

October Newsletter



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Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

2023 Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament was a great success! After having to be postponed due to bad weather in the Spring, we were able to host the event on a beautiful day with only a small shower as the event finished up. This year's event was again Chaired by Annette Springer and Karen Saurage.

Many thanks to all of our players, sponsors, and volunteer members we were able to raise over \$23,000. The funds are earmarked with the majority of the funds donated to the ASSP Foundation and split between the 2 endowed scholarships that the chapter supports, the Lawrence Mauerman and Don Jones Scholarships. The balance is earmarked for support of continuing education opportunities for our chapter members.

We would like to recognize our sponsors for this year one last time:

Platinum Sponsors: 24Hour Safety, Austin Fire, Conco Services, CORE, TES, OneSource EHS, Draeger, Ecorobotics, FHS/Mazzella, Inolect, Roco

Gold Sponsors: Accuren , Industrial Electric Motor Services, and Southern Apparatus Services

Silver Sponsors: Aggreko & Saber Power

Contest Sponsors: Aceco Sales & James Machine Works

We look forward to the next tournament and hope to see you there!



Region IV Regional Operating Committee Meeting

Chapter presidents, area directors, and others from the region attended to discuss the vision of ASSP, future goals, status updates on the region, area, and chapters.

In attendance for ASSP GBR - President Chris McGlynn, Vice President Emma Bataineh, and Advisory Board Member Thomas Cagle.



ASSP Student Section

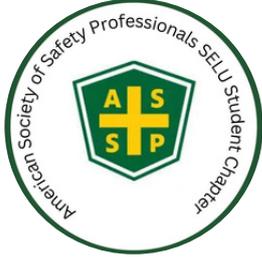
Jake Frelich, the student chapter Liaison, led a meeting on Sept 29th with the GBR Board Members and the SELU Student Chapter Board Members to onboard the new members and to identify expectations and goals. This group already has an enormous amount of momentum and energy to launch this chapter year to success!



Please help support the student chapter: Meeting sponsors and speakers needed ASAP!

Contact Kale Gilbeaux if you are interested:

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Student Chapter October Meeting

▶ When
Tuesday October 24th
5:30-6:30

▶ Where
210 Azaela Cir, Hammond, LA 70402
Computer Science and Technology Building
(CSTB)
Room 2024

▶ **Speakers:**
Jake Frelich, CSP, Area Safety Manager
Apache Industrial Services

▶ Topics covered
Jake will cover the tools needed to succeed
as a safety professional and will address
some of the daily challenges in the field.
Please scan the QR code below and sign up.



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Reminder!

OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

Monday October 16, 2023
LSU Tiger Stadium
1pm - 4pm

Registration required!

Our October meeting includes a guided tour of Tiger Stadium!



Greater Baton Rouge Chapter Event Calendar

2023-2024

| September 2023 | October 2023 | November 2023 |
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| <p>19th – Chapter Meeting 11:00am -12:30pm Mike Anderson's Gonzales, LA</p> | <p>5th – Golf Tournament 9:00am – 3:00pm The Island Plaquemine, LA</p> <p>16th – Chapter Meeting 1:00pm – 4:00pm LSU Baton Rouge, LA</p> <p>19th – Build Your Future Day 8am – 2pm Lamar Dixon Expo Center Gonzales, LA **ASSP volunteers needed**</p> | <p>14th – Chapter Meeting 7:30am – 9:00am River Parishes Community College Gonzales, LA</p> |
| December 2023 | January 2024 | February 2024 |
| <p>19th – Christmas Social 3:00pm – 5:00pm TBD Baton Rouge, LA</p> | <p>16th – Chapter Meeting w/AIHA 6:00pm – 7:30pm Sno's Seafood Gonzales, LA</p> | <p>20th – Chapter Meeting 11:00am – 12:30pm TBD</p> |
| March 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 |
| <p>19th – Chapter Meeting 11:00am – 12:30 pm ABC Pelican Baton Rouge, LA</p> | <p>16th – Chapter Meeting 3:00pm-5:00pm Top Golf Baton Rouge, LA</p> | <p>1st-2nd – Region IV PDC The Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Lake Buena Vista, FL</p> <p>21st – Chapter Meeting & Awards 6:00pm – 7:30pm TBD TBD</p> |

** Registration for all meetings is available on gbr.assp.org or our Eventbrite site **



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2023 ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarships

We are excited to share with you that thanks to your support, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Foundation has awarded \$334,500 in academic scholarships and career development grants to 153 individuals to help them achieve their educational and career goals in the occupational safety and health profession.

