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**May 5, 2021 – 7:30AM to 8:30AM**

## **Mechanical Integrity**

*What is Mechanical Integrity (MI)? How do organizations establish maintenance programs and why should (even small) businesses consider them? How can failures lead to incidents including EHS, quality, and productivity? Brian will share his opinion on common failures he sees across EHS/MI in the various industries that he serves, and offer a top 3 mistakes made and possible solutions. He will share how an EHS pro might "sell" better mechanical integrity and preventative maintenance programs to upper levels of management. What are the costs vs. benefits of even the most basic PM program? What are some of the larger cost spills he's seen as a result of failed integrity testing, or integrity testing pitfalls might be good for a lot of smaller companies. Is a clamp a good way to fix a pipe permanently? Why/why not? He will help us understanding the basics of "good" mechanical integrity. Many of us are good at finding root "human" causes, but what are indicators of "preventable" mechanical failures?*

[Register here](#). If you miss the live webinar, it will be recorded on GoToWebinar and be made available within a few days after the live session to listen to on your own time. It will also be available [through this link](#).

**Brian Wilson**



**Mechanical Integrity  
Division Manager for  
Diversified Project  
Services International**

## ***June 2, 2021 Meeting (7:30AM)***

***Katerina L. Bond, Senior Human and Organizational Performance Advisor, Chevron Technology***

### ***Human and Organizational Performance: Part 2 – Now What?***

*Kat will continue the discussion around human and organizational performance introducing how the company has operationalized the principles and concepts with their systems The April presentation started with an introduction to Human and Organizational Performance (HOP) e.g. What is HOP and why should I as a safety professional investigate it? Is it old or is it new? Why and how would safety professionals make a case for HOP in their organization?*



# Become an ASSP Member

*General Membership is under \$200 per year!*

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*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.*



Complete the Membership application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).





- Include child's name and age, plus a parent or guardian's street address, phone number and e-mail address so that winners may be notified.
- One (1) winner will be selected. One (1) entry per person. All entries become the property of KGET-TV 17 and will not be returned.
- An independent panel of judges will select the winning entry that best illustrates the theme of "Safety-on-the-Job." Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity. Decision of the judges is final. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded at the end of the contest.
- Winner will be notified by email, phone, or postal mail. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and the winner's name will be announced the week following the contest on Channel 17 Sunrise.
- Rules: Contest is open to children between 5 and 13 years of age. To enter, submit a color picture illustrating "Safety-on-the-Job" on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Entries will be received at the KGET-TV 17 front office at 2120 "L" Street. Office is open Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm.

# ***2021 Safety Professional of the Year Winner***

## ***JON HALL – Nusil Technology***

This prestigious award goes to an individual that continuously dedicates and strives as an outstanding member of this Chapter. It is the highest honor in this field, recognizing an individual in our profession within the community whose work has had an outstanding impact and achievement, recognized for their technical skills, expertise in the field, in the Environmental Health and Safety profession, the SPY award implores leadership and initiative. This year's awards committee had their work cut out for them. The list of nominees included some of the most hardworking and passionate individuals in this field.

This year's award goes to an individual that you all know every well. Some of Jon's official serving titles and some unofficial roles have been: Social Chair, Symposium Planning Committee, President Elect, President, Past President, Social Media Chair, Webmaster, Nominations Committee, logistical host committee (that's a new one), but above all, this individual has shown their passion in training. The principles of having a structured training program to transfer knowledge and experiences to others and is the current Environmental Health and Safety Administrator at Nusil Technology for over 18 years.



# Rising Star Award

## Vanessa Galvan

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Vanessa came with a lot of energy and positivity, taking on the challenge along with another member to be Co-Chairs of the newly formed Hispanic Safety Professional Common interest group. She was instrumental in the planning, execution, and presenting of two webinars hosted by the HSP Group. It was her idea to offer webinars in both English and Spanish language to serve a wider audience, something never seen before. She selflessly gives of her time to be speaker at our Bakersfield Symposium in topics of great interest with professionalism and charisma and most recently volunteered as a speaker at the ASSP Bay Area PDC Symposium. She is also engaged with the HSP Advisory Committee at the society level as Co-Chair of Chapter Liaison. They lend their support for other members who wish to set up their own HSP group within their chapter. To date, there have been 9 HSP Local area groups created with her help, including one in Lima, Peru. In her role as Corporate Agriculture Safety and Health Manager for the Zenith Insurance Company, she is considered a subject matter expert in the Agriculture industry by her peers due to her extensive experience in the industry, as well as for her passion to safeguard the welfare of the workforce, who she serves with both humility and respect.



Steve has held the following official chapter positions – 2020-21 Long Range Planning Chair and 2019-20 Long Range Planning Co-Chair. But the heart of this award is not because of his official positions, it's because of his unselfish work behind the scenes.

Steve has been a long standing, consistent member of the symposium planning committee, the largest Professional Development and Fund-Raising Event the chapter has annually. Not only has he quietly served, he took on very difficult roles, ones that few folks want to touch with a ten-foot pole. One of the most stressful volunteer positions in the planning committee is the person who coordinates the computers and projectors for all the breakout sessions. Imagine finding the equipment, setting it up and troubleshooting it all day long for a variety of speaker situations. Who does that? Steve does! If you go to the Library on our chapter website, you will find over 30 Bakersfield Chapter Operating Guidelines. Steve will be the first to tell you that he worked with a colleague on these documents. What are these documents? When someone has an interest in serving the chapter, what's are the first questions they ask? What are responsibilities of the (volunteer) position? What's the time commitment? Our recipient performed a lot of work on them.



