



PAST EVENTS

- 2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit
- SPY Awards
- OSHA/Society news updates
- 2026-2027 NEW EX COMM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2026 PDC REGION III Seaworld
- Energy Corridor Meeting August 26'
- North Section Social
- 09/03 - GC Chapter back in session



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Join us for our GULF COAST CHAPTER MEETING



SEPTEMBER 3, 2026



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GEORGIA AVE, DEER PARK, TX 77536



SPEAKER:
JERON QUINCY, MS, CSP

TOPIC:
"SPEAK CEO"





SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US AS WE TEE OFF A BOLD NEW CHAPTER.



CONNECT
Build relationships with
safety professionals



LEARN
Gain insights from an
industry expert



LEAD
Strengthen our profession
and our community



ENJOY
Great conversation on
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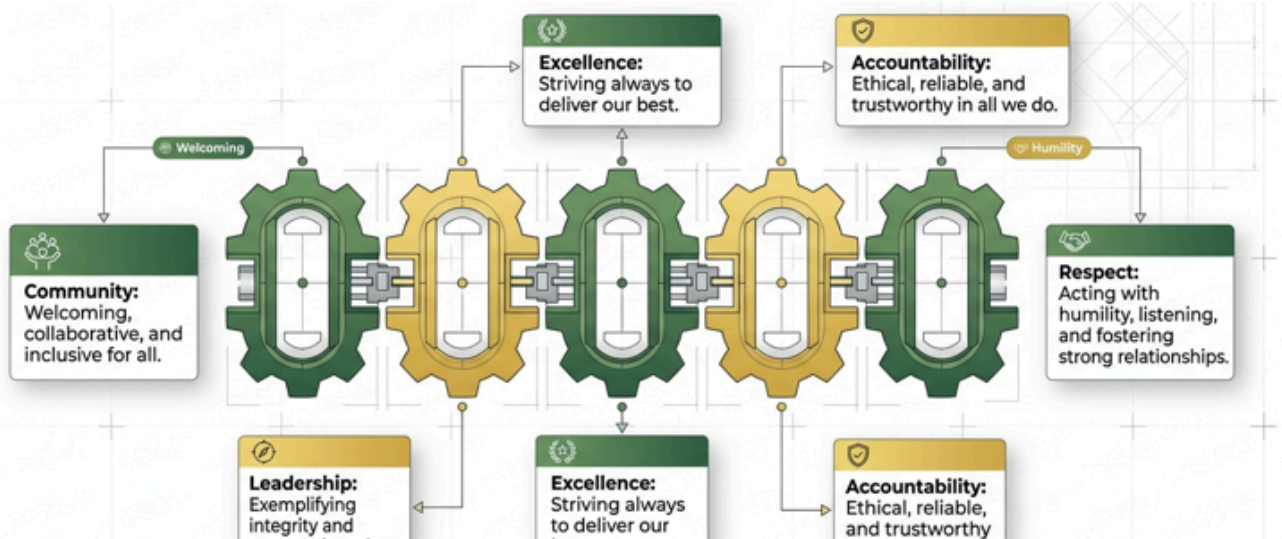
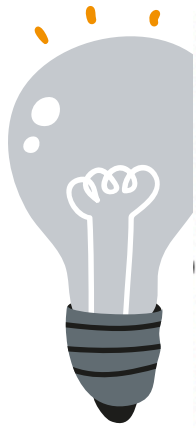


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Leading with our CLEAR Values

ASSP's new strategic plan incorporates these five values:



CLEAR is an acronym used to help people remember and share key points easily across the ASSP ecosystem. It serves as a simple framework for communicating the ideas with stakeholders.

<https://www.assp.org/about/strategic-plan>

Help us GROW & Refer a Member Annual Member-Get- A- Member Program

ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2026.

Share the benefits and resources ASSP offers with safety colleagues, directing potential members to the ASSP website to encourage them to join the Gulf Coast Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a **1-year membership** extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card.