“For over 30 years as ASSP’s charitable arm, the ASSP Foundation has helped thousands of students and professionals continue their education in workplace safety and health,” said former ASSP Foundation Chair Trish Ennis, CSP, ARM, CRIS. “The consistent support from donors shows that safety and health careers are vital in helping to protect workers everywhere.”

The 2023 awards include \$305,500 in academic scholarships for 107 graduate and undergraduate students preparing for or supplementing their occupational safety and health careers at 52 colleges and universities. The ASSP Foundation awarded \$29,000 in career development grants to 46 safety students and professionals who are working to advance their careers through certification, conference attendance and similar learning opportunities. Career development grants will continue to be awarded throughout the year.

Please scroll through the following pages to learn more about the those impacted by your donations and read their direct words of gratitude for your investment in their future.

[View the full list of awardees here.](#)

Thank you for entrusting the ASSP Foundation Board of Trustees with stewardship of your investment.



\$2,000 ASSP Foundation Scholarship, funded by ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter, in honor of Lawrence Mauerman

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What attracted you to the safety industry and how has your education affected your opinion of the field?

What attracted me to the safety industry was a conversation that I had with my brother while I was looking for a field of study before entering college. He was working as an operator in a nuclear plant at the time, so I asked him if he could go back to school for one thing, what would it be? He told me he would go back for OSHE, so I decided to research the major. Upon researching this field of study, I grew very fond of the idea of helping people. There are so many jobs in the world that have the potential to cause an injury to its workers. This brings opportunity to be able to work in so many different types of industries. Whether you are working in construction, chemical plants, or even the military, there is always a need to make it a safer place.

So after researching, I decided that this is what has drawn me close to this field. The ability to have very diverse opportunities to work in and continue to help people get back to their families safely. My education has only strengthened my opinion of the field. I have become educated in studies that I would have never thought was relevant to this field. I have enjoyed learning the various different courses in my curriculum including courses on fire safety, construction safety, process safety management, environmental laws, industrial hygiene, toxicology, etc.

OSHE is such a diverse course that always is interesting because you are always learning something new. Even if you think that there is nothing wrong with a situation,



there is always something that could be improved. I like to be challenged and sometimes this field presents a very challenging situation that is almost like a puzzle to solve. I am so glad that I chose to major in OSHE and the best part is that there is still much more to learn.

What are some of your educational and professional goals, and how do you plan on achieving them?

One of my biggest educational goals is to finish the OSHE program here at Southeastern Louisiana University with a 4.0 GPA. Not only do I want to be educated in this field, but I want to get the most out of myself in terms of knowledge while being able to hear from my experienced professors everyday. These professors have done their time in the field and have real world knowledge of how the safety world works in the modern-day workforce. The way I plan to achieve this goal is by continuing to study hard and being very hands on in class discussions. Instead of just sitting in class listening, actually taking the time to ask real questions that may come up during my future job one day. I want to be very confident that I know what I am talking about when I start to interview for jobs in the future.

My next educational goal is to get CSP certified. Not only do I want to have my bachelor's degree, I would like to go one step further to help my resume stand out and continue to be educated throughout my career. My first professional goal is to get an internship. I have not had the opportunity yet to actually work in the field of safety, so I think that starting off in an internship position would be the best option for me. I would like the ability to learn hands-on what a safety role is like in a real-world job. The best way for me to achieve this would be to continue to make good grades in college and to apply for as many internships as I can. My next professional goal is to get my first safety job after college. Although my desired industry would be construction, I would be open to anything. Lastly, later on in my career I would like to have my own consulting firm. The way to get to this point is to first work in safety to gain experience and knowledge. This is ultimately my desired job. The only way to achieve this goal is to continue to work hard in school and work hard once I get my first job opportunities.



What leadership and/or volunteer roles have you taken within the safety profession, and what positions do you envision yourself taking in the future?

One of the roles that I have taken during my safety career so far was volunteering for a Hazardous Waste Recycling Day in Zemurray Park in Hammond, Louisiana. Typically, once a year, this event takes place for anyone to come and give products that are hazardous that should not be thrown in regular trash. This is for things such as batteries, old tires, paints, etc. This was very important to me because this day kept millions of pounds of hazardous waste from polluting our environment. These types of things should happen more frequently and widespread in my opinion.

