovettio
- Grant Gerald
- Micah Hawkins
- Kenneth Howe
- Josh Minor
- Sita Lakshminarayan
- Bret Smith
- Sarah Stewart
- Bob Tolomeo
- John Varnado
- Marcus Williams

The Southern Region Advisory Board is in full scholarship mode these days, as we have several scholarship packages out or on the way out. We have just received back responses to the scholarship for tuition in A4LE’s Advanced Academy for Learning Spaces, so we will be reviewing those in order to announce a winner soon. The Advanced Academy is an intense, high quality program consists of six, 6-week online courses created by industry experts. The Southern Region Foundation has been fortunate to provide a scholarship to this program every year since its inception.

Scholarship applications will be released next month for the Otto Grove College Scholarship. This scholarship is offered to college students attending school in the southern region states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, to assist them with tuition and housing. Applicants must be enrolled in college or any post-secondary institution, and their major must be in architecture, engineering related to the building environment, construction management, education or another field related to educational facility planning. The Foundation Advisory board has budgeted to award five of these scholarships this year, so please help us get the word out.

In June, we will release the Scholarship for attendance to the International Conference in Atlanta. We hope we get plenty of interest in it as this is always a very exciting conference.

We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities to all our members! Check us out at http://www.a4le.org/websites/regions_and_chapters/index.php?p=449

Southern Region Scholarship
Continued

Following are some of the comments from the Winners of the Southern Region Scholarship who attended the Southern Region Conference in April.

- Micah Hawkins
  “I’m extremely excited to be able to attend this year’s A4LE Southern Conference and learn from today’s leaders in educational facility planning and construction. As a school employee, this is a great opportunity to look at the ever-evolving learning environment and discuss how we can better prepare today to implement tomorrow’s needs. Further, it serves as the perfect platform to share current issues my district is facing while offering feedback on issues others may be encountering as well.”

- Marcus Williams
  “I am extremely thankful for receiving the Southern Region Foundation 2017 Scholarship. This scholarship will afford me the opportunity to further my education as a learning environment designer. The experience gained from attending this convention combined with the interactions with fellow convention attendees will be essential in my development as a designer, and greatly assist in the creation of the best possible learning environments for students and staff. I appreciate this opportunity and cannot wait to attend conventions in the future.”
Thoughts from the Southern Region Conference

Tim McClure

_Reverb:_ Prolongation of sound, a continuing effect; a signal that is echoed causing a large number of reflections to build up and then diminish into the landscape.

The reflections of our pasts continue to be absorbed into today’s environments and surroundings. What is your influence on today’s educational environment and how will it be reflected into the future? This was the inspiration behind the 2017 Southern Region Conference.

This year’s conference has come and gone with much success! For the first time, in a long time, the southern region conference traveled out of the state of Texas, as we journeyed to New Orleans! With arms open wide from the Louisiana Chapter, NOLA welcomed our conference attendees to an incredible conference at an equally incredible location. The cultural influence was ever present in the food, entertainment, Mardi Gras beads and all that the French Quarter had to offer! Some of the conference highlights included workshops that exposed us to learning villages in remote regions of Tanzania to a school on a barge where students can collaborate with scientist and fishermen and even other examples of virtual reality labs. Our participants also engaged in experiential learning combined with networking as they took on the French quarter in a scavenger hunt. We had 11 teams take on 61 combined clues and activities as we kicked off the conference. Congratulations to Kevin Moran and Team Orange as they secured first place! (Sorry Team Silver)

This year’s conference allowed us to meet and interact with visitors from all over the world, as our International Board preceded our conference with a strategic planning session. We enjoyed having several of them stay and participate in the southern region conference with us. We also visited, learned, and explored ideas with future educational planners as students from Monterey Tec and the University of Texas at Arlington provided presentations to our attendees.

Conference goers had opportunities to tour four different educational projects. From newly designed facilities to historic renovations that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina, the tours provided those interested to visit the schools and learn about the planning and design process along with each of their own unique and interesting stories.

Southern Region Scholarship

Continued

Following are some of the comments from the Winners of the Southern Region Scholarship who attended the Southern Region Conference in April.