# Rising Star Award – Steve Henslee





# Local Training and Jobs Opportunities

## **Kern County's Society for Human Resource Management**

Kern's SHRM chapter is hosting their monthly webinar via Zoom on Wednesday May 5, 11:45AM-1:00PM. Lauren Sweeney is presenting – “#1 Challenge Your Team is Facing & How to Support Them.”

Registration is free for members, \$20 non-members. [Link to register.](#)

## **AgriSafe Webinar**

The AgriSafe Network is hosting a free webinar featuring Dr. Tara Haskins and Dr. Ali Hartman. The presentation is titled “Assessment of Opioid Misuse Risk Among Farmers in the Clinical Setting.” [Registration](#) is free and open to all attendees.



# Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Recipients!

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Joe Canas and David Mersereau had the privilege to award two amazing and wonderful woman scholarships from the Bakersfield chapter this month.

We want to congratulate Jessica O'Brien (right) and Nathalie Larios (left) for being this year's recipients of the Bakersfield Chapter Scholarship Award. Both have a wonderful passion for Environmental Science. Nathalie received the \$5,000 Undergraduate award. Jessica received the \$2,500 Graduate award.

# Feature of the Month

## Annual Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Do you have friends, colleagues and associates who would find value in ASSP membership? Tell them about ASSP by using our Refer-A-Friend e-mail tool. It's so simple and a ready-made e-mail message can easily be sent by [visiting the campaign website](#).

ASSP's annual member referral program returns in 2021! Share the resources ASSP offers with colleagues and encourage them to join the Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a 1-year membership extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card. For every full member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual Professional Development Conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

# Cal/OSHA Publications

Cal/OSHA has many educational materials and resources available.

Publications can be downloaded from their webpage or they may be picked up at a local Cal/OSHA office if available.


<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/puborder.asp>

## Latest Updates and Added Publications

### April 2021:

- New [Respiratory Protection in the Workplace – A Guide for Employers](#)
- New [State Fund's IIPP Builder](#)
- New [Nighttime Outdoor Agricultural Operations Fact Sheet - Spanish](#)

### March 2021:

- Updated [Safety and Health Protection On The Job \(Cal/OSHA poster\)](#)
- Updated [Safety and Health Protection On The Job \(Cal/OSHA poster\) - Spanish](#)
- New [COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards – What Employers Need to Know Fact Sheet - Spanish](#)
- Updated [Best Practices for COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Agricultural and Livestock Workers - Spanish](#)
- Updated [Best Practices for COVID-19 Infection Prevention for General Industry Workers - Spanish](#)
- Updated [Best Practices for COVID-19 Infection Prevention for Workers in Food Packing and Processing - Spanish](#)
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- New [Combine Physical Distancing with Face Coverings Poster](#)
- New [Combine Physical Distancing with Face Coverings Poster - Spanish](#)
- New [Sample Respiratory Program](#) 



# CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS

**Lisa Marriott-Smith** (Alliance Technical Group, LLC) recently completed the requirements to become an Certified Occupational Safety Specialist® and began working at Alliance.

**Stephanie Hall** was promoted to Regional WHS Manager at NA RME Amazon.

**Alexander Holmes** (Operations Supervisor) started a new position with Holmes Western Oil Corporation

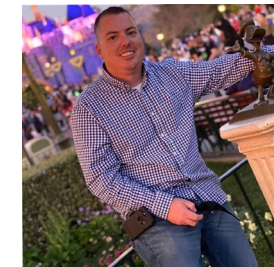
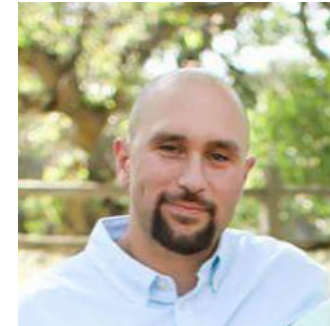
**Mike Sparks** (West US HSE Manager) started a position with Lufkin Industries.

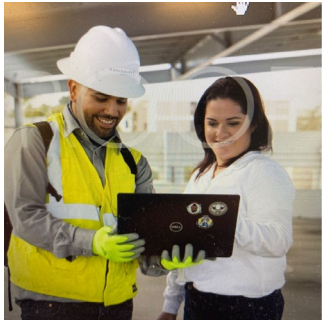
**Jose Perez** (Wonderful Company) has been elected at Region 1:C Area Director for ASSP

**Donald Sullivan** (Workplace Health & Safety Manager) started a position with Amazon Fulfillment Centre.

**Jimmy Clark** (Regional Safety Manager) started a position with SME Steel Contractors.

**Tyler Garewal** (Pengo Wireline) completed the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional.





- ✓ Debbie Rodriguez – Chevron
- ✓ Tony Ponce – Virgin Galactic
- ✓ Katie Catapano – NovaSource Power Services
- ✓ Doug Morehead
- ✓ Ryan Duty

Thank you Jeremy Hirtz & Guy Waski for sponsoring our new Chapter members, Debbie Rodriguez and Doug Morehead! Folks like you, who get the word out about ASSP and the Bakersfield Chapter, are the ones who really help our community and the profession grow.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



# A Little About ASSP

ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.

Our more than 40,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.

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.



For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you, our members, please contact Dave Lee at [leed@kerncounty.com](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).



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