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Greater Baton Rouge Chapter

May

Newsletter



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Members,

As we close out another incredible chapter year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the momentum we've built together and the strong finish ahead. Our April meeting at the Fire Emergency Training Academy (FETA) was a great experience for our members to see firsthand the valuable training resources available right here in our region. A sincere thank you to FETA and Chief Stone for hosting and providing such an engaging tour.

Now, all eyes are on our Innovation & Education Symposium on May 14th at L'Auberge Casino in Baton Rouge. This will be our final meeting of the chapter year—and what a way to end it. This FREE event is designed for both early career and experienced safety professionals, offering valuable insights into the profession, emerging trends, and practical takeaways you can apply immediately.

Whether you're just getting started or well established in your career, this event is for you. I strongly encourage everyone to attend and take advantage of this opportunity.

As we near the close of this chapter year, we have also completed our elections, and I'll be transitioning out of the President role. It has been an honor to serve this chapter, and I'm excited to pass the leadership to Erin Warren, who will officially step into the role on July 1. I have full confidence that she will continue to move this chapter forward in a big way, alongside a dedicated Executive Board that is returning and committed to continuing to serve our members at a high level.

I'll have a chance to share a few more thoughts in next month's message as we officially close out the year.

We will take the summer months of June, July, and August to begin planning for the next chapter year, and I look forward to what's ahead. Lastly, thank you to our sponsors—your support is what makes everything we do possible and has allowed us to deliver an impactful year for our members.

Come see us at the Symposium!

Tyler Traweck

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



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INNOVATION & EDUCATION *SYMPOSIUM*

L'Auberge Casino &
Hotel Baton Rouge

THURSDAY
May 14th, 2026

Awards Ceremony & Officer Installation during Lunch Keynote

Registration Required

FREE Event!

Earn CEUs



EVENTS SCHEDULE

2025-2026



**Thurs
May 14**

Education & Innovation Symposium
L'Auberge Casino & Hotel
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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**June
15-17**

Safety 2026 Conference & Expo
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, CA



**Tue
June 23**

SAVE THE DATE
Mike Anderson's Gonzales
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bridging the Gap: Navigating a
Multilingual Workforce



INNOVATION & EDUCATION

SYMPOSIUM

AGENDA

8:00 AM Registration + Breakfast

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

9:15 AM **OPENING PLENARY**
Mental Health and Burnout
Chris McGlynn, MS, CSP, Safety Director | Roco Rescue

10:15 AM Networking/Break

BREAKOUT SESSION I

10:45 AM **Early Career: Level Up: Earning Your CSP & Standing Out in the Field** *Panel Discussion*
Nick Pizzolato, CSP, HSE OPS Director | Solstice (P), Blake Granier, Safety Director | Catamaran (P), Andrew Shields, CSP, Health & Safety Manager | Georgia-Pacific (P), Christina Detiveaux, SHRM-SCP, Director of People & Culture | HASC (P), Tyler Traweek, CSP, Director of Regional Operations (SE, LA) | HASC (M)

Advanced Practices: Winning The Rollout: Driving Adoption Across Teams *Panel Discussion*
Adam Beary, President/CEO | Bear Process Safety (P), Emma Bataineh, CSP Safety Specialist | Georgia-Pacific (P), Jace Dugas, Owner/CEO | Additive Innovators (P), Arthur Pennison Jr, CSP, ASP, HSE Specialist | Westlake (M)

Keynote Luncheon

11:45 AM **Beyond VR: What Immersive Training Reveals About Emotion, Adaptability, and Worker Confidence in Safety Training**
Dr. Richard Hannah, Ph.D., MBA, ASP, Research Director | NCCER



THURSDAY
MAY 14, 2026



L'AUBERGE CASINO &
HOTEL BATON ROUGE



9 AM -
4 PM



INNOVATION & EDUCATION

SYMPOSIUM

AGENDA

1:15 PM Networking/Break

BREAKOUT SESSION II

Early Career: Future-Ready: The Human Skills That Set You Apart *Panel Discussion*

