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- Complete each category by adding content to the gray text entry boxes.
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Student Section Information

Application Date (No later than April 1, 2023): 03/31/23 (MM/DD/YY)

Activity Dates: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

Student Section Name: Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Parent Chapter: Western Pennsylvania

Number of students pursuing an academic degree in safety or another safety related discipline: 235

Number of Student Section Members: 85

Names and titles of Student Section officers and leaders (i.e. President, Vice-President, Committee names and Chairs, etc.)

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Contact Information

We attest that the information provided in this application is a true representation of the Student Section activities for the period specified.

Signature – Student Section President

Signature – Faculty Advisor

**Student Section Address:**  |  **Phone Number:**  
---|---
Johnson Hall, Room 117  |  (724) 357-3017  
1010 Oakland Avenue  |  
Indiana, PA 15705  |  

Phone Number:
### Annual Minimum Requirements

*If Student Section fails to include evidence for each annual minimum requirement the application will not be considered by the OSSA evaluation committee.

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<td>Provide evidence of how you communicate within and outside your Student Section such as through newsletters or communication platforms like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Evidence of at least four communication activities is required. Social media postings should include more than just announcements and should instead be an informative educational tool. Students can provide screen shots of social media postings as evidence. Newsletters are also welcomed. General emails do not count toward this requirement. These should be included in the Appendices.</td>
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*If your Student Section cannot meet specific minimum criteria because of pandemic-related restrictions, please explain these details in your application.*
Judging Criteria

ITEMS CAN ONLY BE ENTERED ON THE APPLICATION ONCE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO DECIDE WHERE THE BEST LOCATION IS TO PLACE ITEMS.

1.0 Professional Development and Enhancement - Please include information in the tables below.

1.1 Technical meetings (examples include: risk assessment, ergonomics, site tours, etc.). The definition of “technical” in this context is a process or procedure directly relating to OSH practice (social gatherings, resume building, interviewing skills, recruiting, employment, and other soft skills would not be considered “technical” in this context). There must be a minimum of four meetings in this section. This table must be completed in its entirety for it to qualify for the award.

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<td>Gage Rankin, CSP, CRIS, CHST, STSC (Gilbane Building Company)</td>
<td>Spoke about the hazards associated with struck-by incidents and the OSHA standards associated with struck-by hazards</td>
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<td>Overview of IH @ OSHA</td>
<td>Jenn Lawless, CSP (OSHA)</td>
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<td>2/20/2023</td>
<td>Construction safety management program</td>
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<td>Fall Protection Demonstration</td>
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<td>Spoke about fall protection in the construction industry and provided activities for the students to encourage engagement</td>
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<td>Trenching and safety conversations</td>
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*Research conducted as part of class work, an internship or graduate research should not be included in the application. Research work must be student driven and faculty advisor should be used in an advisory role.

2.0.1 Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company (MEMIC): Slips, Trips, and Falls, Grant of $30,000. Minnick, W., Marin, L., Zreiqat, M. & Gaye, C., 2021. (5 students participated in the data collection process and 22 participants/students involved) (Advisors are used in an advisory role)

2.0.2 Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST): Examining Associations Among Hazard Identification, Risk Safety Perceptions, and Safety Climate Among Steel Manufacturing Workers. Grant of $10,000. Marin, L., Zreiqat, M. & Minnick, W.D., Aug 2022. (6 students are participating and actively involved in this research) (Advisors are used in an advisory role)

2.0.3 Newton, A., Minnick, W., Marin, L., Zreiqat, M. Work effort and perceived exertion while wearing a passive exoskeleton in industrial overhead tasks. IUP 2022 Students Scholars Forum, April 2022. KCNSM Outstanding Oral Poster. (1 student involved)

2.1 Research is defined as the use of a methodological process by which a question of broad or focused interest is answered. The outcomes of the research have merit and applicability among a relatively wide audience. Research involving humans, whether data collection is through biological monitoring or through questionnaires and interviews, requires approval by the school’s or another body’s institutional review board. See your faculty advisor, ASSP and the Professional Safety Journal for guidance.
Applications of established safety and health approaches are defined as determining, monitoring, and controlling workplace hazards that may pose safety and health risks to workers. Reports in the applications subsection should, as appropriate, address details of the process used to find, monitor or evaluate, and control the hazard or hazards that have been addressed.

