



**Welcome to the April Newsletter!!**

### **April meeting wrap-up**

**On April 10th, thirty-six Chapter members made their way to the 3M Fall Protection facility in RedWing, MN for a great educational Chapter event. Members got a front row seat to Fall Protection 101 and details of developing a respiratory protection program. The Northwest Chapter looks forward to offering other unique, outstate events during 2018-2019 Chapter season!**



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### **May Northwest Chapter Meeting**

**Topic: Ensuring the Safety of the Multicultural Workforce in the Midwest**

**Speaker: Pedro Lopez**

**Bio: Pedro López is the founder and president of the Hispanic Contractors Association of Minnesota (HCA-MN). He is also a Federal OSHA authorized Spanish Outreach Trainer and conducts their 10- and 30-hour class training sessions. Pedro studied law enforcement at**

Minnesota State University, Mankato and was recruited from college to work at Minnesota OSHA. Pedro has worked in the McGough Construction safety department since 2014.

Pedro is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers Safety Professional and the Latino Workforce (SPALW) and has served on the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry Occupational Safety & Health Advisory Council. He has worked closely with Minnesota State Senators on different legislation's benefiting Latinos/Hispanics and other minorities in the construction industry.

Tuesday, May 15th 11:30-1:30pm

Grumpy's Roseville, MN

2801 Snelling Avenue, Roseville, Minnesota, 55113

Register here:

<https://northwest.asse.org/events/may-northwest-chapter-event-note-date-change/>

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### Northwest Chapter 2018 Student Scholarships Awarded!!

The Northwest Chapter awarded four students with \$4000 in scholarships. Minghong Jiang from the University of Minnesota. Shanna Kuehn from the University of Minnesota. MaryAnn Feliciano from the University of Wisconsin – Stout, and Nicholas Massa from the University of Minnesota – Duluth. The students presented themselves very well and the Northwest Chapter board wishes them the best of luck with their future Safety and Environmental Health!

#### Minghong Jiang - Northwest Chapter Scholarship Recipient - \$1400



Ms. Jiang will graduate with a Master of Science – Industrial Hygiene in the Fall of 2019 from the University of Minnesota, holds a bachelor of science degree in Nutrition with emphasis on Dietetics from the University of Minnesota. Ms. Jiang has worked as a Dietitian and Food Service Director/Manager for the University of Minnesota Dining Service and Ebenezer Care Center. She has also worked as an Advanced Nutrition Aide for Fairview Hospital at the University of Minnesota. Ms. Jiang has participated in multiple research projects at the University of Minnesota with the Environmental Health, Food Science, and Family Medicine departments. She has volunteered her time with the Women Infants Children Clinic (WIC), Salvation Army, and Second Harvest Heartland over the past few years in Minneapolis.



**Shanna Kuehn - Northwest Chapter Scholarship Recipient - \$1000**



Ms. Kuehn will graduate with a Master of Public Health – Industrial Hygiene and Human Factors and Ergonomics from the University of Minnesota in the Summer of 2018, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy/Religious Studies from St. Cloud State University. She has worked at Nesting Time, in-home childcare, as an owner/operator. Ms. Kuehn has held positions as a Field Service Engineer, IT Tech/Desktop Support Analyst for Cargill and the City of Minneapolis. She has participated in an Ergonomic Sit/Stand project with multiple organizations throughout the Twin Cities area. Ms. Kuehn is the current President of the local AIHA Student Section – University of Minnesota and is in the process of starting an ASSE student section at the University of Minnesota.



**MaryAnn Feliciano - Northwest Chapter Scholarship Recipient - \$800**



Ms. Feliciano will graduate with a Master of Science – Risk Control from the University of Wisconsin - Stout in May of 2018. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics, *Cum Laude*, from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She has worked as an Academic Peer Advisor/Resident Assistant at the Southern Illinois University. She held a position as an Outreach and Engagement Specialist at AmeriCorps/Housing Forwards as well as a Health and Safety Intern for Essentra Specialty Tapes. Ms. Feliciano also holds a FEMA Certificate of Achievement.



**Nicholas Massa - Northwest Chapter Scholarship Recipient - \$800**



Mr. Massa will graduate with a Master of Environmental Health and Safety from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in December of 2018. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and Forestry from SUNY College – Syracuse, NY. Mr. Massa has worked as a Fisheries Technician for New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife/Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. He also has held a position as a River Steward for Brookfield Renewable Energy and an Associate Scientist for Parsons Corporation in New York. Mr. Massa is currently working with the UMD MEHS faculty as a graduate research assistant.

## MN Safety Conference

If you'll be there, come see us at the Northwest ASSE booth in the expo hall. Let's chat about volunteer opportunities with the chapter and upcoming chapter events!



