

SAFETY MATTERS

President's Message

Hello, OKC Chapter Members,

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful early Oklahoma heat. This will be my last letter as President of the OKC ASSP Chapter and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving. I cannot thank you enough for the support you have provided over the past year. I especially want to thank the executive committee for their help and guidance. Without them, this chapter would not be nearly as successful.

Regarding the executive board, we have new committee members starting in the fall. It is always exciting to have new faces join us with new ideas. Remember, you don't have to be elected to come and help the executive committee. Adam Roberts will be taking the lead starting next month and looking for help. Please support him and the new members in any way you can.

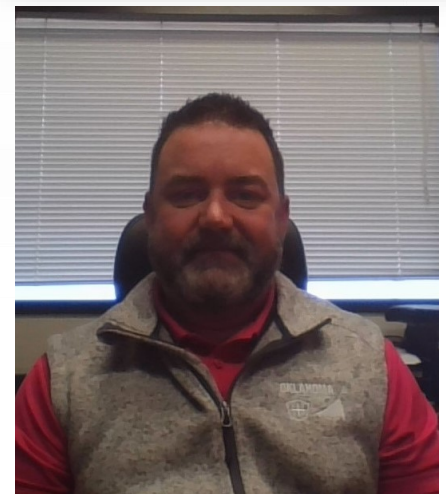
On June 12th, OKC ASSP will be holding a virtual meeting. Steven Kirby, Area Director with OSHA and Bill Young, Manager of Safety Services at OG&E have worked together on a presentation for the National Emphasis Program regarding Amputations. Please join us through GoToMeeting found on the OKC ASSP website events page.

Highlighted below in the newsletter are several successes the chapter has had this year. Several OKC Members and Student Members have received scholarships through the ASSP, with the OKC Scholarships going to OKC Members. Please join me in congratulating member Brandon Thomas and recent UCO graduate/student member Faith Looney! Thanks to our Annual Clay Shoot and typically the PDC, we are able to grow the OKC ASSP Foundation Scholarship each year.

I look forward to the next meeting and to see where the 2020-2021 ASSP Chapter Year takes us. I hope you have enjoyed the past year as I have. Take care, stay safe and stay healthy!

Respectfully,

Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM
President, OKC Chapter ASSP



Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM
Sr. Safety Specialist
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PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2018-2019

Faith Looney

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Education:

- Faith is an undergraduate student, earning a bachelor's degree in Occupational Safety at University of Central Oklahoma.

Engagement with ASSP:

- Active Member of ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter (Region III)



Recipient Statements:

What drew you to the field of Safety and how has your education affected your views of the field?

My mom has been in safety her entire life. During my freshman year of college while a Pre-Pharmacy student, she hinted at the idea that safety might be a field I would be successful in because I love people and technology. To see if she was right, we drove to Dallas, TX and I took an aptitude test. After seeing my results, I knew safety would be a field where I could thrive. So, I transferred schools, changed my degree and jumped head first into the field of safety and ASSP. I instantly fell in love with my classes, professors, and the overall concept of safety. Realizing I was in school to ensure that people make it home from work everyday gave my education so much more purpose. My university has been so helpful in counseling me on class options, conference dates, and internship and full time offers. The faculty always ensures that students are exposed to a variety of industries and do their best to get students job offers before graduation. My education is giving me a baseline of knowledge on which I can build through experience in the field and in actual industrial settings. Having a degree gives me credibility with workers who will look to me for direction and support. My first semester in safety, I was the Vice President of our ASSP Chapter. For my next two semesters I have been the President and have had the opportunity to represent my university at many conferences, PDC's, joint meetings, and at different networking events through the student chapter. I have attended the Future Safety Leader Conference for two years and each year the ASSP Foundation has shared information of how we can supplement our tuition with scholarships and grants.

What leadership and volunteer positions have you taken within the safety community and what positions do you envision in the future?