2.0.1

- Construction workers constantly adjust the biomechanics of walking to compensate for the Slip, Trip, and Falls (STF) risks associated with the various walking surfaces in. Characterize and compare biomechanical variables from walking on the common surfaces present in a construction site to gain a better understanding of the balance disruption level and consequently propose control measures (e.g., walking speed reductions, traction mats, handrails, guidelines).

- It was hypothesized that construction workers constantly adjust the biomechanics of walking to compensate for the falling risks associated with various walking surfaces in a construction site,” the researchers wrote. “Thus, getting timely information of the balance disruption level will inform the implementation of temporary controls (e.g., walking speed reductions, traction mats, handrails, guidelines) to minimize the likelihood of STF-related injuries.

- The team simulated five common construction surfaces including plywood, concrete, decking, mud and gravel in the IUP Department of Safety Sciences Laboratory and assessed biomechanics parameters (e.g., speed, stability, motion, joint angles) using wearable devices and motion tracking system technology.

- A portion of the study was presented at the IUP Scholars Forum by Parker Meiss and won Honorary Mention. Bobie Sue Clawson presented at the International Applied Ergonomics Conference on March 30, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

2.0.2

- To examine the association between hazard recognition, safety risk perception and safety climate among steel manufacturing workers with the aim of identifying factors in the injury/illness pathway that can be intervened to mitigate the likelihood of injuries or illnesses in this industry sector. This study proposes to 1) examine steel workers’ ability to recognize safety-
related hazard (e.g., contact with objects/equipment); 2) examine steel workers’ ability to recognize health-related hazard (e.g., fumes, metals).

- Data was collected using a perception survey to quantify risk perception, hazard knowledge and recognition, and safety culture.
- Research is conducted by the students with the mentorship of a few professors.

2.0.3 Abstract

Ergonomics related injuries, also known as Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs), is one of the leading contributors to injuries in the workplace. These disorders affect the muscles, nerves, blood vessels, ligaments, and tendons. In 2013, MSDs accounted for 33% of all worker injury and illness cases. Many cases of MSDs are in the upper extremities of the body. In 2016, 14.9% of all Lost Time incidents were in the shoulders and 5.1% of Lost Time incidents were in the arms. 38.5% (134,550) of the Lost Time also affected the back, which can also alter use of upper extremities in job tasks.

Wearable technology, for example a shoulder exoskeleton, offers a plausible control for job tasks that require overhead work frequently or with extended durations. Recent literature suggest exoskeletons have improved the participant’s physiological conditions during an overhead task, such as improved heart rate, oxygen consumption, center of pressure displacement (balance), anterior deltoid activation, and endurance. The exoskeleton used in this study is considered ‘passive’, meaning it uses springs and pulleys to hold the weight of the upper arms instead of motors.

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to examine perceptions of usefulness, safety, acceptance, and workload of a passive exoskeleton while performing an overhead maintenance task. The mixed methods approach measures the perception of usability of a Passive Upper limb Exoskeleton (PAEXO) during an overhead task in the field and quantifies the % change in heart rate when doing the task with and without the exoskeleton. Currently, there are limited studies that have examined use of the exoskeleton beyond the laboratory setting. This study will take place in the citrus industry.

Methods

The qualitative approach used in this study includes feedback received by employees prior to wearing the exoskeleton as well as after. The questions on the survey (see below) are premised on User Acceptance Theory and uses a modified version of the Technology Acceptance Questionnaire (Maurice, et.al., 2020) as well as the six dimensions of NASA TLX including mental demand, physical demand, temporal demand, performance, effort, and frustration. Likert scale responses range from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

The quantitative portion of the study collects heart rate information via a heartrate monitor worn on the wrist, as heartrate is a direct indicator of physical exertion. The qualitative feedback from the participants and their heartrate output is then compared to an ergonomic tool assessment, the Rapid Upper Limb Assessment to determine the risk of developing an MSD when that task is performed.

