

# SAFETY MATTERS

## President's Message



OKC Chapter Members,

Before writing my second final message as chapter president, I went back and read a few of last year's letters. I can't say I have enjoyed this past year as much as I did 2020-2021. I don't know if everyone feels the same, but what a difficult time we have all had over the past 15-18 months. The result of COVID-19 on our state, country, and the world are quite devastating. Not just from a death toll and illnesses standpoint, but to include the economy, job losses, stress on first responders and healthcare workers, as well as safety professionals trying to ensure safe work environments. Personally, I am glad things are starting to get back to a new normal—whatever that new normal may be.

As of today, our current ASSP guidance does not allow for in-person meetings, so we will conduct a Zoom meeting on June 11. Unfortunately, I will be at class that day. We will also have blended meetings starting in the fall, so even if you cannot attend in person, you can still participate. Hopefully we can also start returning to Francis Tuttle in September. Keep your fingers crossed.

I would like to once again thank the executive committee for all their support and direction over the past year. With everything being virtual this year, I hope to see them in person soon. There are not many changes to the committee this year, so please consider helping out in 2021-2022, as many of this group have been here for several years. Please also consider running for a position in 2022. We welcome new ideas from anyone, so contact an executive team member if you have suggestions.

I look forward to the next in-person meeting and to see where the 2021-2022 ASSP chapter year takes us. Take care, stay safe, and stay healthy!

Respectfully,

Patrick McGrew, CSP, CHMM

President, OKC Chapter ASSP



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**Next Chapter Meeting**  
**[June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 AM via ZOOM](#)**

**Speaker:** Mr. David Oliver, edD, CSP  
University of Western Kentucky

The rapidly changing terrain of safety practice. The importance of taking an "All Hazards" view of your organization. The advantage of having co-credentials in seeking your dream position.

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# Upcoming Events

Join the ASSP, Oklahoma Safety Council and our partners for the 25th anniversary of National Safety Month, an annual observance to help keep each other safe from the workplace to anyplace. With the U.S. seeing the highest number of workplace deaths since 2007 – 5,333 fatal workplace injuries in 2019 – this observance is more important than ever. Identifying risks and taking proactive safety measures to reduce hazard exposure on important topics from ergonomics to chemical management is crucial to creating a safe workplace.

The OKC Skydance Bridge will be lit green on June 16<sup>th</sup> to recognize National Safety Month.

You can get in on the act too! Wear green and share your selfie on social media with the hashtags #GoGreen #NSM and #GoGreenOSC. Be sure to tag us too – Twitter: [@OKSafetyCouncil](#) – Facebook: [@Oklahoma Safety Council](#). Be sure to tell us one thing you're doing to "Go Green for Safety!"

## Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference

Registration is now open for the Oklahoma Safety & Health Conference, August 11-13, 2021 in Tulsa. Booth spaces are filling up fast, but are still available, and sponsorships are also available. Contact Carolyn Willilams at [carolynw@oksafety.org](mailto:carolynw@oksafety.org) for details. Don't forget the Golf Tournament, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ Battlecreek Golf & Country Club. Early bird rates have been extended to June 11<sup>th</sup>!

Register at: [OSC Conference \(oksafety.org\)](https://oksafety.org)

# ASSP Foundation Scholarship & Grant Winners

## Congratulations to all award winners from Oklahoma!

Since 1990, the ASSP Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million in academic scholarships and professional education grants to occupational safety and health students and professionals working towards their educational goals.

Thanks to the generosity of the safety community, nearly \$328,000 in 130 scholarships and grants are awarded this year. [Congratulations to the 2020-2021 scholarship and grant recipients!](#)

Through the support of the ASSP Foundation scholarship and grant programs, more than 1,300 safety students and professionals have advanced their careers.

### **ASSP Foundation ASSP Oklahoma City Chapter Scholarship, \$1,000**

#### **Hunter Askew**

*University of Central Oklahoma  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Occupational Safety  
Oklahoma City*

### **ASSP Foundation ASSP Southwest Chapter Roy Kinslow Scholarship, \$1,500**

#### **Landon Robinson**

*Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Occupational Health and Safety  
Southwest*

### **ASSP Foundation Amazon Impact Scholarship, \$10,000**

#### **Cooper Decker**

*University of Central Oklahoma  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Occupational Safety  
Oklahoma City*

#### **Talun Thomas**

*University of Central Oklahoma  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Industrial Safety  
Oklahoma City*

### **ASSP Foundation Archie Moore Scholarship, \$1,000**

#### **Adam Robertson**

*Oklahoma State University  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology  
Oklahoma City*

### **ASSP Foundation ISN Scholarship, \$1,500**

#### **Hunter Askew**

*University of Central Oklahoma  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Occupational Safety  
Oklahoma City*

#### **Brock Sherwin**

*Northeastern State University  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Environmental Safety and Health Management  
Tulsa*

### **ASSP Foundation Harry Taback 9/11 Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000**

#### **Ashton Fletcher**

*Northeastern State University  
Bachelor's Degree Program: Environmental Health and Safety  
Tulsa*

### **ASSP Foundation PhD Scholarship for Future Educators, \$1,000**

#### **Leslie Stockel**

*Texas Tech University  
Doctorate Degree Program: Other  
Oklahoma City*

### **ASSP Foundation Oklahoma City Professional Education Grant, \$1500**

#### **Patrick McGrew**

*Continental Resources  
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# Membership and Student Development

## 2021 UCO ASSP FISH FRY

UCO Students and Faculty met with Chapter members for a social event on 4/22 at Broncho Lake at UCO.





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