# The Pledge

#### Our Commitment to Safety, Health, and the Environment





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#### **November 6 Meeting Topic**

#### **Maximum Allowable Quantities of Hazardous Materials**

Kevin will help us better understand this topic by answers questions like - What products must be in a fire cabinet? What products do not? How do we calculate quantities? Are aerosol cans included? How does the occupancy type of the building impact these requirements? What if there is a sprinkler system present? What if there is no sprinkler system? How is the fire code different than title 8?



# Kevin H. Scott, KH Scott & Associates, LLC

Kevin Scott is President of KH Scott & Associates LLC. Kevin has extensive experience

in the development of fire safety, building safety and hazardous materials regulations. Kevin has actively worked for over 30 years in the development of fire code, building code and fire safety regulations at the local, state, national and international levels. Kevin previously worked as a Senior Regional Manager with the International Code Council, and before that, he was Deputy Chief for the Kern County Fire Department, California, where he worked for 30 years.



Monthly meetings are held from 7:00-8:45am on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel's Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308).

Cost of meeting attendance is \$15 and includes breakfast buffet or customcrafted omelet.

Cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted. The cost is only \$5 for Student and Emeritus Members of ASSP.

Your RSVP is appreciated! RSVP for the upcoming meeting by emailing Chris Vochoska.









## A Little about ASSP

- ⇒ Founded in 1911, ASSP is the longest running safety organizations and the most respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals.
- ⇒ Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.
- ⇒ ASSP connects great people to great resources supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups, and student communities that enable occupational safety and health professionals to engage on a global scale.
- ⇒ ASSP members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and a better reputation while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs.
- ⇒ ASSP publishes the <u>Professional Safety Journal</u>: a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.
- ⇒ ASSP produces a <u>podcast now</u> Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast will help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

# Become a Member!

Guests: Complete application at www.assp.org.

Students: Join for only \$15/year and receive a free year membership upon your graduation! What a great deal!

As an ASSP member, you will elevate your career, gain knowledge, tools and resources to prevent worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities, help improve your company's performance, and become part of a vibrant community of over 37,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future.

For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you - our members - please contact Dave Lee at <a href="leed@kerncounty.com">leed@kerncounty.com</a>.



## **ASSP Foundation Scholarships**

Since 1990, the ASSP Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and professional education grants to students beginning their studies in occupational safety and professionals seeking to continue their education. We offer nearly 150 awards each year ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 each. More than 1,300 safety students and professionals have advanced their careers, thanks to the generosity of the safety community.

#### APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

If you are a college student enrolled in an occupational health and safety major, apply now through December 1, 2019 to be considered for any of our 90+ awards! Anyone who has completed at least 60 credit hours (24 if enrolled in an Associate's degree program) in your college career can apply!

If you are an occupational safety and health professional looking for financial support for professional development programs (certification, conferences and workshops, etc.), apply now for an ASSP Foundation Professional Development Grant!

Visit the ASSP Foundation's Scholarships & Grants website to apply!



# Welcome New Members

ASSP loves it when new members join. If you see them at ASSP, please give them a friendly welcome.

- Darren Billesbach PCL Construction
- Charles Daniels Comprehensive Safety Professionals
  - Lindsey McMurren Wm. Bolthouse Farms Inc.
    - Gabriela Paredez 2B Farming Inc.
- Christopher Speer American Risk Management Services
  - Jon Vargas Aera Energy LLC
  - · Katherine Nilbe & Donald Frye Student Member
- Alexandria Asuncion, Thanh Nguyen, Marvin January, Gustavo Medina, Kenny Fabian, Arturo Sotelo, Adrian Ramirez California State University, Bakersfield
  - Tom Romano

Paige Loya - Thank you for sponsoring our new chapter member, Jason Arvizu - Arthur & Hansen. Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP, are the ones who really help our Chapter (and the profession) grow!























The Bakersfield Chapter WISE Professional Development meetings are held at American Safety Services.

#### **October Meeting**

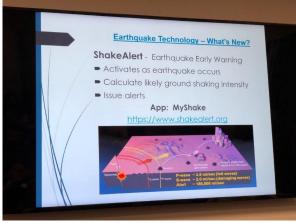
#### Earthquake Preparedness with Georgianna Armstrong

Emergency Services Manager Kern County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services









# OSH Club ASSP Student Section

Date: November 4, 2019

Time: 5:15pm-6:45pm

**Location: BDC134-A** 

The BPA Conference Room

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ASSP MEMBERSHIPS NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

**Guest Speaker: Isabel Bravo** 

Director of Environmental, Health and Safety Wonderful Citrus - California Farming Operations

With a proven track record for over twenty-two years, she holds professional designations from the Human Resources Certification Institute, the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, and the State of California. Her career record includes the first Director of Education for AgSafe, Safety Manager for Sunview Vineyards, and Safety Coordinator & Trainer for Grimmway Farms. She has been a member of the Bakersfield ASSP chapter for over fifteen years and is the current President.

Topic: Building Relationships and Making the Most
Out of Networking Opportunities

## **CSUB Mentoring Program**

Have you ever considered mentoring a student? The Bakersfield chapter is teaming up with the CSUB Alumni Association's 'Runner Alumni Mentor Program to find professionals who are willing to do just that!