The overhead task performed is familiar to participants and includes building shelves and loading railcars in an orange juice production facility.

3.0 Community Involvement - please indicate how many Student Section members participated in each activity
3.1 Section-sponsored community activities (Section-sponsored is defined as activities initiated, planned and executed by the Student Section):

3.1.1 The IUP Student Section had the opportunity to sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Folger Student Center on campus. This event occurred on Wednesday, October 5th from 12 pm-6 pm. A picture of the flyer is included in the appendices (See Appendices for proof)

3.1.2 The IUP Student Section collaborated with the Ladies of Safety Club (another club within the Safety Sciences department) to arrange a holiday toy and hat drive in which several members walked around the college asking for donations to buy toys, hats, and gloves for kids at a local elementary school. The items are being used at the school for students in need during the winter months and to bring cheer to these kids during the holidays. (See Appendices for proof)

3.2 Section-sponsored campus activities (Section-sponsored is defined as activities initiated, planned and executed by the Student Section):

3.2.1 The IUP Student Section collaborated with the Ladies of Safety Club (another club within the Safety Sciences department) to arrange a bracelet sale in which several members put flyers around the college referring students to Johnson Hall to purchase bracelets. All proceeds went to the “Emily’s Army” fundraiser. Emily is a student at IUP who was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma and the family used the money for food and transportation during their stay at the hospital. (See Appendices for proof)

3.3 Section participation in community activities:

3.4 Section participation in campus activities:

3.4.1 Every year Indiana University of Pennsylvania hosts a career fair specifically for Safety, Health, and Environmental Applied Science students. Over 80 companies came to the career fair seeking students to fill the positions of interns, co-ops, and full-time positions. Interviews were conducted the day of the career fair and the next day. All members of the student section attended the career fair and many of them also attended the luncheon prior to the career fair. Many of these students received job offers from attending.

3.4.2 Several students participated in volunteering their time to help set up the Safety Science Career Fair as well.

3.5 Section engagement with and/or support of the ASSP Foundation –
Examples of ways to engage with the ASSP Foundation include:
- Discuss Foundation scholarships at Student Section meetings
- Engage with the Foundation on LinkedIn or Facebook
- Send a representative to your local ASSP chapter meeting to discuss the Foundation

*Outstanding Student Sections are not required to engage with the ASSP Foundation. Our aim is to gather information on how student sections interact with and give back to the Foundation.

3.5.1 Madison Piatak, the secretary of the student section, attended the ASSP Foundation Scholarship zoom chat/webinar.

3.5.2 Promotion of Scholarships – Throughout the spring semester, the officers advertised scholarship opportunities through ASSP Foundation and Western PA Chapter by posting on Instagram and
sending out numerous emails.

3.5.3 During the general meeting held on February 1st, the officers talked to all the attendees about the ASSP Foundation Scholarships and what they need to do to apply for the scholarships.

3.5.4 Several members of our student section as well as our social media accounts follow the ASSP Foundation on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. As we read about important information and updates, we relay information such as scholarships, updates, and events.

3.5.5 Several members of our student section follow our ASSP Instagram and Snapchat. These accounts as well as other communication platforms are used to relay information on different events, scholarships, and updates. Our social media accounts are an integral part in relaying these messages.

