



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Gulf Coast Chapter

2026 NEWSLETTER



PAST EVENTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08/2026 - North Section -Main Event special
- Early May 2027- Annual Crawfish Boil – 11-3pm (date TBD)
- Energy Corridor Meeting October 26'
- North Section Social - October 2026
- 09/03 - GC Chapter back in session
- PDC Social after PDC
- Chapter Christmas Party - Dec (Date TBD)



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Region III PDC Awards and Honors Evening



Region III capped off its 2026 Professional Development Conference with an evening dedicated to the people who make our safety community stronger.

The Awards and Honors Evening brought together members, chapter leaders, and guests to recognize the individuals and chapters whose dedication, leadership, and service stood out over the 2025–2026 year.

From chapter achievement awards and Safety Professional of the Year honors to Region III Hall of Fame inductions, the night celebrated the work that happens every day in workplaces across the region, and the volunteers who keep our chapters thriving.

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees, and thank you to everyone who joined us.



STUDENTS spotlight

The Region III ASSP 2027 Student Leadership Conference



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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.

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[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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Email: abby.holovach@vibeenvironmental.com

**new
PROJECT**

AN ASSP GULF COAST INITIATIVE

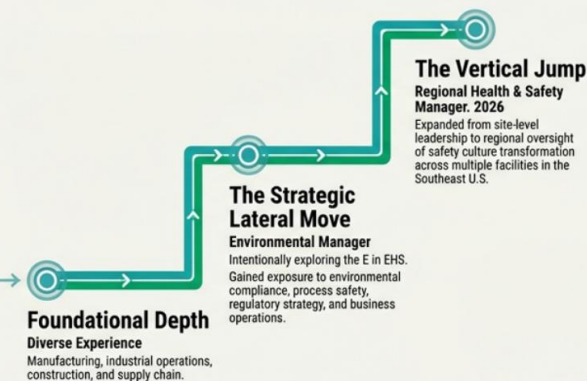
ASSP Gulf Coast Chapter Career Pathways Series

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.



Student Services Update

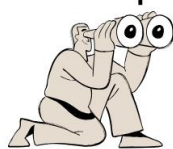
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SPRING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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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

REGION III SPY WINNER

Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award



Jeron Quincy, MS, CSP



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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.

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ASSP GULF COAST CHAPTER NORTH SECTION MEETING



OCTOBER 15, 2026



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SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY, THE
WOODLAND CENTER, RM TBD
3380 COLLEGE PARK DRIVE, CONROE, TEXAS,
77384



SPEAKER:

JERON QUINCY, MS, CSP

TOPIC: "MIND YOUR BUSINESS"

Sr. VP of Communications
Geoffrey Miller, CSP



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FOR LUNCH IS
ONLY ONLINE.
NO PAYMENT AT THE DOOR—IN-PERSON

AGENDA

11:00 AM TO 11:30 AM **NETWORKING & LUNCH**

11:30 AM TO 11:45 AM WELCOME &
SECTION BUSINESS

11:45 AM TO 12:45 PM PRESENTATION

Secretary
Elaine Seram, CSP

Treasurer
Jeron Quincy, MS, CSP

SAVE THE DATE

Student Liason
Eric Huysman, MsED

Program Chair
Hunter Verm

Newsletter Chair
Chika Samuels, CSP

JOIN US AS WE TEE OFF A BOLD NEW CHAPTER.



CONNECT

Build relationships with



LEARN

Gain insights from an



LEAD

Strengthen our profession

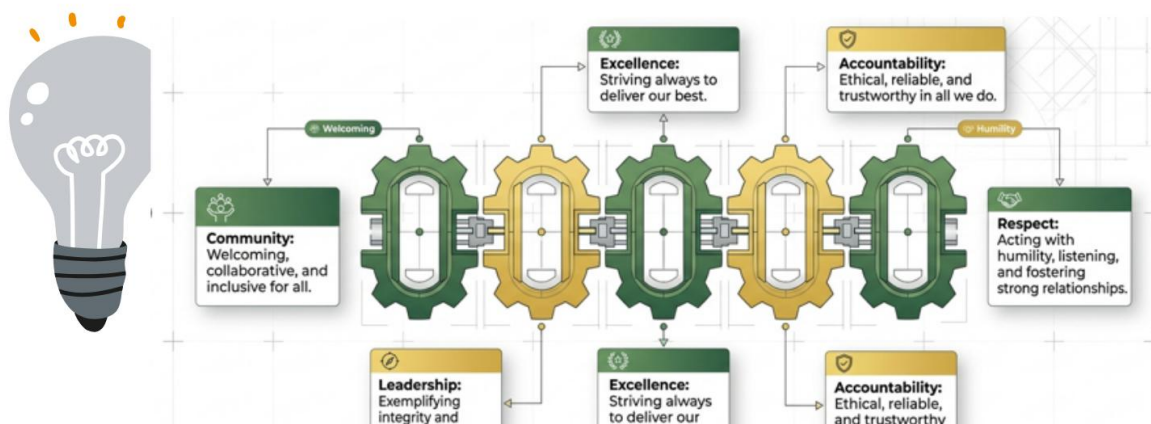


ENJOY

Great conversation on

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>

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ASSP CONNECTION

LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF ASSP MEMBERSHIP

As an individual in the safety and health profession, you are part of a vibrant community that helps you grow professionally through education, networking, standards and advocacy.

