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Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

March Newsletter



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Members,

March has been an incredible month for our chapter. Our Leadership GOLD webinar series has delivered strong insights each week, featuring Justin Barksdale (Growth), Brian Blades (Ownership), and Paul Leonard (Legacy), with Dr. Darryl Hill (Discipline) closing us out next week.

Our February P&ID Workshop was another standout event, bringing together top industry expertise from Karen Morton, P.E., Glenn Young, Doug Knittig, Brian Williamson, Matthew Lotz, and Adam Beary. Special thanks to Mike Boykin (LCA) and Danny Forrest (ACC) for their partnership and industry updates.

We were also proud to recognize Arthur Pennison, CSP, as our Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY). His leadership, expertise, and contributions to both Westlake and our chapter—where he has helped secure over \$30,000+ in sponsorships—make him truly deserving of this honor.

Looking ahead, we're preparing for our May Innovation & Education Symposium at L'Auberge Casino in Baton Rouge. Early bird registration is open through April 12, and we are actively seeking sponsors and speakers. Please reach out to Keely Trail or any Executive Board member to get involved.

We're also just a day away from our Golf Tournament on March 20th at The Island in Plaquemine (10:00 AM tee time), supporting ASSP scholarships and professional development.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment—this is what makes our chapter strong.

In service,

Tyler Traweck

Tyler Traweck, MBA, MS, CSP
President, ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter



EVENTS SCHEDULE

2025-2026



Fri
Mar 20

Golf Tournament

The Island

10AM Start Time

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Wed
Mar 25

Chapter Leadership Webinar Series

Online

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Dr. Darryl Hill

Discipline & Decisions



April
30

Chapter Meeting

Fire Emergency Training Academy
(FETA)

TBA

TBA



April
22-23

Region IV ASSP Professional Development Conference

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown

Atlanta, GA

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**SPONSORS
NEEDED**

Thurs
May
14

Chapter Symposium/Awards Banquet

L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Various Topics

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter, ASSP

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the benefit of the ASSP Foundation Scholarships



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MARCH 20, 2026

THE ISLAND | PLAQUEMINE, LA



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G- Growth & Grit
O- Ownership & Opportunity
L- Legacy & Development
D- Discipline & Decision

Leadership **GOLD** Series

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

2:00-3:00pm CST

**Week 4: Discipline
& Decision**



March 25th, 2026
2PM-3PM

Speaker: Darryl C. Hill

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Scan For More Information:



gbr.assp.org/events

SAVE Learning **SAVE**

THE Mentorship **THE**

Innovation **DATE**

Innovation &
Education
Symposium

📅 Thursday, May 14th

📍 L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge

🕒 9am - 4pm



MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW




BECOME A SPONSOR

INNOVATION & EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Innovation & Education Symposium is designed to bring together safety professionals at every stage of their careers for a day centered on learning, mentorship, and innovation.

The Symposium creates space for mentoring and reverse mentoring. Emerging professionals learn from established leaders, while experienced practitioners gain insight into evolving expectations, technologies, and workforce perspectives. This two-way exchange strengthens both individual growth and the future of the profession.

-  Thursday, May 14th
-  L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge
-  9am - 4pm

Presenting Sponsor **\$2,500**

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- 4 Complimentary event tickets

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- 4 Complimentary event tickets

Exhibitor **\$500**

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- 2 Complimentary event tickets

Limited Sponsorship Available
For more information: gbr.assp.org





INNOVATION & EDUCATION *SYMPOSIUM*

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

TOPICS OF INTEREST

- Leadership in Safety Culture
- Innovation and Emerging Technology
- Mental Health and Workforce Wellbeing
- Lessons Learned from the Field
- Career Development and Certifications
- Mentoring the Development of Future Safety Leaders

L'Auberge Casino &
Hotel Baton Rouge

THURSDAY
May 14th, 2026

End of Year Award
Banquet to Follow



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Supporting St. Vincent de Paul

The ASSP Greater Baton Rouge Chapter is proud to support **St. Vincent de Paul** through a chapter-wide fundraising effort running now through our **May Awards Banquet**.

Scan the **QR code** to make a donation—**100% of the proceeds from our January meeting registration**, along with all QR code donations, will be contributed. We will also announce a future date when members can **volunteer together** as we deliver the donation check.

Thank you for helping us give back to our local community.



Branden Bennett, CSP
Methanex Corporation





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2025 Safety Professional of the YEAR

ARTHUR JAMES PENNISON JR, CSP, ASP
WESTLAKE – HSE SPECIALIST



Safety Champions

AN OSHA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM



OSHA's Safety Champions Program (SCP) is a voluntary cooperative program that meets businesses where they are and supports participating employers in developing new and/or improved safety and health programs (SHP). The goal is to help reduce the risk of occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities by aligning SHPs with OSHA's Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- ▶ Open to private and public-sector worksites covered by OSHA that want to improve safety and health in the workplace.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- ▶ This is a self-guided, three-step framework: (1) Introductory, (2) Intermediate, and (3) Advanced.
- ▶ Each step aligns with the seven core elements of [OSHA's Recommended Practices](#): (1) Management Leadership; (2) Worker Participation; (3) Hazard Identification and Assessment; (4) Hazard Prevention and Control; (5) Education and Training; (6) Program Evaluation and Improvement; and (7) Communication and Coordination.
- ▶ Participants can work independently or with Special Government Employees (SGEs) who may act as mentors or to assess their safety and health program and progress at any time.