Becky Bannister

“I am extremely excited about receiving this scholarship. I have worked for Round Rock ISD since 1998 and this is the first opportunity I have had to take advantage of the conference. As I stated in my Scholarship Application, I am the Construction Specialist for Round Rock ISD. I maintain the construction department records and have been wanting to get more involved in understanding my project managers jobs. I think by attending more of these types of events, I will be able to gain that knowledge and ultimately help bond the construction department even closer together.”

Bret Smith

“I want to thank you, the Scholarship Committee and the A4LE organization for granting me the opportunity to attend the Annual SR Conference. I have worked for almost 34 years in education with 29 years in Ponca City, Oklahoma and 21 of those in administrative roles that include health, wellness, safety & security, and building operations. I can truly say this organization has been the best source of innovative design concepts, networking opportunities and problem solving think tanks I have ever had the privileged to be a part of. The scholarship, with so many budget cuts for schools, and in Oklahoma as a whole, is a tremendous help in allowing me to continue this association of caring professionals.
A4LE NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER IMPACT AWARD
by Briar Hannah Glenn, AIA LEED AP BC+C

The IMPACT award is one of multiple North Texas A4LE chapter initiatives that benefit our community each year through the revitalization of campus learning environments. The North Texas A4LE chapter envisions designating multiple initiatives each year that impacts community through the revitalization efforts of campus learning environments. IMPACT grant recipients are determined by a panel of external judges based on quality of submissions. Upon award, implementation of grant projects is a collaboration between the North Texas A4LE Chapter membership and educators across North Texas.

PURPOSE
The purpose of this impact award is to not only enhance the usability of any qualified educational environment with a permanent improvement or modification but to also impact the community and its involvement in the local education process. The implementation of this IMPACT GRANT AWARD is intended for collaboration between the North Texas A4LE Chapter membership and Educators across North Texas. The North Texas A4LE chapter envisions designating multiple initiatives each year that impacts community through the revitalization efforts of campus learning environments. Funding for the award comes from the NTX chapter fund raisers held each year. We are humbled to contribute to the economic development, physical health, educational opportunity and social wellness of the communities served by our chapter.

AWARDS
Since its inception five years ago, thousands of dollars in grant awards have been given to local schools selected by a panel of judges. The requirements and submissions have evolved over time with this year’s submissions being a video project in one of the following categories: Fine Arts, Visual Arts, STEAM/STEM, Foreign Language, Technology, Science, History/Social Sciences, English, Math & Other. Our chapter awarded 5 winners this year to 5 different facilities. This year’s award recipients include:

Gold Award (up to $7,500):
Richardson ISD’s Richardson High School was awarded a $6,000 grant for their CTE R Studio Community Classroom.

Silver Award (up to $5,000):
Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute received a $3,000 grant for Literacy Tutoring using the Gideon Curriculum.

Bronze Award (up to $2,500):
Birdville ISD’s Smithfield Middle School was awarded a $2,000 grant for Learning in the Zone.
Keller ISD’s Hillwood Middle School received a $1,500 grant for Year End Studies.
Frisco ISD’s Nelson Middle School received a $1,500 grant for their Stem/Steam Maker Space.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors, vendors, and participants! Without your involvement and support of A4LE, and the Southern Region, we would not be the same! If you missed this year’s conference then please make plans on attending next year’s Southern Region Conference!

Laissez les Bond Temps Roulet!
North Texas Impact Award Continued:


The NTX Board would like to thank our jurors who did a phenomenal job at evaluating all the submissions:

Ronna Johnson, Principal with Outreach Strategists from Houston, Texas

Christina Haughn, COO of Edmond Public Schools from Edmond, Oklahoma

Angela Whitaker-Williams, Associate Principal with Perkins+Will in Austin, Texas.

We would also like to thank the outstanding work of our Impact Award Chair, Sangeetha Karthik, who is a Vice President with Corgan. Sangeetha has been instrumental in the success and outreach of the Impact Award across North Texas. Not only has she served on the committee for the past several years, she has helped to refine the application, submission and selection process.

If you would like to learn more about the NTX Impact Award and how you might be able to implement in your chapter, please contact Donna Robinson at donna@a4le.org. Donna will connect you with the NTX Impact Award Committee Chair for the 2017-2018 year.