Other member opportunities include: professional development, continuing education, certification, and more. These opportunities are available to all members, regardless of their level of involvement.

For more information, visit www.assp.org or call 1-800-451-2267.

Listen to The Case for Safety Podcast for New EHS Information

The Case for Safety podcast features conversations with safety experts, providing the latest information on industry concerns, standards, highlights, and more. Listen to the episode and learn more at <https://www.assp.org>.

Submit a Book Review to PSJ

Have you read a safety or management book that changed your perspective or helped you solve a problem? Consider writing a book review to share your experience with others in the safety field. Professional safety publications review books, articles and other media of interest to EHS professionals and executives. Submit your review to psj@assp.org.

Explore Free Learning Resources

ASSP's website offers free resources such as interactive webinars, e-learning modules, and more. These resources are available to all members, regardless of their level of involvement.

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.



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Grant

- Provides financial support for OSHE Undergraduate students (\$2,000/semester)

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate Full-time students (enrolled in >12 credit hrs.)
- Declared OSHE major
- 2.5 GPA min.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Students report 10 hrs of student activities/wk

How to apply?

- Email Dr. Magdy Akladios (Akladios@uhcl.edu)



National Institutes of Health



University of Houston  Clear Lake

The choice is clear.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Honolulu, HI

October 27-28
Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference
This biennial conference provides attendees opportunities to learn the profession's best practices focusing on safety, health, industrial health and environmental issues. The 2-day event features three keynote speakers and 24 breakout sessions in four concurrent tracks as well as an exhibition of more than 50 sponsors and exhibitors. Topics include safety training, risk prevention, fall protection, artificial intelligence, adult learning principles, construction safety and hazard assessments.
ASSP Hawaii Chapter: <https://hawaii.assp.org>

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Online
105-107 • ASP Exam Preparation.
ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
108 • AI and the Future of Fire Protection Engineering: Opportunities, Risks and Real-World Applications. Learn how artificial intelligence (AI) is being applied to structural and fire engineering challenges, where the technology is delivering value today, and where future opportunities and limitations remain. ASSP Fire Protection Practice Specialty: <https://bit.ly/4y8MqJq>

Online
107 • Silence Before the Incident: Psychological Safety as a Critical Control. Learn about reframing psychological safety as an operational safety control that determines whether concerns, weak signals, near misses and deteriorating conditions surface while there is still time to act. ASSP Women in Safety Excellence Common Interest Group: <https://bit.ly/4y8MqJq>

Online
107: The Business Value of Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Across Global Industries: A Review of Case Studies. American Congress of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH): 742-742-2020; www.acgih.org

Online
108-109 • CSP Exam Preparation.
ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Events during October, November & December
• Current month advertiser
• ASSP community
*These ASSP courses have a live virtual classroom option available. For information, visit www.assp.org information.
Send event announcements to professional@assp.org

Online
109 • From Fear to Fuel: Getting Over Your Fear of Public Speaking. Learn practical tips for managing anxiety that can interfere with effectively communicating critical safety messages, including eight methods to counteract nervousness. ASSP Healthcare and Training and Communications practice specialties and Women in Safety Excellence Common Interest Group: <https://bit.ly/4y8MqJq>

Online
1013 • Workers' Compensation 101: Part 2. Gain an expanded view of workers' compensation and how it functions as well as a better understanding of the experience modification rate. ASSP Risk Management Practice Specialty: <https://bit.ly/4y8MqJq>

Ashland, OR
1013-1015 • Southern Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference. This conference features 3 days of informative sessions, keynotes, and safety and health educational breakout sessions. ASSP Southern Oregon Chapter and Oregon OSHA: www.assp.org

Online
1014 • Cybersecurity Risks for Contractors. Learn practical strategies to better recognize, evaluate, and manage cybersecurity risks as part of a comprehensive safety and operational risk management program. ASSP Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Resources, and Risk Management practice specialties: <https://bit.ly/4y8MqJq>

Online
1022: Measuring What Matters: Risk, Impact and Value in Decision-Making. American Industrial Hygiene Association: (703) 849-8888; www.aiha.org

Online
1022-115 • Bow Tie Risk Assessment. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1023-11/19 • Corporate Safety Management. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1023-11/19 • ANSI/ASSP Z36: Using Safety Metrics to Drive Operational Excellence. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1023-11/19 • Integrating Z10 to Manage Occupational Health and Safety. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1022-11/19 • Incident Investigation Techniques. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1022-11/19 • Integrating ISO 45001 to Manage Occupational Health and Safety. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1022-11/19 • Influential Leadership Skills. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Online
1022-11/19 • Enterprise Risk Management for Safety Professionals. ASSP: (847) 699-2929; www.assp.org

Nashua, NH
1027-10/28 • ASSP New England Area Professional Development Conference. ASSP New England Area: <http://region8.assp.org>

Birmingham, AL
1028-10/30-2026 Annual Southeast Mine Safety and Health Conference. Southeast Mine Safety and Health Conference: www.southeastmineconf.org

Kennewick, WA
11/2-11/6: Confined Space Rescue Team Leader. D2000 Safety: (800) 551-8763; www.d2000safety.com



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ASSP Resources for Members:

Scholarships Open Oct. 15,