- ▶ Upon successful completion of the Advanced Step, participating employers will have a SHP that integrates all seven core elements and reflects a proactive approach to safety and health.

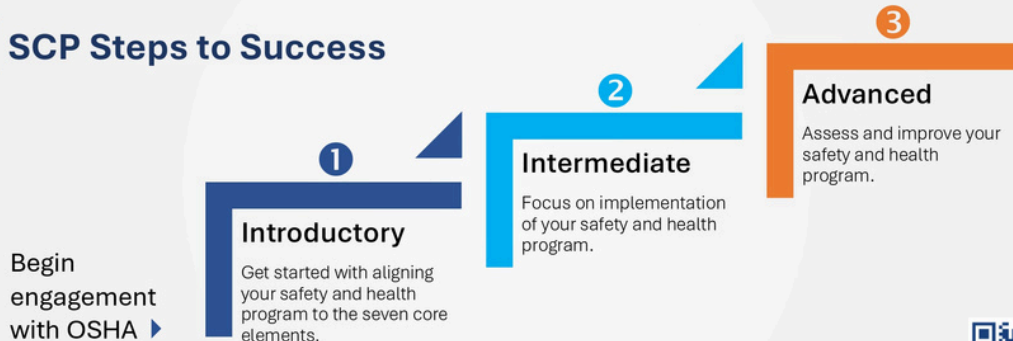
WHY PARTICIPATE

- ▶ Reduce the risk of workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.
- ▶ Use a clear, flexible framework aligned with proven best practices.
- ▶ Access experienced safety and health professionals for guidance.
- ▶ Receive OSHA recognition as you advance.

GET STARTED

- ▶ To learn more about the program and to enroll visit [OSHA.gov/Safety-Champions](https://www.osha-scp.gov)

SCP Steps to Success



Begin engagement with OSHA ▶





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**Occupational Safety
and Health Administration**

Virtual JOB FAIR



April 2, 2026

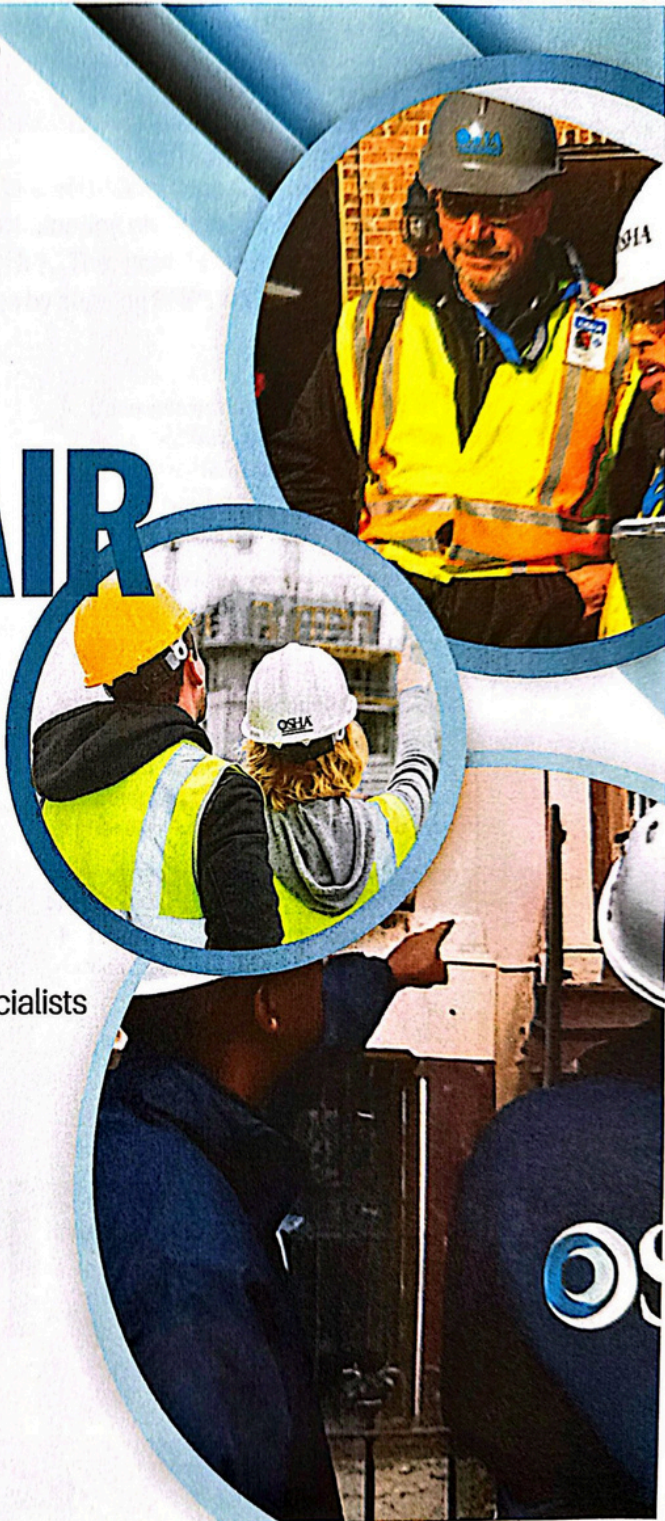


2:00 PM -3:00PM EST

Job Opportunities for:

- ✓ Safety & Occupational Health Specialists
- ✓ Safety Engineers
- ✓ Industrial Hygienists
- ✓ Safety Technicians
- ✓ and more...

Scan QR Code
to register:





In Case You Missed It...





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