Another leadership role that comes to mind was during a class project. A small group of us were assigned to a company to review their safety program and give them some recommendations. While this company sent us several documents and policies, my group struggled to get a feel of this company's safety culture. So I took the initiative to ask this company if we could meet in person at their site and do a tour. The company was happy to do this and once our group took the tour we had a much better understanding of their processes and really got to see how this company truly feels about safety. A position that I see myself taking in the future is an internship position. I am currently gaining knowledge in the classroom regarding OSHE, but I am lacking hands-on experience. I think that an internship would help me out tremendously being able to see what actually goes on in a real-life scenario. Further down the road, I see myself being in a major leadership role in safety. I would love to be the head safety guy at a company and I think that I have the traits to make this goal achievable.

What is your greatest takeaway from the current school year? How do you think this knowledge will impact yourself and others throughout your career?

My greatest takeaway from this school year would probably be the significance of knowing your standards. Standards are a great guide for safety workers on making the workplace as safe as possible, but I think that it should not stop there. For example PELs are what OSHA says is required but why not go one step further and use a TLV that is more strict but not required. Working in safety should not only be to make sure that your company is compliant with laws, standards, regulations, etc. It should be to truly make your workplace as safe as it could possibly be.



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On the other hand, standards are a great place to start. Being knowledgeable with your OSHA and other standards gives you the confidence to be sure that you know how to go about a situation. There are all kinds of different standards out there such as environmental ones, Process Safety Management, construction, general industry, etc. The more of these that you study and know, the more you will be able to apply these to real applications. This will impact myself and others throughout my career because I will be working with things related to these standards every single day. Knowing these standards and acting upon them is a huge part in working in safety. This will affect others because it will allow them to go home to their families safely at the end of the day. It will also give them reassurance that when they come to work, they do not have me be nervous or scared of conditions that they might face.

What makes you stand out as an applicant?

What makes me stand out as an applicant is my work-ethic and leadership. I have worked very hard during my time in school to make a 4.0 my whole life including right now in college. Not to mention, I play baseball here at Southeastern Louisiana University. Balancing school-work with athletics is not an easy task. Playing college baseball shows that I have discipline, determinability, leadership, trustworthiness, and dependability. Not everyone has the opportunity to play sports in college but I worked very hard my whole life to get this opportunity. I was a quarterback in high school my senior year with the team voting me team captain. This shows that others put faith in me as well and wanted me to represent our school and team. That meant a lot to me and I think it showed a great deal about my character. Aside from those attributes the biggest one is that I truly love this field due to the fact that I am helping people. At the end of the day I want every person to be able to go back home to their families safely. This is what makes me so passionate about OSHE. This passion will drive me to be educated to the best of my ability and to endlessly work to make a significant difference in the world of safety.



CALL FOR SPONSORS

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2023 – 2024 Chapter Year are now available. The Greater Baton Rouge Chapter has a long history of supporting its 450+ members with relevant and timely safety best practices, partnering with other professional associations and governmental entities such as AIHA, ABC, SHRM, OSHA, and providing networking opportunities to connect members across the region.

What's in it for our sponsors?

- Demonstrated support of the development of the SH&E profession.
- Exposure to a large community of SH&E professionals in our area.
- The opportunity to align your organization with a specific topic or safety event.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Premier Sponsor – \$1,000

- Your logo displayed on the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter website for the chapter year.
- Your company logo in all Chapter communications.
- 10% discount on any new purchase for the 2023 golf tournament (*takes place in Spring 2024*).
- Focused job promotion to our membership via email blast to membership, newsletter advertisement, promotion at Chapter meetings, and posting on our website Jobs Board.
- Complimentary attendance for 1 person at all chapter meetings.
- 5 ASSP personalized name badges.

Supporting Sponsor – \$500

- Your logo displayed on the Greater Baton Rouge Chapter website for the chapter year.
- Placement of sponsor advertisement in the Chapter newsletter.
- Display table for literature/handouts in the meeting room at sponsored meeting (1). Your company will be highlighted by the Chapter President during the meeting introduction.
- Complimentary attendance for 2 people at this chapter meeting.