



COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE
CHAPTER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings Everyone,

December offers a natural moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate the collective impact of our safety community. On behalf of our chapter, I want to thank each of you for your continued engagement, leadership, and commitment to advancing worker safety and health throughout our region. Your participation - whether through meetings, events, committees, or quiet advocacy in your workplace, makes a meaningful difference.

As safety professionals, we understand the importance of rest, well-being, and balance; values that are especially important during the busy holiday season. I encourage you to take time to recharge, reconnect with loved ones, and carry a renewed sense of purpose into the year ahead.

Thank you for being part of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of ASSP and for the important work you do every day to protect people and communities. I wish you a safe, healthy, and joyful holiday season, and I look forward to connecting with you in the new year as we continue advancing safety together.

In safety and service,

Nicole Guilfoy
President, ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter



ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP - GET INVOLVED!

Interested in shaping the future of our organization?



Elections are just around the corner, and we're looking for members who want to get involved! Whether you're ready to dive in or just want to start with a lighter commitment, there's a place for you.

Open positions and committees include:

- Liaison for our Santiam (Salem) section
- Government Affairs committee
- Student section (Oregon State) liaison
- Social media/Public relations committee
- Membership committee
- Awards committee
- GOSH Conference Sponsorships committee

Contact Brittany Johnston, Nominations and Elections Chair brijoh@saif.com

Thank you to our 2026-2027 Election Committee, Jimmy Gibbons and Royal Willard!

SOCIAL EVENT RECAP

We Throw Axes and It Was Good!



Chapter members and a few new guests gathered together on November 11th at Hopworks Urban Brewery to throw axes and play networking bingo for cool prizes.

We will be planning another event for the Spring. Have ideas or want to get involved in planning? Let us know!

Contact Brittany Johnston, Membership Chair, at brijoh@saif.com

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jackie Boyd

Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) Chair



Read all about Jackie's mission to support women in safety and learn about her vision for building a strong community.

[Read Full Interview](#)

NOMINATE SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



Do you know a talented and amazing safety professional who deserves recognition for their outstanding leadership and service? Applications now open, closing March 13, 2026.

Nominate Now!

DECEMBER DONATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

3 WAYS TO GIVE BACK THIS SEASON!

1. Donate to the Oregon Food Bank & help end hunger

[ASSP Columbia-Willamette's fundraiser for Oregon Food Bank](#) |
[GiveGab](#)

2. Sunshine Division

- Go to [Sunshine Division](#), sign up to be a volunteer.
- Assist with the delivery of food boxes on Saturday, December 20th.
- Volunteer times are 9:00am, 9:45am, and 10:45am.
- Boxes are picked up at Portland International Raceway and your vehicle must be able to hold (5) 30lb boxes (box dimensions are – 16"x12"x11").

3. Doernbecher Children's Hospital

- [Doernbecher Wish List](#) has toys from Amazon or Target that get shipped directly to the hospital.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

You like FREE money?!

Our chapter awards two student scholarships....

- [\\$750 | ASSP Columbia-Willamette Chapter Leadership Award](#)
- [\\$1,500 | Walter G. Thorsell Memorial Scholarship](#)

We offer one scholarship via the ASSP Foundation...

- [\\$1,500 | ASSP CWC Academic Scholarship](#)

[Applications open Oct 15, 2025 - Feb 15, 2026](#)

Scholarships are available to qualifying students attending universities and community colleges in Oregon and Washington. They are made possible by the generosity of our local CWC-ASSP members, individuals, corporations, and local sections.

OREGON YOUNG EMPLOYEE SAFETY CONTEST

Graphic Design Contest

Do you know any creative teens? They could earn \$500 by creating an “ad” for Oregon OSHA’s Heat Illness Prevention Online Course!



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Learning Opportunities

ASSP's Practice Specialty and Common Interest Groups offer free webinars with free CEUs—and now you can join as many groups as you'd like at no extra cost!

NEW MENTORING PROGRAM



New Chapter Mentoring Program

Our chapter mentoring program is off and running and we're seeing great results! Many thanks to both the mentees and mentors for their diligent efforts.

Current mentee & mentors focus on specific career areas including:

Leadership | Industrial Hygiene | Job Search | Total Worker Health (TWH)

[read about their experiences](#)

New Mentors

- Manish Gooneratne (job search, career building)
- Doug Pettyjohn (OSHA 10/30, construction, consulting)
- Dan Getschow (semiconductors)

- Thomas Price (hazmat environmental)
- Mike Cave (numerous topics)

Interested in joining? No long-term commitment required!
Contact: Todd Hudson mentorship@cwc.assp.org.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Job Postings

Working together for a safer, stronger future



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