4.0 Recognition
Demonstrate how your student section has been recognized (e.g., scholarships, awards, etc.)

4.0.1 ASSP Foundation Scholarship Winners
- Tabitha Corwin was awarded the ASSP Foundation ASSP Western Pennsylvania Future Leaders Scholarship ($1,000)
- Samantha Lushtak was awarded the ASSP Foundation Harry Taback 9/11 Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
- Eric Berefo was awarded the ASSP Foundation Scholarship, funded by Google ($8,000)
- Casandra Schroeck was awarded the ASSP Foundation Trustee Scholarship, in honor of Janice Simon-Clark ($1,500)
- Samantha Case was awarded the ASSP Foundation Trustee Scholarship, in honor of Tracey Cekada ($1,500)
- Madison Piatak was awarded the Western PA ASSP Student Section Scholarship
- Chloe Croft was also awarded the Western PA ASSP Student Section Scholarship

4.0.2 Board of Certified Safety Professionals Scholarship
- Madison Piatak was awarded the Board of Certified Safety Professionals Scholarship ($5,000)

4.0.3 Chevron Scholarships
- Madison Piatak was awarded the Chevron Scholarship ($1,000)
- Sydney McCormick was awarded the Chevron Scholarship ($1,000)
- Chloe Croft was awarded the Chevron Scholarship ($1,000)
- Michael Rizzo was awarded the Chevron Scholarships ($1,000)
- Mahkena Delaney-Savinda was awarded the Chevron Scholarship ($1,000)

4.0.4 David L. Johnson Award
- Madison Piatak was awarded the David Johnson Award ($977)
- Kevin Ingros was awarded the David Johnson Award ($977)

4.0.5 Bud Young Award
- Landin Bennett was awarded the Bud Young Award ($745)

4.0.6 Ohio Contractors Association
- Chloe Croft was awarded the Ohio Contractor Association ($2,000)
5.0 **Collaboration with Parent Chapter**
Describe your collaboration with your Parent Chapter and provide evidence of this collaboration. Examples may include but are not limited to attending Parent Chapter meetings and events, helping with Chapter hosted conferences, etc. A letter of endorsement supporting your collaboration from your Parent Chapter is required and should be included in the Endorsement section.

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<td>October Technical Tour and Meeting at IUP</td>
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<td>Did a meet and greet with everyone in attendance and took a tour of the IUP Co-Generation facility on campus</td>
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<td>March Technical Meeting and Tour</td>
<td>Justin Koss, CSP and Jocelyn Milby, CSP</td>
<td>Talked about the American red Cross organization and took a tour of the blood manufacturing facility</td>
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<td>ASSP: Hispanic Safety Professionals</td>
<td>Dr. Jan Wachter, ScD</td>
<td>Ethical dilemmas and challenges that safety and health professionals face are important for discussion. Presentation of the philosophical approaches and the models and framework for safety and health professionals to use to resolve the dilemmas and challenges once they are identified and confronted.</td>
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- Letter of Endorsement from Matt Carney, Safety Manager at Layton Construction, Guest Speaker
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**Appendices (100 pages maximum)**
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Instagram
February Newsletter

Assp Newsletter

February 2023

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February Flashback

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Join us tomorrow March 8th for a meeting with Kokosing and welcome guest speakers Matt McCarthy and Mike Smith!

Will be provided! See you there!
### 1.1 Technical Meeting Information (Supporting Documents)

Gage Rankin, CSP, CRIS, CHST, STSC (Meeting on 4/6/2022)

#### IUP ASSP Student Section Meeting Record and Sign-In

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(Meeting on 11/17/2022)
Matt Carney, CSP – Safety Programs (Meeting on 2/20/2023)
Matt McCarthy, CSP and Michael Smith, CSP (Meeting on 3/7/2023)
Meeting occurred during a hands-on lab but was set-up by an ASSP officer and anyone was able to attend.

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John Dougherty-Interviewing Skills (Meeting on 9/15/2022)

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Hi Oscar-

Thanks for reaching out to me. This is to confirm **Quanta Services** coming to IUP Safety Sciences on October 4th from 3:15-4:15. I have cc: Dr. Zreigat and Collin McCanna, the Faculty Advisor and President for our student section of ASSP. They can organize/market this meeting as part of the ASSP student section group.

Collin/Dr. Z: **Quanta Services** will be coming to campus to talk about their company. They want to recruit some co-ops and interns. Students should bring their resumes to this meeting. **Quanta Services** said they will provide some food to the students as well. (Thank you!)
Good evening!
Tyler Campbell will be in town Thursday Oct 13 and interested in speaking to ASSP.