For every complete member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses

Learn more at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>

ASSP CONNECTION

LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF ASSP MEMBERSHIP

Did you recently join ASSP? You're in good company. As an ASSP member, you are part of a vibrant community that helps you grow professionally through education, networking, standards and advocacy.

• Our member communities—practice specialties, common interest groups and chapters—help occupational EHS professionals engage with others in similar industries or with shared experiences. Some of these groups offer educational and networking opportunities through live webinars on technical safety topics, many of which provide CEUs.

• Our education programs provide members with various ways to learn and expand their professional and personal development, including webinars, online courses, conferences, certificate programs and certification preparation courses. Members enjoy generous discounts on all our educational programs.

• Our online career center allows members to find a new opportunity or post a job listing for potential candidates.

• As an advocate for workplace safety and EHS professionals, ASSP understands the importance of leading the discussion and evolution of voluntary consensus safety standards. And our members can purchase standards at a discounted price. By adopting voluntary standards, you can evolve your safety program from a compliance-based cost center to an initiative that improves your organization's performance and overall sustainability.

• Student membership opens the door to affordable education and webinars and provides access to mentoring and job search resources, as well as a scholarship opportunities through the ASSP Foundation.

• Every year, ASSP presents awards to our outstanding volunteers and recognizes individuals for their contributions to the safety profession and toward driving excellent results within their organizations and ASSP.

Learn about these and other benefits at www.assp.org or by calling our customer service team at (847) 699-2929.

Listen to The Case for Safety Podcast for New EHS Information

The Case for Safety podcast features conversations with safety experts sharing their ideas and insights. It provides the latest information on industry consensus standards, highlights ASSP technical publications and covers a range of EHS topics through interviews with subject matter experts.

In episode 116, "Implementing a Safety Management System: What You Need to Know," Greg Ziegler discusses how standards like ANSI/ASSP Z359 can provide organizations with a framework for developing a safety management system that meets their specific needs for addressing hazards and managing risks on their jobsites.

Listen to the episode and learn more at <https://assp.us/23bAME>.

Submit a Book Review to PSJ

Have you read a safety or management book that changed your perspective or helped your safety practice? Consider writing a book review to share your impressions with others in the safety field. Professional Safety publishes reviews of books, articles and other media of interest to EHS professionals and executive leadership. Publishing a book review can also be a great addition to a résumé. Download our book review guidelines with starter questions to help guide your evaluation at <https://assp.us/23bAME>.

Explore Free Learning Resources

ASSP's website offers free resources such as interactive webinars, easy-to-share articles and presentations. Topics include fall protection, compliance, safety management systems, risk assessment and management, certification preparation, and worker well-being. Watch webinars on business skills and leadership or on topics such as leading and lagging indicators, communicating with the C-suite, and training. You can also explore Health Toolkits, a 12-part series that aim to help safety professionals apply STEEP principles to everyday safety issues and overcome apprehensions about math and science. Explore our free learning resources at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>.

Leverage the benefits of your membership.



Celebrating Safety Leadership at the 2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit



2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS



Jethzabeth Aguirre-Solis



Jason Millenbruch



Geoffrey Miller



Ryan Clayton



Katizu Gayo



Norman Ritchie



Bruce Pettengill

2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit

Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award



Jeron Quincy, MS, CSP

The Gulf Coast Chapter of ASSP is proud to recognize excellence in our profession through the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award, presented at the 2026 Gulf Coast Safety & Health Summit. This prestigious honor celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to advancing workplace safety, mentoring peers, and driving meaningful change within their organizations and communities.

Our SPY Award recipients exemplify the highest standards of safety leadership. Their tireless commitment to protecting workers, fostering a culture of prevention, and championing continuous improvement inspires us all to raise the bar in everything we do.

Presented in proud partnership with the AIHA Gulf Coast Local Section.



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REGION III ASSP PDC

SeaWorld, San Antonio, Texas



Tuesday Night
Social Hour

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Pillar 1: Educational Advancement

Earn 1.5 CEUs. Customize your experience across 4 concurrent tracks and 32 breakout sessions.



