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By Dr. Slates

COVID-19 Update

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. In light of the continued community spread of COVID-19 across Indiana and around the world, Indiana University has extended online teaching and learning through the end of the spring 2020 semester. Since Spring Break, faculty have adjusted their lesson plans and are ensuring that all student academic needs are met. Other adjustments include, holding Zoom meetings and classes, virtual advising sessions for summer internships and registering students for summer session courses. Despite the CDC guidelines, work restrictions, and stay at home orders, the IU Safety Program is still committed to excellence in teaching, service and research. As we near the end of the Spring term, I would like to personally thank our student section officers for their contributions to the program. Over the past academic year, they have worked tirelessly to schedule monthly meetings, participate in student research activities, arrange guest speakers, assist faculty in disseminating employment and



internships opportunities. Lastly, I regret to inform you that IU must postpone all Spring Commencement Ceremonies on all campuses that are scheduled in May. Current guidance from the CDC, restrictions on large gatherings, and our own focus on health and safety make it impossible to hold these cherished traditional events as scheduled. All IU graduates will be able to participate in a future IU Commencement Ceremony when the public health situation again allows us to do so. In summary, while we celebrate the many achievements of the IU Safety Program, it's important that we continue to pray for the victims and families that have been effected by the COVID-19 crisis. With hope and optimism, the IU family will become stronger as a result of this crisis.

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Industrial Hygiene Laboratory Responds to IU Health Bloomington Hospital Need for Personal Protective Equipment.

As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, supplies of personal protective equipment are exceedingly low, and many items are on backorder. The equipment recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention includes gloves, gowns, respiratory protection and eye protection.

The N-95 respirators worn by health care workers have been in short supply in the wake of the coronavirus's spread across the nation. The U.S. has a stockpile of 30 million face masks but needs at least 270 million more to protect health care workers should the coronavirus spread widely across the nation, according to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar. Indiana University's Safety Program are helping by donating much needed personal protective equipment to IU Health Bloomington Hospital.



At the request of School of Public Health-Bloomington Dean David Allison, to meet this need, Dr. Kevin Slates, Professor of Safety at Indiana University's School of Public Health-Bloomington donated his entire inventory of personal protective equipment. After receiving the request from Dean Allison, Dr. Kevin Slates immediately drove from Louisville, Kentucky back to Bloomington, Indiana and searched his inventory for personal protective equipment.

The donation included over 1,000 pair of nitrile and latex gloves, Tyvek suites, face shields, tight fitting goggles. In addition, the lab provided over 85 N-95 particulate respirators and ½ mask tight fitting respirators to help address the local and national shortfall. The industrial hygiene laboratory located at 501 North Showers Building is used for occupational safety and health teaching and research activities.

“It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed”

-Theodore Roosevelt

Commencement Update

A Message from President Michael A. McRobbie:

To all members of the Indiana University community,

I write to share the enormously disappointing news that IU must postpone all Spring Commencement Ceremonies on all campuses that are scheduled in May. Current guidance from the CDC, restrictions on large gatherings, and our own focus on health and safety make it impossible to hold these cherished traditional events as scheduled. I am taking this action now so you can adjust any Commencement travel plans given the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commencement is a seminal moment for our graduates and their families, and today's announcement is truly only a postponement of the moment that has been so richly earned. All IU graduates will be able to participate in a future IU Commencement Ceremony when the public health situation again allows us to do so. All IU degrees will continue to be awarded when earned, and this change of plans in no way affects the timing and awarding of IU degrees.

Congratulations to Our May 2020 Safety Graduates

- Isabella Byers
- Hazley Connelly
- Ashton Anekwe
- Spencer Mattix
- Bobby Pierce
- Tucker Wiley
- Adriana Chapman
- Victoria Green
- John Rodgers
- Katelyn Bowman
- Alneisha Franklin
- Tyler Simms
- Kenny Arnold
- Aaliyah Armstead



May 2019 graduates pictured above

“If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams”.

-Less Brown

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ANSI Z 87.1 Eyewear Certification Workshop

What are the statistics?

According to the Center of Disease Control (CDC), there are more than 10,000 eye injuries in North America every day. The Department of Labor has reported that 2,000 of these injuries require medical treatment and time off work, and the Bureau of Labor says 85% of these cases require up to 5 days off work. This workshop is a fantastic way to boost your resume, be sure to attend the next Edge Eyewear Safety Training next Fall 2020.

Neil Powell joined members from the IU ASSP student section to conduct an informational training session over Edge Eyewear, and the importance of eye protection. Since a smaller group attended, the students were able to interact more with Neil and discuss topics that were covered during the training session. It was stated during this session that over half of eye injuries can be attributed to at-home activities, so be sure to wear safety glasses next time you decide to weed-whack your yard! Some students even got to participate in activities like beating a hammer down on different types of glasses to test their resiliency and wearing blind goggles to test depth perception. Neil did a great job of leveraging humor into his presentation, and the students were very appreciative of his generosity in coming to present here on campus.