As President of our chapter, it is my responsibility to represent UCO at every parent chapter event. This year, my officers and I participated in: - Our annual Burger Bash, in the Fall and our Fish Fry, in the Spring, are networking events where we invite safety professionals and alumni to talk to our students and help grow

relationships. We have dinner, raffles, and spend the evening networking. We use this event to enlighten our students on industries that have internships and full time positions coming up. - The annual Clay Shoot is the OKC Chapter's biggest fundraising event of the year. They invite safety professionals from all over the state to shoot clay, have big ticket item raffles, and serve breakfast and lunch for the day. My officers and I were invited to help by taking photos, cooking meals, and doing whatever was needed of us. We as a student chapter send students to this event every year as a way to draw those in that aren't involved.

What goals do you have for yourself in school and beyond, and what plans do you have for reaching them?

As a Senior, my goals are to maintain a strong GPA throughout the last two semesters. I also want to learn everything I can from the brilliant teachers that are investing in me. When graduation comes in May, I want to utilize every resource that UCO and ASSP has to offer and use my student membership with ASSP to maintain relationships I have developed, and network with new people I come in contact with. I hope to continue to stay in contact with my fellow students as they become my fellow professional peers. As for personal goals, I have received a job offer with Liberty Mutual in Plano, Texas, as a Risk Control Consultant. I will be moving there immediately upon graduation. While new to my position, I want to start studying for my certifications right away. I plan to work towards my ARM and obtain my CSP within five years. I want to ensure I use every opportunity Liberty Mutual has to grow my knowledge and skillsets. I will have accounts in a variety of industries and will be exposed to multiple types of workplace safety. As for personal goals within ASSP, I am excited to get established in the new Texas ASSP Chapters. I hope to immediately start contributing while meeting new people along the way. I am involved in WISE in Oklahoma City and plan to contribute there as well. I look forward to any speaking opportunities where I can share my passion for this field and help others as I was helped by the many mentors ASSP gave me. Latrice, the head of the FSLC conference, mentioned there is a possibility for me to attend the conference next year and hold a round table discussion on Insurance Safety and what that truly means to those who are unfamiliar, just as I was. I also want to be involved with the Dallas Humane Society and start fostering cats and kittens every chance I get.

What is the greatest takeaway from your current year in school, and what will you do with that knowledge to impact people throughout your career?

My fall semester began after a three month internship in safety. Actually working in the field made me realize how important the information is that I'm learning. My classes had new meaning after my internship after I realized how much I need every bit of information I can learn for my permeant safety job. Insurance covers every industry and I know I need to be knowledge in every field. Construction, industrial hygiene, food safety, distribution centers, and manufacturing plants are examples of my exposures this summer. The knowledge from my education will allow me to perform my job, protect my company through compliance, protect workers on the job, and develop those coming up behind me. I also use my safety training to influence my friends because I have developed a very low risk tolerance to unsafe behavior.

What makes you stand out as an applicant?

I am a natural leader and have a great passion for safety. These attributes contribute to making me a strong candidate for this application. I have also been a

strong contributor to ASSP by recruiting members to not only sign up for ASSP but also to be involved by attending conferences and meetings. Through my passion and leadership I have increased student membership to ASSP and encouraged people to get the most out of ASSP and join concentration groups like WISE. When I first started in ASSP, membership was lackluster and I knew I needed to create a fun and engaging atmosphere within our student chapter. I also raised money, organized events, and developed relationships with members and leaders. I am aligned vertically with the leadership in ASSP and my professors, and horizontally with my peers and those coming up behind me. When it comes to safety and ASSP, I am all in!

May 20, 2020

Dear ASSP Foundation Donors,

I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful scholarship that you awarded me at the University of Central Oklahoma. Please know how completely thankful I am for your generosity and kindness. I just graduated and coming June 8th, I will be a Risk Control intern with Liberty Mutual in Plano, Texas.

I was the President of our local chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals and attended multiple ASSP student leadership conferences and ASSP professional development conferences. These have been invaluable in meeting other safety professionals and providing tools for enrichment in this field. I am looking forward to getting real experience this summer full time with Liberty Mutual where I know my love for this field will continue to deepen.

