



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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Upcoming Events

March Chapter Program: Value of Humans within Automated Systems

Our presenter is Nichole Morris, PhD. UM Research Associate Professor, Director of the HumanFIRST Laboratory.

Date & Time: March 11, 2025 | 11:30am-1:00pm

Location: The Builder's Group | Eagan, MN

[Register here.](#)

April Chapter Program Save the Date: Student Paper Presentations

Date & Time: April 8, 2025 | 11:30am-1:00pm

Keep a look out on our [website](#) for more details and registration information.

Make Plans Now for Safety 2025

Summertime may seem far away - especially with the cold temperatures we had in mid-February, but warmer days are coming. Something that makes us think of summer is when Society opens up registration for Safety 2025. Did you see the ASSP email announcement that came out in January with this announcement? Be sure to make plans to attend the event which runs from July 22 - 24 in Orlando. Each year the Northwest Chapter has a lot of members attending, and there are plans for a Chapter networking get-together down there. Future Chapter newsletters will contain details so stay tuned!



February 2025 PDC Recap

Big Turnout of EHS Professionals Celebrates Safety at the 2025 Chapter PDC

The Northwest Chapter held the annual Chapter Professional Development Conference (PDC) on Tuesday, February 12 at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West in Plymouth, Minnesota. A lot of work by the PDC Planning Committee resulted in a successful event. It was a cold day outside, but the action was hot inside as Attendees, Sponsors, Exhibitors, and Presenters numbering 159 people, came together for a full day of learning, networking, and celebrating the EHS profession. At the opening of the PDC, we enjoyed a very special video, created just for the PDC, that chronicled the history of safety in America, the ASSP, and the Northwest Chapter.

Highlights of the day included a compelling Morning Keynote message from John Kriesel, breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon, a panel discussion with leaders from Minnesota OSHA, a post-lunch general session sponsored by the Minnesota Safety Council, and a Closing Keynote on artificial intelligence by Nancy Lyons that captivated the audience with insights, challenges, and humor. Chapter President, Jon Eichman led a mid-day Chapter Meeting in which he announced that Alanna Lee of Cirrus

Aircraft was named the Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY Award).

Throughout the day, an Expo Area was busy with opportunities for Attendees to meet with a variety of Exhibitors to learn about the latest in EHS products and services. A game of Exhibitor Bingo provided encouragement for everyone to get around to all the Exhibitors! Something new this year was a Post Conference Reception that was well-attended and a great way to enjoy more networking while winding down after a busy day. If you were unable to make it to the PDC this year you missed out on a great event. Mark your calendar and make it a priority to attend the 2026 Northwest Chapter PDC scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026! The location is yet to be determined, but a Twin Cities area venue will be announced later this year.



Thank you to all the 2025 PDC Sponsors and Exhibitors - an event like this is not possible without you!

2025 Northwest Chapter PDC Sponsors

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2025 Northwest Chapter PDC Exhibitors



News to Share

2024 Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award" Congrats to Alanna Lee!



We are thrilled to announce that Alanna Lee, Director of Environmental Health & Safety at Cirrus Aircraft, has been honored with the ASSP Northwest Chapter "Safety Professional of the Year" award. This award is presented annually to one chapter member who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the occupational safety and health field while also advancing the profession overall. The chapter considers recipients based on the past 5 years of experience and achievements including: knowledge, expertise, ASSP involvement, professional contributions and leadership. The award was presented by current ASSP Northwest Chapter President, Jon Eichman during the 2025 ASSP Northwest Professional Development Conference on February 11, 2025.

Alanna was selected for her exceptional achievements, involvement and leadership, which include:

- Master of Environmental Health & Safety from UMD
- Certified Safety Professional from BCSP
- Adjunct Professor for UMD MEHS Program
- ASSP Northwest Chapter Board Leadership:
 - President 2023-2024

- o President Elect 2022-2023
- o Vice President 2021-2022
- o Board Member 2020 - Present

Through her commitment to excellence, Alanna has inspired colleagues, mentors, and peers alike. We are proud of Alanna's achievements and the recognition she has received. This award is a reflection of her unwavering passion, dedication, and the positive influence she has had on our local community of safety professionals. We look forward to seeing all that Alanna will continue to accomplish in the years to come.

Congratulations once again to Alanna Lee on this well-deserved honor! Here's to many more milestones and successes ahead.