Application: https://www.csub.edu/alumni/Mentoring/mentor.html

#### What is the time commitment?

This year RAMP will be an academic-year-long program, running from September 2019 to May 2020. We ask mentors and mentees to meet at least once a month and attend at least two of our events.

But mentors and mentees can meet up as often as they'd like and any way they'd like, whether in person or by phone, text or email.

#### What happens after a mentor or mentee applies?

For 2019-2020, mentor committee members will conduct a short phone interview of applicants through early September. By mid-September we will notify all applicants (by email) whether they've been accepted and invite them to a kickoff event in late September where mentors and mentees can meet. Any mentors or mentees who cannot attend will receive an email with the name of and contact information for their counterpart. We prefer that mentees make first contact with mentors, just as job applicants must take initiative when competing in the job market. For more information about the program: <a href="https://www.csub.edu/alumni/Mentoring/index.html">https://www.csub.edu/alumni/Mentoring/index.html</a>

Check out the FAQ's at <a href="https://www.csub.edu/alumni/AlumniNews/AlumniArchivedNews/2019/20190806-RAMPFAQ.html">https://www.csub.edu/alumni/AlumniNews/AlumniArchivedNews/2019/20190806-RAMPFAQ.html</a>.

Please consider donating just a couple hours a month during the school year to help a student start his/her EHS career. Your time can really have a positive impact on one student's life.

## **More Safety News & Notes**

#### **25 Year Service Awards!**

Incredible! The following members are set to receive their 25 year service award. Their dedication to society, the Bakersfield Chapter, and the safety community have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for your service & passion.

Catherine Jones, Jack Iriart, John Braun, Michael Geyer, Chris Vochoska











#### **SPAN ASP Exam Prep Workshop**

The March 30 – April 1, 2020 SPAN ASP Exam Prep Workshop in Bakersfield is now available for <u>registration</u>. ASSP members receive a 10% Discount (Regular Price - \$950) by using discount code *BakersfieldASSP*.

For information and qualification requirements for BCSP Certifications, click here. For information about SPAN workshops, click here.

For Prep Class questions contact: Kim Jennings, (417) 724-2881 SPAN International Safety Training kim@spansafety.com www.SpanSafetyWorkshops.com

# **Bakersfield College Meeting**

On Thursday October 24th at 6pm, Chris Vochoska was the guest speaker at the Bakersfield College ASSP student section meeting. The topic was Techniques to Help Make Presentations more effective. Chris facilitated a needs assessment with the group and then a discussion on how to make presentations more effective.

Attendees (left to right) - Everth Arceta, Harrison Records, Kyle Lawson, Juan Balderas, Gabriela M. Solis, Chris Vochoska, Matthew Hinojosa, and Nora Fuentes



# Jose Perez at Alaska PDC

Congratulations to Jose Perez for presenting as a Keynote Speaker at the Alaska PDC on October 22, 2019!











# **Region Operating Committee**

Chapter Leadership at the Region 1 sharing the programs the Bakersfield chapter endorse!









#### **Additional News & Notes**

#### **Congrats to our Members!**

Bob Mahan for starting a new position as Safety Director at A-C Electric Company; Carlie Fowler with Meggitt Safety Systems for completing the requirements to become an ASP; and David Leach for being promoted to HES Specialist at Chevron.







**Bakersfield College's OSRM** 

Bakersfield College is offering a Certificate in Occupational Safety and Risk Management. Open enrollment is in November. It's time to start or continue your safety education! Contact Catherine Jones for more information.

- ⇒ OSRM B16 Managing Employee Safety and Health - M/W 4:20-5:45
- ⇒ OSRM B20 Environmental Health and Hazardous Materials T/Th 6:00-7:25
- ⇒ OSRM B26 Risk Management M/W 6:00-7:25



#### No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSP members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes. Visit <a href="https://www.westec.org">www.westec.org</a> for more information.

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We change people's lives!

# **Leadership Conference!**

Bakersfield ASSP was well represented at the Leadership Conference in Rosemont, IL this year! Here are some highlights.











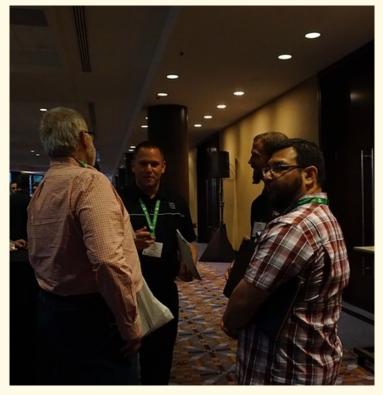
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## **Bakersfield Chapter Study Group**

The Professional Development Study Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m - 7:30 p.m. at the MidCal Labor building located at 5601 California Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). You do NOT need to be a member of ASSP to join this group! Anyone can join the group at any time.

This is a "go at your own pace" study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIS. We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training. You can purchase the work books from: www.spansafetyworkshops.com

Please direct emails to **Floyd Reading** (<u>floyd@tempserv.net</u>) if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



## **Awards & Honors Information**

Want to recognize someone for having a significant EHS impact in your organization or community? Use the <u>online submission form</u> and submit your nomination today!

The intent of the ASSP Bakersfield Chapter EHS Awards & Honors Program is to recognize people for something specific they have done to enhance, promote, or otherwise protect people, property or the environment.