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Chapter Recognition



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2023-2024



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2022-2023



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2021-2022



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2020-2021



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2019-2020



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2018-2019



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2017-2018



PLATINUM LEVEL CHAPTER
2016-2017



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2015-2016



GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2014-2015



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2013-2014

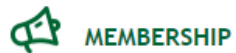


GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER
2012-2013

ASSP Membership is incredibly valuable!



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Announcements

[Online ASSP Community](#) →

Our exclusive online member community connects you with great resources and great people to help you grow professionally and engage with colleagues on a global scale.

[Build Your Leadership Skills](#) →

Serving on an ASSP committee is a great way to build new skills, meet new contacts and make a difference in the OSH profession. We have opportunities in member communities, education, standards and advocacy areas.

April 2, 2025 Chapter Meeting

Darrin Stephens - Area Manager, Fresno Cal/OSHA Consultation

Indoor Heat Illness - Insights on the standard one year later. What have we learned and what has been become clearer?

The 2024 webinar discussed Why Heat Matters? and What is Heat Illness? The webinar also reviewed the regulations for outdoor (Section 3395) and indoor (Section 3396) heat, heat illness preventive measures and heat related resources including the Cal/OSHA Heat Illness webpage - <https://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html>. What have we learned and what has been become clearer?



Attend in person at Hodel's (7:00AM-8:45AM).

Zoom option available for January, April, July, and October meetings.

May 7, 2025 Chapter Meeting

David S. Beadle, CIH, CSP, MA – IH Business Development Manager, Safety Management Systems, LLC

Kern County and Silica Exposure: Local Risks, Practical Controls

Explore how silica affects Kern County industries and what tools safety professionals need to stay ahead of it.

David holds a Bachelor of Science in Conservation of Natural Resources from Kent State University, complemented by a Master of Arts in Psychology from the University of Santa Monica. With an impressive career spanning over 36 years, he's become a seasoned expert in Safety, Health, and Environmental practices. Throughout his career, David has lent his expertise in Industrial Hygiene to an array of distinguished organizations, including the Navy, Air Force, NASA, Department of Energy, Army Corps of Engineers, oil & gas industry, California State University system, and various municipal and state entities. He is an active member of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and is also recognized by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (CSP) and the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (CIH).



Congratulations 2025 Scholarship Recipients!

**Jacob Rawlins: Senior at Columbia Southern
pursuing Occupational Safety & Health**

**Tyler Payne: Senior at Columbia Southern
pursuing Occupational Safety & Health**

**Melissa Jepsen: Freshman at Bakersfield College
pursuing Occupational Safety & Health**

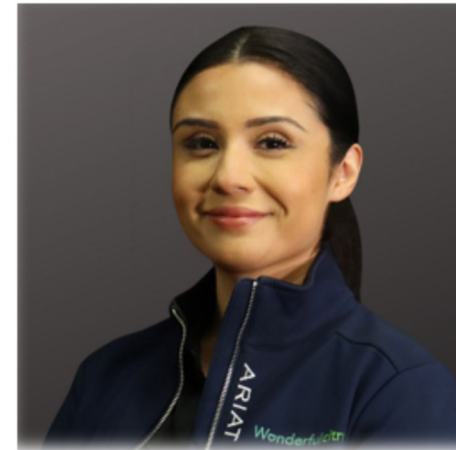
**Clifton Colton: Senior at CSUB pursuing
Environmental Resource Management**



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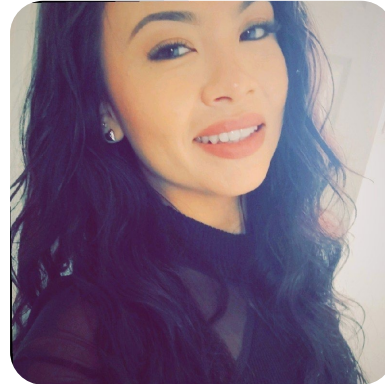
- Anthony Guey-Mock - Divine Safety LLC
 - John Watkins - Naval Air Warfare Center
 - Joshua Ramirez - Bright Planet Solar
 - Fernando Medina - American Inc.
 - Rene Chow - Knights Site Services Inc.
 - Antonio Manalili - Bakersfield College
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- Gloria Miranda with Wonderful Citrus completed the requirements to become a Certified Instructional Trainer®
 - Luis Magallanes with Sturgeon Services International completed his AS in OS&H from Columbia Southern University



NEW MEMBERS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EHS Professionals on the Move

- ✓ Michael Martinez, Director of Operations & Safety-Pros Inc.
- ✓ Nelly Jimenez, EHS Supervisor - Grimmway Farms
- ✓ Ryan Hester, Senior Manager Industrial Hygiene - Bridgestone Americas
- ✓ Kevin Featherston, NorCal District Health and Safety Manager – Flatiron Construction
- ✓ David Crow, Principle Program Manager, Safety - PG&E Bay Area
- ✓ Arturo Gudino, Safety Manager - Granite Construction
- ✓ Bethany Barnhart, Senior EHS Specialist – Tesla



News, Information, and Resources from ASSP

- [Risk Assessment: Looking Back and Moving Forward](#) – Risk. It's something organizations and their employees encounter daily. How they approach risk can mean the difference between a safe work environment and serious injuries and fatalities. A properly designed risk assessment will effectively communicate to decision-makers the impact these risks could have on the organization, both from a safety standpoint and on the bottom line.
- [What Is Total Worker Health®?](#) – Total Worker Health® (TWH) is defined as policies, programs, and practices that integrate protection from work-related safety and health hazards with promotion of injury and illness-prevention efforts to advance worker well-being. There are a wide range of practical, evidence-based tools available to help you incorporate TWH into your safety management system.
- [Training and Education for Safety Teams](#) – Maximize employee time and your training budget through ASSP group and on-site professional development programs. Save on groups of 5 or more for any currently scheduled safety education courses or conference ASSP hosts throughout the year.

Free Learning Resources from ASSP

Get started with these key topics in safety at [Free Educational Resources for Safety Professionals | ASSP](#)



Compliance



Safety Management Systems



Fall Protection



Risk Assessment & Management



Total Worker Health



Business & Leadership



Certification Prep



Math Toolbox

The Nominations Committee proudly announces the nominees for election to the 2025-2026 Chapter Executive Committee. Chapter elections will take place at the monthly Chapter meeting on May 7, 2025.

*Per chapter by-laws, any fifteen (15) chapter members may submit a signed petition nominating one or more individuals for elective office. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the chairperson of the nominations and elections committee 30 days in advance of the election. The name and qualifications of such nominees shall be published and distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the election.



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Nominees for Election 2024-2025

President – Tony Mejia

President-Elect – Jason Kibbey

Secretary – Lisa Marriott-Smith

Treasurer – Javier Gonzalez

**Advisory Group Members –
Michael Garcia & Albert Lopez**



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.

If you are looking for job postings, find current opportunities shared with the Chapter on the [Chapter website](#).

You can find Chapter Documents, Member Updates, Newsletters, and Presentations on our [Chapter Library page](#).

Is your company looking for a qualified safety professional? Contact [Chris Vochoska](#) to have the opening posted on this page.

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.



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