I’m passing this on for you folks to make arrangements.

Thanks Tyler for reaching out!

LHR

Get Outlook for iOS

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Tyler Campbell from Tesla is here today to speak to Safety Sciences students at 2:30 pm in room 110. This is a great opportunity to make a connection! Stop by!

Dr. Tracey Cekada, CSP  
Chairperson and Professor  
Safety Sciences Department

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Spoke about the challenges and rewards of moving away from home and about being comfortable in the uncomfortable in general.

Tyler Campbell  
Tesla Alumni  
Human and Organizational Performance Specialist at Tesla

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Andrew Longacre - Professionalism (Meeting on 11/14/2022)

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General Meeting with Officers (Meeting on 2/1/2023)
Michael O’Connor - Professionalism (Meeting on 2/17/2023)
2.0 Section-Sponsored Research and Applications Proof (Supporting Documents)


2.0.3
3.1 Section-sponsored community activities (Supporting Documents)

3.1.1 American Red Cross Blood Drive

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From: Sistek, Karen <karen.sistek@redcross.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:08 PM
Subject: Blood Drive Results

Good Morning,

Thank you all for volunteering at the drive yesterday. I wanted to let you know the results of the day. Our goal for the drive was 31 units of blood. Here are the statistics from yesterday:

31 Donors registered online

31 donors registered at the drive
7 First time donors
9 donors were deferred
1 Power Red Donor

Our total for the day was 22 units.

Thank you again for your help,
Karen
3.1.2 Holiday Toy and Hat Drive

HOLIDAY TOY AND HAT DRIVE

Sponsored by IUP ASSP and Ladies of Safety

November 14 – December 5, 2022

Please bring brand new, unwrapped toys and hats to the Safety Sciences Department lobby in Johnson Hall or make a donation with one of the student volunteers. All donations from the community are accepted and appreciated as well.

All toys and hats will be donated to a local elementary school to bring holiday cheer to all the children!

For more information, contact Aubrey Ozolins at hoana@iup.edu or Madison Findak at trbc@iup.edu.

From: STEPHANIE BRILLHART <sbrillhart@iasd.cc>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:26:16 PM
To: Laura Rhodes <lrhodes@iup.edu>, Aubrey Ozolins <hoana@iup.edu>, Laine Garber <tbrbc@iup.edu>
Subject: Thank-you

THANK-YOU...I truly was in shock with your generosity today. Our students are going to be so happy and excited this year. We are hoping to assist with Christmas as well as “store” some items in an “emergency closet” to help families in time of need throughout the year. We are all so thankful to you for organizing this event and thinking of our kiddos here at Ben Franklin.

We wish you all a wonderful Holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.
Steph
Stephanie Brillhart, Ben Franklin School Counselor
724-465-5637 ext. 1 sbbrillhart@iasd.cc
3.2 Section-sponsored campus activities (Supporting Documents)

3.2.1 “Emily’s Army” Fundraiser

**BUY A BRACELET TO SUPPORT EMILY’S ARMY!**

**Where:** First Floor of Johnson Hall

**When:** Now till supplies last

**How:** Available for pick-up at Johnson Hall, pay via Venmo @iuplos or cash payment

**Why:** On behalf of the Ladies of Safety and ASSP, this fundraiser is taking place to help alleviate the burden of travel expenses, medical expenses, etc.

**What:** A student in the IUP Safety Sciences Department, was recently diagnosed with an illness and 100% of the proceeds will assist in incidental costs of travel and treatment.
3.4 Section participation in campus activities (Supporting Documents)

3.4.1 Career Fair Pictures

Career Fair Luncheon for Officers

To: Carly LeComte, Sydney McCormick, Madison Piatak, Aubrey Ozolins, Laine Garber
Cc: Laura Rhodes, Majed Zreiqat, Wanda Minnick

ASSP/RSK/Ladies of Safety Officers:

We are excited to invite student organization officers to our Career Fair luncheon this year- and thank you for agreeing to come!

