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Recap of the 2025 Officer Installation at TopGolf

We held our annual 2025-2015 Columbia-Willamette Chapter Officer Installation event at Top Golf in Hillsboro on Friday, June 6th.

Installation of 2025-2026 Officers

We thank Royal Willard, ASSP CWC Past President and ASSP Region 1 Past Regional Vice President, for taking time to join us and conduct our swearing in ceremony. Check out the [Event Program and Slideshow from our 2024-2025 Chapter Year here!](#) .

Congratulations to all of the 2025-2026 Officers and Committee Chairs!



Back row (left to right): Royal Willard (Installation Officer), Nichole Guilfoy (President), Kyle DeHart (President-Elect), Matt Harper (Vice President), Peche Barteaux (Treasurer), Deb Bridges (Treasurer-Elect, Community Service Co-Chair), Jackie Boyd (Delegate at Large, WISE Co-Chair), Elena Estrada (Delegate at Large), Paula Jones (WISE & Community Service Co-Chairs), Soren Bjerregaard (Scholarship Chair).

Front row (left to right): Brittany Johnston (1st Past President, Membership Co-Chair, Website), Steven Frost (2nd Past President), Linda Spaulding (Public Relations Chair), Barbara Aguon (Awards Chair), Marta Szabatin (Student Liaison Chair), Terra Wheeler (Newsletter Chair)

Not pictured: Caity Benston (Secretary), Amme Standring (Advisory Group Member), Delta Blurton (Advisory Group Member), Todd Hudson (Mentorship Chair), Kathryn Ewing (Job Postings), Jared Hartrampf (Membership Co-Chair)

Thank You to our 2024-2025 Officers and Committee Chairs!

We also recognized and thanked our 2024-2025 CWC leaders! Thank you for your service and dedication to ASSP and the Columbia Willamette Chapter.

Our chapter's success is built on our leaders, we couldn't have done great things this year without you!



Left to Right: Brittany Johnston (President), Kyle DeHart (Vice President, Membership Co-Chair), Nichole Guilfooy (President-Elect), Elena Estrada (Treasurer), Barbara Aguon (Awards Chair), Peche Barteaux (Treasurer-Elect), Linda Spaulding (Public Relations Chair), Matt Harper (Advisory Group Member), Jackie Boyd (Delegate at Large), Deb Bridges (Community Service Co-Chair), Terra Wheeler (Newsletter Chair), Soren Bjerregaard (Scholarship Chair, Delegate at Large), Steven Frost (1st Past President), Marta Szabatin (Student Liaison Chair), Jimmy Gibbons (2nd Past President), Paula Jones (Community Service Co-Chair, WISE Chair)
Not pictured: Caity Benston (Secretary), Amme Standing (Advisory Group Member), Delta Blurton (Website), Kathryn Ewing (Job Postings), Jared Hartrampf (Membership Co-Chair)

Chapter SPY Award!

Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Award

Congratulations to Eric Connelly!



Barbara Aguon (Awards Chair), Eric Connelly and wife Christine

We are proud to announce that the 2025 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award has been presented to the outstanding and highly deserving Eric Connelly.

[Learn more about Eric Connelly's contributions to the safety and health community—and why he's so deserving of the 2025 Chapter SPY Award!](#)

President's Awards

President's Award Recipients

**Congratulations to Jackie Boyd
and Kyle DeHart!**

Honoring Outstanding Leadership: 2025 President's Award Recipients

The President's Award is a special recognition selected by the outgoing Chapter President and presented to a Columbia-Willamette volunteer leader who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and service to the chapter and its members.

This year, Chapter President Brittany Johnston recognized not one, but two remarkable individuals whose contributions have gone above and beyond:
Jackie Boyd and Kyle DeHart.

Jackie Boyd

Jackie served as Delegate at Large, acting as liaison to the Santiam Section in Salem, Oregon, during the 2024–2025 chapter year. A consistently engaged and generous volunteer, Jackie was always the first to ask, “How can I help?”—and she meant it. From arriving early to set up for chapter meetings to participating in community service events, Jackie’s kindness, reliability, and support have made a lasting impact. This recognition is well-earned—congratulations, Jackie!

Kyle DeHart

Kyle served as Vice President and Membership Co-Chair for the 2024–2025 chapter year. A dependable and forward-thinking leader, Kyle led the Membership Committee, organized the chapter’s social event, managed member surveys, and curated a stellar year of membership meeting presentations. He also took the initiative to shadow the President and President-Elect in preparation for his future leadership role. Kyle is set to serve as Chapter President in 2026–2027 and will chair the 2027 GOSH Conference. Congratulations, Kyle!