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## Northern Plains Section

### Chairperson's message:

It has been a good year for the Northern Plains Section in North Dakota. We've lost a few members but have also gained more new members and our currently sitting at over 80 members; that means that approximately 0.01% of our states population is a member. :D We have also entered into partnerships with two of the local Safety Associations in the state. One with NRASP, out of Fargo, where we are partnering with them on their annual safety conference and doing two joint meetings. The other is with CenDak, out of Bismarck, where we are partnering with them on two meetings.

Currently National will automatically make those NW Chapter members whose zip code is in ND a member of the Northern Plains Section, as that is what our by-laws states, unless otherwise specified. With that being said, if there are any of you within the NW Chapter who find it closer to come to our meetings versus the Chapter meetings we would definitely welcome you. Currently the best way to see what is happening with our Section is to either go to our website (<http://northwest.asse.org/northern-plains-section/>) or go to our LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/7049126>) and ask to become a member. The other option would be to call (847-699-2929) or e-mail ([customerservice@asse.org](mailto:customerservice@asse.org)) ASSE customer service and let them know that you like to become a member of the Northern Plains Section. You would still be a member of the NW Chapter but would also be a member of our Section and be kept up-to-date with what is currently going on through e-mail along with the previous options.

If you have any questions for us feel free to e-mail us ([northernplains@northwest.asse.org](mailto:northernplains@northwest.asse.org)) or call me directly at 701-955-4302.

Bill Wuolu, ASP, CHST

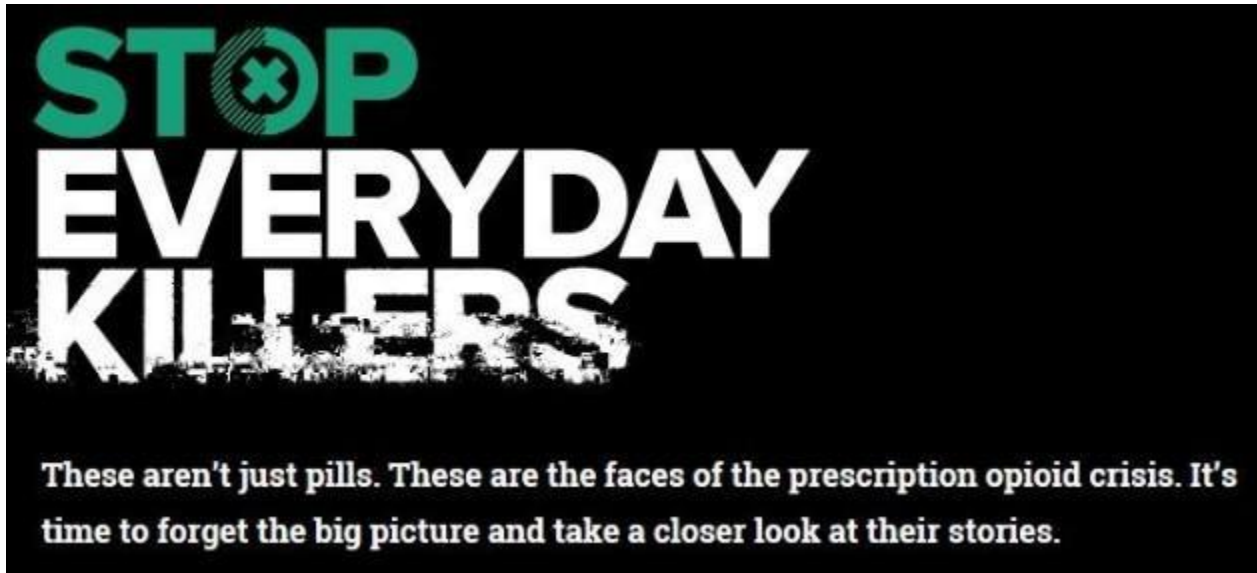
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**ASSP Rollout - On June 1, 2018, ASSE officially becomes ASSP. We will have rollout activities for the Northwest Chapter at the boat cruise and the September meeting, stay tuned to chapter update emails for more information!**

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National Safety Council educational resources on opioids are at [www.stopeverydaykillers.org](http://www.stopeverydaykillers.org). At <http://safety.nsc.org/stop-everyday-killers-supplies> you'll find free resources to share with friends, family, and coworkers including stickers for insurance cards.



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**End of Season - The May meeting marks our last meeting of the Chapter year. Save the dates for the start of the 2018-2019 chapter year!**

**Wed August 1, 2018, 3-6pm - Boat Cruise @ Harriet Island, St. Paul with AIHA, AHMP, ASSE and other EHS Professionals!**

**Wed September 11, 2018 - Chapter Luncheon Meeting @ Grumpy's Roseville. MNOSHA invited speaker.**

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### **Reminder to Vote**

**Last but not least - please cast your vote in the Northwest Chapter 2018-2019 Election**

**Congratulations to our very own Diana Stegall is this year's President Elect, automatically moving up to President for the 2019-2020 Society year.**

See Society election here <http://www.asse.org/elections/results2018/>

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