Pillar 2: Strategic Networking

Meet trendsetters, connect with occupational health peers, and explore 35+ exhibitors. Includes all meals and complimentary social events.



Pillar 3: Actionable ROI

Find real solutions to top challenges. Bring back specific tools to build business cases and convince leadership.

MORE INFO

If you need immediate assistance, you can e-mail us at safety@regionthreepdc.com or contact Erika May at 661-472-6591.



10 Reasons to Attend the Region III PDC

A comprehensive breakdown of the value, connections, and solutions waiting for you in San Antonio.



Professional Growth & Education



- 5 Earn 1.5 CEU credits to maintain your hard-earned certifications.
- 28 Learn from national trendsetters and customize your exact learning path with 32+ breakout sessions spanning 4 concurrent tracks.

Networking & Industry Connections



- 3 Network with passionate OHS peers to exchange ideas and best practices.
- 7 Explore the exposition featuring 35+ exhibitors showcasing the industry's most current products and solutions.

Actionable Solutions & Leadership



- 16 Find real solutions to your top challenges and gain the tactical tools needed to build compelling business cases for management.
- 4 Empower and inspire your team by bringing back newly gained, cutting-edge safety insights.

All-Inclusive Engagement & Fun



- 9 All-inclusive dining and socials: Breakfast and lunch are provided Monday and Tuesday, alongside complimentary nightly social events (reducing daily per-diem costs).
- 10 Have some fun: Enjoy exhibitor raffle prizes and engaging social activities over two nights to unwind with your peers.

i ROI Guide for Leadership: The left column highlights direct organizational ROI (CEUs, actionable tools, and business case development), while the right column emphasizes network scale and cost-effective logistics (included meals reducing per-diem expenses).



2026 Region III ASSP
Professional Development Conference
September 21-23, 2026
SeaWorld San Antonio, Texas



Government Affairs Update



OSHA VPP Core Elements Realigned

Effective June 2026, VPP aligns with OSHA's Recommended Practices. Directive CSP 03-01-005 outlines updates to Medical Access Orders and creates new VPP Elite and VPP Emeritus levels.



ASTM SIF Standard (E2920-26)

Establishes a 4-level classification for Serious Incident & Fatality prevention. Defines Level 1 incidents as having a clear workplace connection and establishes guidelines for tracking potential SIFs (pSIFs).



Harwood Training Grants

\$12.7M available for targeted educational development, emphasizing high-risk small businesses.



Note: OSHA names Jennifer Rous as the new Director of Whistleblower Protection Programs.

ENERGY CORRIDOR'S 150TH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY MEETING.





Student Services Update

Brought to you by the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP)

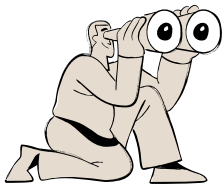
SPRING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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Our student membership drive is a vital activity for your student section. The number of members your section recruits propels growth and enables you to expand your programs. It also helps build the professional network for your section members. The peers you meet as a student will become the colleagues you rely on throughout your career.

Help us recruit graduating students to join the Gulf Coast Chapter!



ASSP Grants & Scholarships

Investing in the Next Generation of Safety Professionals



Left Panel (ASSP Grants & Scholarships)

Career development grants available to support professional advancement.

- ✓ **Status:** Applications accepted year-round.
- ✓ **Process:** Awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.
- 🖱️ **Portal:** asspfoundation.secure-platform.com



Right Panel (Student Recruitment)

Vital initiative to expand student section programs and build early-career networks.

- 🎯 **Goal:** Recruit graduating students to join the Gulf Coast Chapter.
- 🔗 **Impact:** Today's student peers become tomorrow's trusted industry colleagues.



join us

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE ENERGY CORRIDOR



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ASSP Student Leadership PDC

Elevating the Next Generation of EHS Professionals

Designed for EHS/OHS Students, Emerging Professionals, Faculty, and Industry Mentors across Region III and beyond.

