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President's Message March 2025

Hello to my fellow members of the ASSP Heart of America Chapter. This spring is in full swing for our chapter. Firstly, a congratulations is in order to Dr. Leigh Ann Blunt on her retirement from the University of Central Missouri. Dr. Blunt has influenced many young minds in this profession (including mine) and we wish her the best in her next ventures.

Our last meeting provided great insights regarding what to do when OSHA arrives and insight into the new legal landscape. Thank you to Midwest Public Risk for hosting Samantha Monsees, Partner at Fisher Phillips, LLP.

On a mentorship note, if you attended the Midwest Construction Safety Conference recently, as Phil Shoemaker was awarded the Mark Banden Safety Professional of the Year award, his acceptance speech included this mentorship aspect that is a reoccurring theme in our industry.

When you go to any event where safety professionals congregate (and doing so safely, noting all fire exits of course), look around the room, a strong percentage of professionals are retired or retiring soon. The next generation is out there shaping our profession, but they need our professional guidance. Many of us if asked would enjoy mentoring a new professional almost as much as teaching a grandchild to fish. Where do we make this connection? Our next event will be scratching the surface in this endeavor with a speed meet event.

Many of our members have requested a study group for BCSP examinations, I am pleased to share a virtual study group from our sister chapter here: <https://bakersfield.assp.org/bcsp-study-group/>

In addition to this, Click Safety has provided us with a discount code of 15%. Enter: ASSPKCMO15 at checkout to redeem.

Also, Clayton Bulloc won the member feedback survey gift card and we still have other prizes for the most attended meetings ready to be won.

In closing, the state of our chapter is strong with almost 600 members. I call upon all members seeking a leadership role or even a small role as a meeting greeter or even a committee chair to reach out to our chapter officers.

Thank you,

Michael Carlson, CSP

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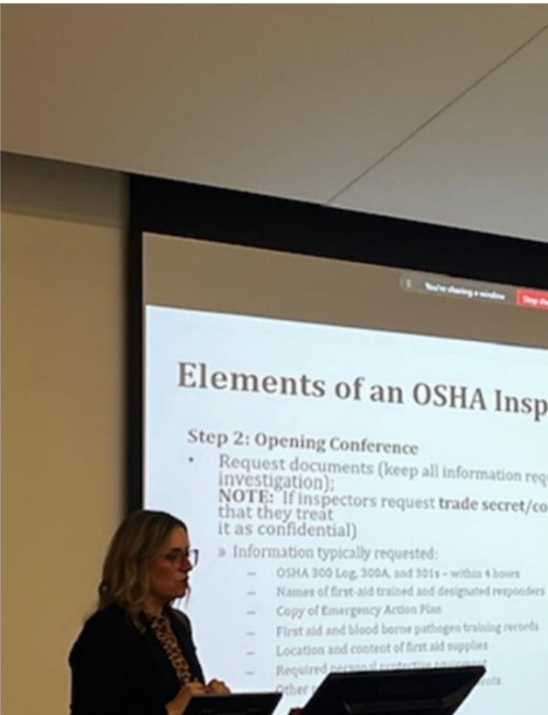
Dr. Blunt's ASSP Heart of America Challenge Coin Presentation



Our Chapter's Promotional Table at the MCSC



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OSHA Attorney Presentation



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Upcoming HOA Chapter Meeting Calendar – Save the Date!

Friday, March 28th	Scheels 6503 W 135th St STE 88, Overland Park, KS 66223	Student and Professional Speed Meet Event
Friday, April 25th	Terracon 10841 S Ridgeview Rd, Olathe, KS 66061	Active Assailant Preparedness
Friday, May 16th	The Builders Education Center 105 W 12th Ave, North Kansas City, MO 64116	Contractor Management

2025 Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

May 14th-16th	SafeConExpo 2025	Safety and Health Council	The Lodge of the Four Seasons 315 Four Seasons Drive Lake Ozark, MO
July 22-24	Safety 2025 Conference and Expo	ASSP	Orange County Convention Center Orlando, FL

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New Members

Ricke Holloway // Jerry Lee Summers // James Thompson, NEBOSH
Rachel Beymer // William Tott, ASP // David Brown, SMS
Logan Black // Yazmin Gaona // Regina Fischer // Jamie Bahr

Many of us are members of associations and groups that involve safety, health, environmental protection, and risk management advancement. As we engage with our member organizations, remember to network, and share the opportunities and benefits available within the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP for members, non-members, and our community.

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them [HERE!](#)



ASSP Community

Our new strategic plan incorporates these five values:

- **Community:** We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
- **Leadership:** We exemplify integrity and empower others.
- **Excellence:** We strive always to deliver our best.
- **Accountability:** We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
- **Respect:** We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.

Together, they form the acronym CLEAR, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem.

Job Openings

If you or someone that you know in the safety profession are looking for employment, jobs openings are posted on our Chapter website. Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/>

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to president@kc.assp.org

Upcoming Events

The Chapter website provides information regarding upcoming events and training held by our Chapter, other ASSP Chapters, ASSP, and from other organizations with safety, health, environmental and risk management topics that may interest you. Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming events that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter. <https://kc.assp.org/>



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