Lunch will be a sit-down lunch in the PNC Room of the KCAC on Thursday, September 22nd at 11:30 am. I will be asking you all to stand and introduce yourself, identify what organization you are with and your position, and state if you are looking for a co-op, internship, or employment. This is a great opportunity to get your face in front of the recruiters before the career fair! 😊

See you there!

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Indiana University of Pennsylvania
3.4.2 Setting up and Tearing Down Career Fair

Career Fair Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

Thursday, September 22nd from 8:45 - 11:00 am
Help with Recruiter Booth Set-Up, parking, etc.

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3.5 Section engagement with or support of the ASSP Foundation (Supporting Documents)

3.5.1 Proof of Attendance of ASSP Foundation Scholarship Meeting

THEN WHAT?

- Each application is reviewed and scored by three members of ASSP Foundation Academic Scholarship Review Committee, focused on:
  - Academic performance such as GPA and curriculum rigor
  - Leadership activity in ASSP and the broader safety community
  - Motivations for entering the field and how you plan on achieving your goals as an OSH professional
- After all applications have been scored, each applicant’s score is averaged, and awarding begins.
3.5.2 Proof of Posting ASSP Scholarship Opportunities

iupassp The Western PA Chapter of ASSP is offering scholarships to five students this year. Applications are due March 1st and the awards are: one $1500 scholarship, two $1250 scholarships, and two $1000 scholarships. Click the link in our bio and for more info to apply! #scholarship #iup #assp #westernpa #iupsafety

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February 3
5.0 Collaboration with Parent Chapter (Supporting Documents)
March Technical Tour - ARC Blood Manufacturing Plant

**Lunchtime Tour & Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, March 09, 2023; Time: Check-in 11:30am, Tour starts at 12:00pm

**Location:** American Red Cross Blood Manufacturing Laboratory in Johnstown, PA

**Hosts:**
- Justin Kiss, CSP, OHST, Executive Director, Environmental, Health and Safety at the American Red Cross
- Jocelyn Milby, CSP, MS, Safety & Wellness Director, Environmental, Health and Safety at the American Red Cross

**Topic:** Tour of the facility and operations then lunch

**Description:** Have you ever wondered exactly what happens to the blood you donate at the American Red Cross? Your blood goes on an amazing journey! You will learn about all the steps your blood goes through before it reaches a recipient in this tour. Each day, thousands of people – people just like you – provide compassionate care to those in need. Our network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world.

**Cost:** Professional $25.00/Student $10.00

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ASSP Western PA PDC Planning Committee Meeting

2023 PDC Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, March 10, 2023, 11:00am to 12:10pm

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- Wayne Vanderveen
- Michelle Tikka
- Cody Bergal
- Dan Fenn
- Jason Koss
- Chelsea McNeil

Other participants:
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2023 PDC Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

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- Cody Bergal
- Dan Fenn
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Other participants:
- Savannah Neese – SRC student
- Melissa Paull – IUP student
- Melissa Paull – IUP student

Action Items from this Meeting

A. Kelley L. - request for the 2023 PDC.
B. Wayne V. - contact Tim Fisher and Jennifer McCullough for potential new members.
C. Brian M. - request that the committee review the attendance list for events.
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ASSP Organization Meeting on Ethical Dilemmas with Jan Wachter
6.0 Endorsement from Parent Chapter

March 11, 2023

Student Section Award Committee
American Society of Safety Professionals
520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Western PA Chapter of ASSP, being the parent Chapter, I am honored to submit a letter of endorsement in support of our Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student Section in their pursuit of the Outstanding Student Section Award.

The IUP Student Section, this chapter year, is active with the parent Chapter’s PDC Planning Committee for 2023, attending parent Chapter meetings, and conducting their own Student Section events.

This Chapter year, IUP Student Section members hosted and participated in the parent Chapter’s technical tour of the Cogeneration Plant at IUP campus. Members of the parent Chapter were invited to speak at Student Section meetings. Students from the IUP Student Section participated in a tour of the American Red Cross blood processing facility.