2024 Safety Professional of the Year Award - HSP Common Interest Group: Congrats to our Northwest Chapter member Milton Guerrero!



Milton is currently an EHS Specialist at 3M Center EHS R&D Laboratory Organization. In the past he held similar roles both in manufacturing and R&D, in food, automotive parts, biotech, pharma, medical device, and PPE industry. Milton has over 17 years working in occupational Health, Safety and Environment (HSE). He holds a Food Engineering undergraduate degree from Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (Lima-Peru), a MSc degree in EOH from California State University Northridge (California), and just started a Safety Sciences PhD at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition to being a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), a Safety Professional (CSP), and a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), he also has a diploma as a Quality Management Systems and Environmental Auditing Specialist.

Milton was recognized in August 2024 as an ASSP Safety professional of the year by the [ASSP Hispanic Safety Professionals common interest group](#).

The award is listed in the SSP website and is accessible through this link [Practice Specialty/CIG SPY Past Recipients \(2024\)](#)

Northwest Chapter ASSP 2025 Scholarship Program

Multiple Scholarships totaling \$4000 available for students pursuing a graduate degree, Master of Science in Risk Control, at University of Wisconsin-Stout, Master of Environmental Health & Safety, at the University of Minnesota-Duluth or Master or Doctorate in Public Health or an Occupational Safety, Health or Environmental field of study at the University of Minnesota.

Due dates for your application to be considered are as follows:

- *US Postal Users must have their application postmarked by March 26, 2025*
- *Last minute filers must deliver their application in person or as a PDF file via email no later than 4:30 pm CDT on Friday March 28, 2025.*

Please visit our [website](#) for further information.

The Dan Hannan Sr., Memorial EHS Scholarship

EHS professionals serve employers and employees by preserving what matters most—the quality of life. This is accomplished by effectively managing the risks associated with working conditions and human behaviors. No employee should go to work fearful of injury or unknowingly exposed to hazards and conditions that could result in a debilitating illness. To that end, the EHS professional is a vital part of an employer's operations, ensuring sustainability by contributing to the return on investment that a healthful workforce provides to a business.

Dan Hannan Sr.—was a commercial painter for four decades from the 1950's through the 1980's. His passing in 2000 because of lung cancer was caused in part by his occupational exposures that occurred well before workplace controls were established by OSHA in 1970. This onetime \$1,000 scholarship proves to memorialize not only his service to his trade but also his largely unguarded health and safety condition.

Please visit our [website](#) for further information.

Society News to Share

- [5 Regulatory and Legislative Predictions for Safety Heading Into 2025](#)
 - [Do You Need a Safety Incentive Program? Here's How to Start](#)
 - [Episode 145: Bridging the Gap Between Safety and Operations - Tips for Front Line Leaders](#)
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Member Get a Member Program

When a new full member lists a current member as their referring member in the membership application, the referring member gets the credit and is eligible for prizes at different thresholds. The prizes are outlined in the link below as well as a refer-a-friend tool with some suggested messaging to new potential members. Members typically refer their own colleagues, friends, and associates in safety to become members.

<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

Chapter Board Meetings - Guests are Invited!

Did you know your Northwest Chapter Board meets monthly to manage Chapter affairs? These meetings usually take place prior to the regular monthly programs and are open to all Members. It is possible to attend these meetings in person or via a conference call. Observing these meetings is a great way to get an inside look at what it takes to be an ASSP "Platinum Chapter". It is also a good way to learn more about the various Chapter leadership positions and get involved!

If you have never been to a Board Meeting and want to check it out, come early to the location for the monthly Chapter Program and join us. If you want to attend the Board Meeting via conference call, please contact a member of the board to get a unique login credentials.

Mentorship Corner: Need Some Help or Do You Want to Help?

Sometimes, ASSP members encounter difficult matters that transcend and/or may lie outside the professional literature, their coursework, and experience. The chance to discuss creative solutions and resources (on a confidential basis), with a Chapter mentor can often be helpful.

On the other side of the coin, seasoned professionals, in their roles as mentors can gain significant benefit from knowing that they have helped a mentee negotiate a difficult challenge, and have had a positive impact on the safety and well-being of employee groups connected with their mentee's workplace, and (possibly) that organization's customers and the wider community, as well.

We invite you to explore such opportunities.

Career Opportunities

Check out our [website](#) to see the latest in current openings!



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