April 8–9, 2027 | Fort Worth, Texas



Community & Respect

Networking Night & Mentorship Connection Opportunities.

Fostering a collaborative environment and building vital industry relationships.



Leadership & Accountability

Student Project Displays & Interactive Case Study Competition.

Showcasing integrity, empowering peers, and applying ethical problem-solving.



Excellence

Career Panel, Lightning Round Interviews, Resume Reviews, & Exclusive Off-Site Facility Tour (April 9).

Striving for the best in professional transition and operational safety knowledge.

[\$99] =

[2 Nights Hotel] + [All Meals] +
[Full Conference Access] + [Off-Site Tour]

Registration:
Open June 8, 2026 – March 31, 2027.



Travel Tip: Out-of-area attendees (e.g., Decatur, IL) should coordinate travel to Fort Worth early.

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new PROJECT

AN ASSP GULF COAST INITIATIVE

ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter Career Pathways Series

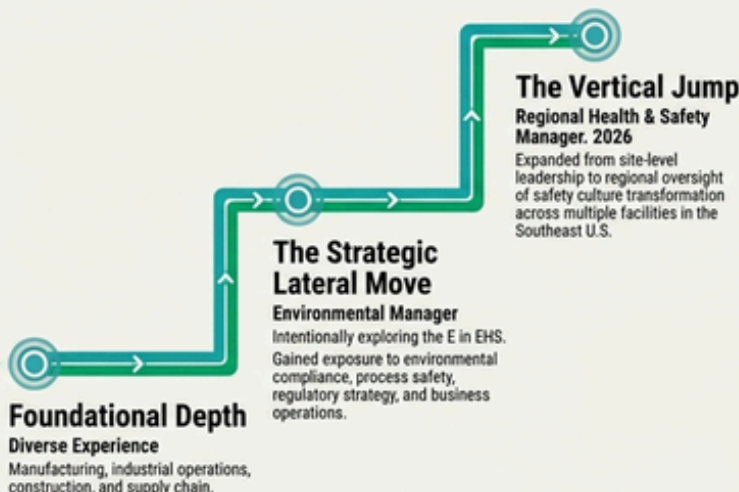
Highlighting Local Safety Career
Progression, Hiring Insights &
Professional Growth Opportunities.

Designed to help safety professionals,
emerging leaders, and students
navigate and accelerate their careers in
Occupational Safety & Health.

Learn from the experiences of fellow
practitioners while expanding your
professional network.

Today's Career Progression Spotlight

Chika Samuels, CSP | From Safety Professional to Regional Health & Safety Leader



Executive Pro-Tips:

- Strategic lateral moves can build the breadth of experience needed to accelerate into larger leadership opportunities.
- Seek opportunities that increase influence, not just title.
- The best career opportunities are often found at the intersection of preparation and timing.



Feature Your Journey

Have a recent career advancement or milestone? Help inspire fellow safety professionals by sharing your leadership journey with the Gulf Coast Chapter.

Email Us to Share Your Story



Sharpen Your Skills

Looking for your next opportunity? Learn what hiring managers are really looking for through our semi-annual Resume Review and Mock Interview Workshops featuring leading industry recruiters.

Email Us to Schedule

Your next opportunity may be
one conversation away.

throwback

ASSP GULF COAST

Hospitality Crawdad Crush Event





NORTH

Chapter Get-Together

Join fellow ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter members for an informal evening of networking, connection, and conversation with safety professionals across the Gulf Coast.

Date: August 20

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Main Event

19441 I-45 South, Splendora, Texas

What to Expect

We'll have a bowling lane open and appetizers available for a relaxed evening with chapter members and local safety professionals.

- Network with safety, health, and environmental professionals
- Catch up with chapter members and industry peers
- Enjoy open bowling, appetizers, and casual conversation

Please RSVP with Mike James at
mikejames427@gmail.com or **425-830-0658**.

All ASSP members and safety professionals are welcome.