The IUP Student Section will be assisting in hosting duties of the parent Chapter Professional Development Conference in April including working at the registration table and moderating for the speakers. Selected members of the IUP Student Section will be participating in the parent Chapter PDC presenting their research projects and hosting poster sessions during the PDC in April. Members of the IUP Student Section will be operating a career and student information table at the parent Chapter Professional Development Conference in April.

Thank you for considering the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Student Section for the Outstanding Student Section Award.

Respectfully,

Wayne Vanderhoof CSP, CIT
Chapter President
Western PA Chapter of ASSP
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March 16, 2023
American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP)
Student Services 520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL, 60068

Re: Indiana University of Pennsylvania Letter of Endorsement
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student Chapter of ASSP for the Outstanding Student Section Award. As a graduate of the IUP Safety Sciences Program and former member of the student chapter, I would like to endorse the IUP Student Chapter. I have been working with the student chapter for the last couple of years and hope to continue to grow this effort in support of the chapter.

This year I had the honor to be welcomed by the student chapter to present the topic of “Typical Construction Safety and Health Programs”. The general purpose of the presentation was to give students an idea of what to expect if they were to choose a career as a Safety Professional in the construction industry. In achieving this purpose we spent time describing typical aspects of a construction program including the written safety program, subcontractor prequalification, orientation, pre-task planning, and what to expect your typical day to look like on a construction site. These topics allowed us to expand on technical knowledge including what vertical and horizontal standards apply to construction, different categories of incidents, calculating incident rates, understanding an Experience Modification Rate (EMR), and performing an OSHA establishment search. The students in attendance were attentive, responsive, and engaged in discussions.

I believe that the student chapter’s engagement with myself and multiple other professionals who have been through the program at IUP will enhance the learning obtained in the classroom and will be helpful in their understanding of what their career as a safety professional could be after graduation. The student chapter at IUP has done a great job of establishing a professional network while they are still working on finishing their academic careers. I will continue to work with the student chapter to find ways to support their needs as an enthusiastic and engaged group of individuals preparing to embark on successful careers as Safety Professionals.

I feel that the IUP Student Chapter is very deserving of the Outstanding Student Section Award.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

With Sincere Regards,

Matthew Carney, CSP, ASP, CHST
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724-980-9362
March 7, 2023

American Society of Safety Professionals
Student Services 520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Re: Indiana University of Pennsylvania Letter of Endorsement for Outstanding Student Section Award

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student ASSP organization for the Outstanding Student Section Award. I have witnessed all the amazing work IUP’s student organizations have done, as a student, and as a current safety professional. I have worked closely with current members of IUP’s student organizations and observed their dedication and drive to continue student engagements through various activities.

I had the privilege of attending as a guest lecturer the past few years to discuss Construction Safety and professionalism. Our discussions focused on my experiences after graduation and advice I was given as a newly graduated safety professional. The students did a great job of advertising this lecture and had a nice turnout. There were plenty of questions and engagement, as well. Madison Piatak, Karly LeComte, Sydney McCormick, Carson Aiker and other students have done a tremendous job with networking their local chapter and bringing in other guest speakers/lecturers to provide real world experiences and insight.

IUP’s student advisor, Dr. Majed Zreiqat, is actively involved in the student organizations and provides an immense amount of support for the students and their desire for knowledge. He has created an atmosphere where students can feel free to be themselves and find their niche.

There is no question that IUP’s student organization deserves to be awarded the Outstanding Student Section Award. They have shown time after time their dedication to safety and helping the entire program.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions about IUP or their student organizations.