Again, thank you ASSP Foundation Donors, for this generous scholarship. While I wait for my full time job in a few weeks, this scholarship will be a huge help toward my reducing my financial expenses from my college education.

Sincerely,

Faith E. Looney
ASSP President, UCO Chapter

Brandon Thomas

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- Brandon is a Business Consultant at JM2 Capital.
- Years as a safety professional: 10

Engagement with ASSP:

- Member of ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter



Recipient Statements

Grant Utilization

This grant would fund the completion of 4 certified OSHA Training Institute courses. The OSHA #510 Occupational Safety & Health Standards for Construction, OSHA #500 Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for Construction, OSHA #511 Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry, & OSHA #501 Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry.

What are your career goals and how will this grant help you achieve them?

My greatest joy in safety has been training, mentoring, and education. Working with employees through different training programs and knowing I can play a small part in providing education and tools that can keep them safer on the job is the greatest driver in my safety career. I am building different industry experience and assembling skills so that I can one day be a full-time safety educator for an Oklahoma OSHA Authorized Training Institute & Education Center. Being a qualified instructor with an authorized OSHA training center will allow me to teach these key OSHA courses reaching far more employees that need the knowledge of the highly reputable OSHA 10 hr. and 30 hr. training courses. I want to reach far more Oklahoma employees and spread the knowledge of work safety and how it protects the employee as well as their family. I pursued a career in safety after my father was permanently disabled on the job because I wanted to help make a difference and protect families from work injuries. I strive to help everyone become their own safety manager, so they don't have to rely solely on someone else to watch out for their well being. My father suffered a career ending injury and it changed our family forever. I don't want to see other employees and their families

suffer the same or worse fate as our family has. My safety career is dedicated to him and his sacrifice.

What roles or leadership positions have you taken within the safety community?

I am active in my local chapters of the Oklahoma Safety Council & American Society of Safety Engineers attending nearly all monthly meetings, I am active in the Oklahoma Safety Council's annual safety conference planning committee. I presented a safety breakout session at the 2019 Oklahoma Safety Conference and plan to present at next year's conference as well.

What makes you stand out as an applicant?

I am a safety professional that uses a composite of experience from construction, retail, manufacturing, process improvement, and leadership to embed safety into the work culture. I have a unique way of relating to all workers at all levels because of my experiences from below ground up. I say below ground because I originally didn't finish high school and went directly to trade work after my junior year. I had just been married and had my first child. Bills had to be paid. I worked in the "trenches" and experienced the same hardships and issues of the everyday worker. I eventually worked through a trade program, onto an Applied Science degree, and onto an undergraduate in Industrial Safety. That journey would not have been possible without my wife's sacrifices to fill the income gap during school. Because of the culture I am from, I genuinely respect and value every level of employee and their contributions. This respect is seen by the employees as genuine and dramatically enhances my credibility as a safety professional strengthening my safety message. I work to earn their respect. This approach and my life journey have created a huge advantage in changing negative safety culture to a positive safety culture with the companies I have worked for. One of the most common statements I have heard over the past 10 years is "You are one of us". This opens the door to how I bridge the gap between management and the line worker.

Brandon D. Thomas, ASP, CSCP
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05/26/20

Dear ASSP Foundation Donors:

I am thankful and thrilled to be a recipient of a 2020 ASSP Foundation Scholarship and Professional Grant. This ASSP Foundation Grant is paramount in advancing my journey as a continuously developing safety professional to protect employees and their families. With this generous grant I can complete a series of OSHA Train-the-Trainer programs allowing me to provide workers formal OSHA complaint training that will enhance their ability to identify and avoid hazards while also providing them formal safety certifications that will help advance their career. This grant will have a far-reaching impact on numerous individuals in the years to come!