Thank you, Jackie and Kyle, for your unwavering commitment to the Columbia-Willamette Chapter and for exemplifying the spirit of service and leadership.



Kyle DeHart, Brittany Johnston (President), and Jackie Boyd

Student Scholarships

Student Scholarship Recipients **Congratulations Peche Barteaux, Jared Hartrampf,** **and Makayla Watterson!**

The Columbia-Willamette Chapter manages two scholarships locally with the support of the Oregon State University Foundation. The scholarships are the ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter Leadership Award (\$750) and the Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000).

This year, Columbia Willamette awarded two Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarships and one ASSP Columbia Willamette Chapter Leadership Award.

Peche Barteaux was awarded the Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship. Peche is currently pursuing her Bachelor's in Occupational Health and Safety at Columbia Southern University. Her journey began over a decade ago at Mt. Hood Community College, and since then, she's remained deeply committed to protecting workers and promoting safe practices across industries. Peche brings a wealth of training and

certifications, including OSHA 501 and HazWoper, and has been a dedicated volunteer with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter since 2017. From serving as Treasurer Elect and Student Liaison to supporting the GOSH Conference and WISE Committee, Peche exemplifies leadership, service, and passion for the safety profession.

Jared Hartrampf was also awarded the Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship. Jared is pursuing his Bachelor's in Occupational Safety and Health at Columbia Southern University. His passion for safety began early in his career after experiencing firsthand the dangers of inadequate training in hazardous environments. Since then, he's been driven to help others discover their "why" for working safely and aspires to reduce workplace fatalities—potentially through future work with OSHA to improve consensus standards. Jared currently serves as Membership Committee Co-Chair, and also contributes to the Society's Government Affairs Committee. With certifications including OSHA 30, 511, and Safety Trained Supervisor (STS), Jared is quickly becoming a standout leader in the safety profession.

Makayla Watterson was awarded the ASSP Columbia Willamette Chapter Leadership Award. Makayla is pursuing her Bachelor's in Safety and Health Management at Central Washington University. Her passion for the field stems from a desire to make a meaningful impact and help shape proactive, forward-thinking safety cultures—an interest that grew from her experience as a supervisor in a veterinary ER. Since joining the Puget Sound Chapter in November, Makayla has been an active volunteer with the CWU Student Section. She currently serves as Student Chapter Treasurer and supports a variety of initiatives, including meeting planning, continuing education efforts like OSHA 10 and CPR/First Aid, and organizing field trips for fellow students. Her dedication and enthusiasm make her a standout in the next generation of safety professionals.



Peché Barteaux and Søren Bjerregaard (Scholarship Chair)



Jared Hartrampf and Makayla Watterson

Member Survey

We want to hear from you!

Help shape the future of our chapter by participating in the **Annual Chapter Membership Survey**—and get a chance to win one of two **\$20 Fred Meyer gift cards!**

We're always working to enhance your membership experience and better support your professional journey. Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us understand what matters most to you—whether it's events, resources, networking, or professional development.

By taking just a few minutes to complete the survey, you'll be contributing to a stronger, more responsive chapter that reflects the needs and priorities of its members.

Complete the survey to enter the raffle
Two winners will each receive a \$20 Fred Meyer gift card

Chapter officers and chairs are ineligible

Your voice matters—thank you for helping us grow and improve!

The Survey will be open until July 17th.

[CWC Member Survey Link](#)

Save the date for our September meeting!

***We are excited to announce our upcoming
September Chapter Meeting!***

Please mark your calendars and join us for an engaging and informative session with our guest, Renee Stapleton, Administrator of Oregon OSHA.

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Brix Tavern (8187 SW Tualatin Sherwood Rd., Tualatin, OR)

Lunch: Provided w/ Registration

This is an excellent opportunity to hear from Administrator Stapleton about the latest developments in workplace safety and health regulations. Don't miss out on this chance to network with fellow safety professionals and gain valuable insights.

***Official registration for the meeting will open in mid-August on our
Chapter website. Stay tuned for more details!***

Kick-Off Social Event

Save the date!

Join the Columbia Willamette Chapter at a social event to kick off our next chapter year!

All members and guests are welcome!

Date: September
Location: BGs Food Cartel food carts
(4250 SW Rose Biggi Ave, Beaverton)



Registration coming soon!

Santiam PDC - Fall Protection

Registration now open!

Join the Santiam Section as they host a PDC on Fall Protection

Date: September 16, 2025
Time: 8am-3pm
Location: Broadway Commons (Salem)
Cost: \$150 ASSP members

This workshop will quality for CEUs!

[Register here](#)