Outstanding faculty recognized by the Indiana University School of Public Health- Bloomington

Each year, the Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington recognizes outstanding faculty members who demonstrate the highest level of excellence in pursuit of the school's mission. The following are the 2019-2020 award winners:

The Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award



Dr. Angela Chow
*Assistant Professor,
Applied Health Science*



Ms. Kathy Finley
*Senior Lecturer,
Applied Health Science*



Dr. Kevin Slates
*Clinical Associate Professor,
Applied Health Science*

March Zoom IU ASSP Student Section Meeting



Kevin Beswick, President at RMS Consulting served as our technical speaker for our March 12th student section meeting. RMS is a national provider of occupational safety consulting services, located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Due to the CDC guidelines and state stop work orders, the meeting was held virtually using Zoom. Kevin's technical topic covered the recognition, evaluation and control of risks associated with excavation activities. This topic is extremely important for anyone entering into the field of safety but for those of you who intent to work in the field of construction, this topic is vital to ensuring the safety of your workers. Excavation and trenching are amongst the most dangerous operations in the construction industry. Dangers can include cave-ins, falling loads, hazardous atmospheres and hazards from using heavy equipment. Regular pre-work inspections can reduce hazards and serious risk of injury. Kevin has worked as a consultant, manager and director for RMS Safety before becoming president. He is a graduate of Indiana State's undergraduate safety program. During this time, he completed his internship with the Indiana Department of Labor.



Safety Student Ashton Anekwe Gives Back During Spring Break



4 years ago Ashton's my mom started taking care of her grandmother after she fell and broke her hip. During this time, large amounts of personal protective equipment supplies from a healthcare company had accumulated in their home. While searching for something on our porch, Ashton noticed her mom had boxes on top of boxes of unopened examination gloves. So she reach out to her our local hospital back home. The hospital informed Ashton they were literally on their last box of latex and nitrile gloves. She was ecstatic! Ashton was able to deliver the gloves that same day. They were donated to Methodist Northlake Campus in Gary, Indiana.

2020 INDIANA SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE

The 2020 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo was filled with need-to-know training to keep your employees and colleagues safe on the job site. Featuring more than 70 breakout sessions and more than 100 exhibitors and sponsors. During the opening session of the 2020 Indiana Safety and Health Conference at the Indiana Convention Center, the Indiana American Society of Safety Professionals Chapter awarded four scholarships to Indiana students studying occupational safety and health. Congratulations to four Indiana University Safety Program Students who received over \$6,000 in scholarships. Join me in recognizing Victoria Green, Isabella Byers, Abby Dillman and Dana Gardner.

Abby Dillman-
\$2,000
Victoria
Greene-\$2,000
Dana Gardner-
\$1,000
Isabella Byers-
\$1,000



Graduate Safety Professional Designation (GSP) Information



The safety undergraduate degree programs on both the Indiana University Bloomington and Indiana Southeast campuses are now a Qualified Academic Program by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. As a result, upon graduation, students can apply and receive the Graduate Safety Professional Designation (GSP). The GSP designation will substitute for the required Associate Safety Professional (ASP) credential.

How to Apply

If you have graduated from a QAP during its accreditation period, you must submit a GSP Application and a copy of your transcript using 'My Profile' at www.bccsp.org. For information on QAP's, visit www.bccsp.org/GSP.

“Whether you think you, can or you think you can’t, you’re right”.
-Henry Ford

Are you taking advantage of your ASSP Student Membership?

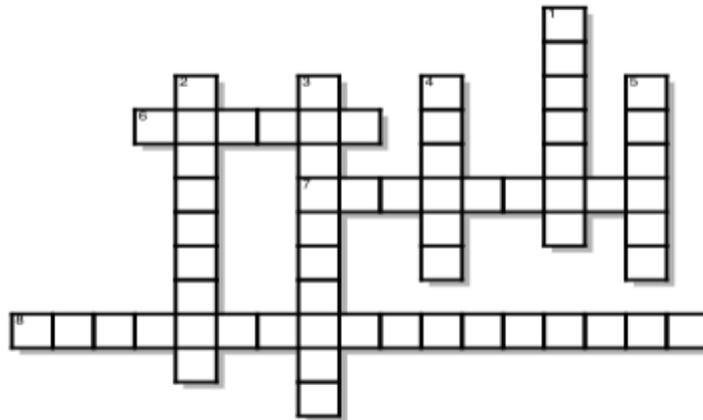
Your ASSE membership is more than just a requirement to be a part of your student section and attending meetings at IU. As a student member you have access to the Central Indiana Chapter (CI ASSP) and are welcome to attend the meetings. You get access to the website which includes the, job postings, and access to literature.

By joining ASSP as a student, you'll be able to start connecting now with our expansive professional network and receive deep discounts on education. These experiences set you on a path to personal growth, professional excellence and career success. Student dues are \$15 per year and include one free practice specialty and common interest group. Learn more about the specific qualifications and benefits, or [apply now!](#)

Selected IU Partners and Companies



Safety Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 6 Dr. _____ is the great faculty advisor for the IU ASSE student section
- 7 OSH professionals focus on the prevention of accidents in the _____
- 8 Once the root cause has been determined, the safety professional must recommend _____

DOWN

- 1 This form of PPE protects against head injuries
- 2 The industrial hygienist focuses on the prevention of _____ rather than injuries
- 3 _____ is a key to success and can occur by connecting with new people
- 4 The safety professional must avoid placing blame on the _____
- 5 This is the greatest profession of modern times

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