Thank you all. This would not be possible without your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brandon D. Thomas', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brandon D. Thomas, ASP, CSCP

2020 Academic Scholarship Recipients

ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter Scholarship, \$1,000

Faith Looney

University of Central Oklahoma

Bachelor's Degree Program: Occupational Safety

Oklahoma City Chapter, Region III

Archie Moore Scholarship, \$1,000

Zachary Evans

Oklahoma State University

Bachelor's Degree Program: Fire Protection & Safety Engineering Technology

Oklahoma City Chapter, Region III

Liberty Mutual Scholarship and ASSP Safety 2020: Virtual Student Conference Registration, \$7,125

Zachary Evans

Oklahoma State University

Bachelor's Degree Program: Fire Protection & Safety Engineering Technology

Oklahoma City Chapter, Region III

Pollock-Stegall Safety 2020: Virtual Student Conference Registration

Paula Sarmiento Henicke

Oklahoma State University

Bachelor's Degree Program: Industrial Engineering with minor in Safety

Oklahoma City Chapter, Region III

Rixio & Alejandra Medina Hispanics in Safety Scholarship, \$5,000

Paula Sarmiento Henicke

Oklahoma State University

Bachelor's Degree Program: Industrial Engineering with minor in Safety

Oklahoma City Chapter, Region III

2020 Professional Development Grant Recipients

*Mike & Judy Thompson Business of Safety Matters Professional
Education Grant, \$1000*

Damon Hinkle

Thru Tubing Solutions

HSE Manager

Oklahoma City, Region III

Grant Use: Certification Support

Oklahoma City Professional Education Grant, \$1500

Brandon Thomas

JM2 Capital

Business Consultant

Oklahoma City, Region III

Grant Use: Certification Support

Region III Professional Development Conf

Event Information:



For more information and to register: <https://regionthreepdc.com/>

*** Please note that we are not sure if we will move the conference to 2021 or not. We are working with the Hotel and others to determine if we can hold a successful PDC if the City and Hotel can't give us a better idea on how many can attend by this date.



Membership and Student Development

- Society PDC
 - June 22-25, 2020 (Virtual)
 - Denver 2021
 - Chicago 2022
 - San Antonio 2023
- Region III Professional Development Conference
 - August 31 to Sept 2, 2020 – San Antonio, TX (Tentative)
- Leadership Conference – Chicago, IL
October 01/03, 2020

Region III Student Leadership Conference

- April 2021 – Location to be announced.



Leadership/Development

- ▶ Region III Professional Development Conference
 - ▶ August 31 to Sept 2, 2020 – San Antonio, TX
 - ▶ ROC – August 30, 2020 – 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- ▶ Leadership Conference – Chicago, IL
October 01/03, 2020

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The ASSP OKC Chapter is excited to re-establish the Mentorship Program for our Chapter members. Stephanie Schroeder, Bill Young, and Jason Nieuwenhuis did a great job establishing this program a couple of years ago and we hope to continue that success. We are asking for Mentors and Mentees.

The purpose of this program is to provide professional growth and coaching by drawing on the knowledge and insight of experienced safety and health professionals.

A Mentee will be paired with a Mentor for a period of one year. They will connect at least once a month to discuss such topics as Career Conversations, Job Search Skills, Professional Certification, Networking Pursuits, Professional Skills, and other issues that might be of interest to you both.

A Mentee is a recent graduate or a safety and health professional with less than five years of experience. A Mentor is a safety and health professional with more than 5 years of experience with a willing heart to help a fellow safety and health professional as they start their career.

If you are interested in being a Mentor or a Mentee, please visit the ASSP OKC Mentoring website at <https://okc.assp.org/mentorship/> and submit the required forms to either Damon Hinkle at damon.hinkle@thrutubing or Mike Messner at messnermik@aol.com. The Mentoring Committee will be responsible for doing the pairing and notify the Mentor and Mentee. The Committee will try to pair the Mentee with a Mentor in the same industry if possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:
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Mike Messner, Co-Chair at messnermik@aol.com



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