Sincerely,

Gage Rankin CSP, CRIS, CHST, STS-C
Safety Director, Gilbane Building Company
March 26th, 2023

American Society of Safety Professionals
Student Services
520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL 60068

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I am writing on behalf of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Student ASSP organization for the Outstanding Student Section Award. I have personally witnessed the excellent work IUP’s student organizations have done. I have worked closely with current members of IUP’s student organizations and observed their commitment to providing valuable student engagements through various activities.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending a student ASSP meeting as a guest lecturer to discuss Trench and Excavation Safety as well as techniques for having meaningful engagements with team members in an at-risk situation. The students did a fantastic job of advertising and marketing the session and the turnout was much more than I expected. The session was engaging and impactful. Karly LeComte, Madison Piatak, Sydney McCormick, and other students have done an excellent job with networking their local chapter and brining in other guest speakers to provide experiences from working safety professionals in various industries.

IUP’s student advisor, Dr. Majed Zreiga, is actively involved in the student organization and provides the leadership for the students to host these beneficial events. He has given the team the freedom to pursue several beneficial speakers that expose the students to real world situations with professional expertise.

I am confident that IUP’s student organization is worthy of recognition with the Outstanding Student Section Award. They have operated with excellence and elevated the program and the university. Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Matthew P. McCarthy
Safety Director
Kokosing Industrial, Inc.
Faculty Advisor Letter of Support

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Latrice Rone
ASSP Student Engagement Coordinator

520 N. Northwest Highway
Park Ridge, IL 60068

April 1, 2023

Dear ASSP Student Engagement Coordinator:

I am writing this letter as endorsement of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) ASSP Student Chapter application for Outstanding Student Chapter. This year, our student Section was very active and maintained connections with all members. The students in this chapter have made us as a department and especially me extremely proud as their Faculty Advisor. They initiated most of the events this past year on their own with very little direction and involvement from me. This initiative and ingenuity as to relevance of the tasks towards community and campus involvement have been outstanding. Several IUP Student Section members were awarded multiple scholarships last year and this year totaling about $30,000 from multiple entities including James Joseph Davis Memorial Scholarship, ASSP Foundation Scholarship, BCSP Scholarship, Chevron Scholarship, and Bud Yang Scholarship.

Moreover, our Student Section members were actively involved in scholarly activities. For example, several undergraduate students and one MS student were co-investigators on a $50,000 external grant through MEMIC Group, specialists in workers’ compensation insurance to conduct research to reduce workplace slips, trips, and falls. This grant generated a poster which was presented by one of our undergrads at the 2022 IUP Scholar Forum which was selected as one of our college Honorary mentioned posters. Additionally, five graduate students presented their research work at the 9th ASSP WP A PDC of 2022 last April and three are expected to present this year. Also, six undergraduate students are currently co-investigators on another $10,000 AIST grant to examine the association between risk perception and safety climate among steel manufacturing workers and assess steel workers’ ability to recognize safety and health related hazards. The students collected data from steel workers using perception survey and they are going to present two related research posters at the 2023 IUP Student Scholars Forum on April 5th (the two posters were accepted for presentation). The students will also present their work on May 9th at the Iron & Steel Technology
Conference and Exposition in Detroit, MI (presentation was accepted). I could not be more honored to be one of the faculty who mentored these students for these scholarly activities.

The IUP Student Section was also very active in campus activities last year and this year. For example, IUP ASSP Student Section sponsored the American Red Cross Blood Drive on campus last October. In collaboration with the Ladies of Safety Club (another club within the Safety Sciences department), the two organizations arranged a holiday toy and hat drive in which toys, hats, and gloves were donated for kids in need at a local elementary school. The students donated more than 500 items. The two organizations also organized a bracelet sale for one of our students who was diagnosed with cancer. Donations went to the “Emily’s Army” fundraiser to support her family during their stay at the hospital. As a service to the department and the university, several students volunteered to help set up the IUP Safety Science Career Fair last October.

Equally important, the students have also been very aggressive in organizing and attending professional development meetings, hosting guest speakers for our ASSP meetings, and staying engaged and involved with the Western PA Parent Chapter. Several technical and educational meetings were organized and attended. The students regard these meetings as a wonderful learning opportunity.

Please consider the IUF ASSP Student Chapter for the Outstanding Student Chapter Award. They have made a significant impact both in the surrounding community and here on campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Majed Zreigat
Faculty Advisor
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)