1:45 PM

Stephen Stamm, CSP, COO | TES, Inc (P), Justin Barksdale, CSP CEO & Founder | Barksdale Safety Solutions (P), Dr. Lu Yuan, Sc.D., CIH, CSP, Corporate EHS Manager | Performance Contractors, Inc (P), John Cambre, President | Responsible Safety Staffing On Demand (M),

Advanced Practices: The Problem Isn't Who You Think It Is

Rod Courtney, CHST, CUSP, WCLS, Account Executive | Workplace Learning System

2:30 PM Networking/Break

3:00 PM Technology Spotlight

Presented By: 180Pros



3:45 PM

CLOSING PLENARY

2026 OSHA Updates

Alexander Novas, Compliance Assistance Specialist | OSHA

4:15 PM

Closing Remarks + Bingo Winner Announcement



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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**.



Branden Bennett, CSP
Methanex Corporation

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.





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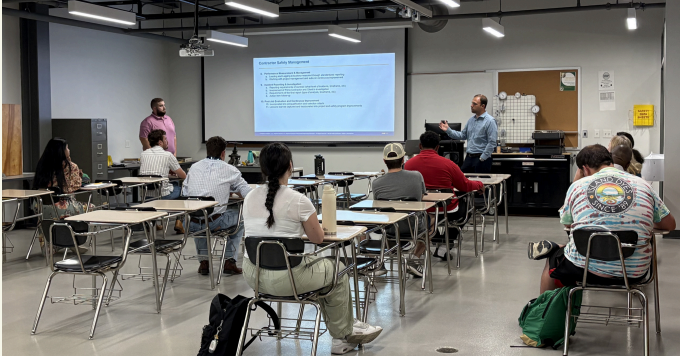
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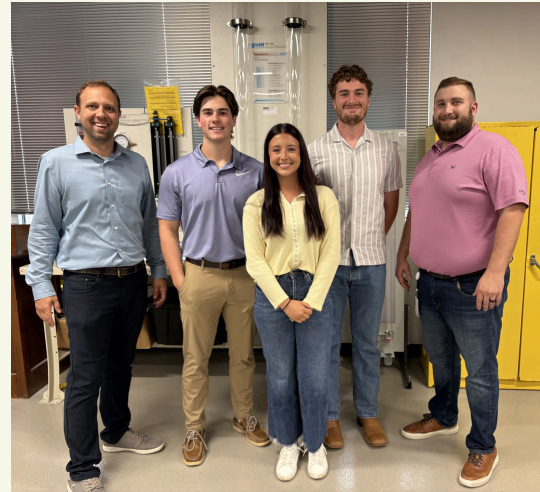
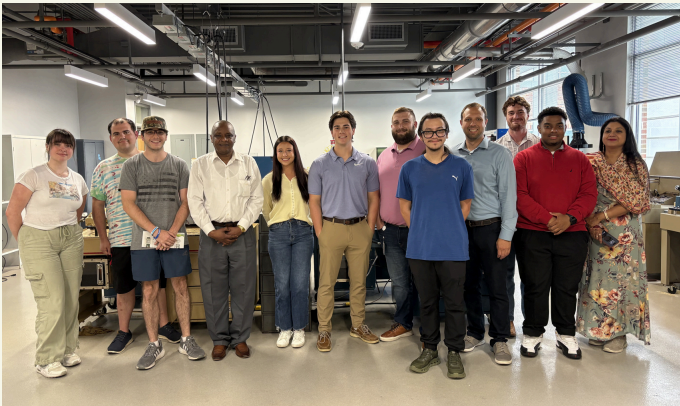
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In Case You Missed It...



Southeastern Student
Section meeting



Southeastern Student Section GSP Ceremony





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April Chapter Meeting at The Fire and Emergency Training Academy

