Leading Corporations Partner with ASSEF to Support SH&E Scholarships

The Bechtel Group Foundation, CNA Foundation and Scott Health & Safety have joined the growing list of corporations working with the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF) to support its scholarship programs.

The Bechtel Group Foundation recently donated $10,000 to ASSEF to support undergraduate students pursuing SH&E-related degrees with an emphasis in construction. This year’s recipient of the $5,000 Bechtel Group Foundation Scholarship for Safety and Health is Daniel Snyder, an undergraduate student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Bechtel is a privately owned, San Francisco-based global engineering, construction and project management company with 40,000 employees and 40 offices around the world.

The CNA Foundation recently donated $10,000 to ASSEF to support a new scholarship program for students pursuing degrees in occupational safety, health and the environment. The CNA Foundation will support two $4,000 scholarships.

The recipients of the 2007 CNA Foundation Scholarship are Erin Gallagher and William Downs. Gallagher is an undergraduate at Keene State College. Downs is an undergraduate at Iowa State University.

CNA is the seventh largest U.S. commercial insurer and the 14th largest U.S. property and casualty insurer.

Scott Health & Safety recently contributed $5,000 to ASSEF. The firm, a unit of Tyco Fire & Security, a major segment of Tyco International Ltd., manufactures respiratory protection equipment for first responders, industrial workers, law enforcement, military and homeland security forces. The donation will help support the Foundation’s scholarship, research and professional development grant programs.

“We value the support of these corporations,” says ASSE Foundation Chair Kennith D. Brock, CSP. “Their commitment to the Foundation will enhance the SH&E profession by providing for the development of future professionals.”

ASSEF Establishes New Professional Development Grant in Honor of Tom Reilly

The ASSE Foundation recently announced the availability of a new professional development grant in honor and memory of Thomas and Dorothy Reilly. The Thomas & Dorothy Reilly Professional Development Grant was established with a $10,000 bequest from their estate. It will provide financial assistance to ASSE members seeking to advance their education through recognized safety certification courses, professional development seminars, educational conferences or college coursework. Reilly’s surviving children Janet Meyer, Kathleen Hurley, Thomas, Nancy Bittenbender, Michael and Julie, wife of the late Dennis Reilly, and their children Jake and Timothy, hope to endow the grant with additional contributions from family, friends and colleagues.

Chicago native Thomas Reilly passed away in May 2006. He joined ASSE in 1957, and served as ASSE’s 1984-85 president. He also was president of Reilly Associates Safety Consultants Ltd. upon retiring from Schirmer Engineering Corp., where he had been director of safety and health.

To contribute to this fund, send your donation earmarked “Reilly” to Mary Goranson, ASSE Foundation Manager, 1800 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines, IL 60018.
Foundation Awards Nearly $90,000 in Scholarships

UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

America Responds Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Jacqueline Harvey • Slippery Rock University

ASSE Construction Safety Scholarship ($1,000)
Benjamin Treppa • Oakland University

ASSE Foundation/Practice Specialty PDC Scholarship (up to $1,200 each)
Lindsay D. Hart • Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Jessica L. Vrabal • Slippery Rock University

CNA Foundation Scholarship ($4,000 each)
William D. Downs • Iowa State University
Erin T. Gallagher • Keene State College

DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund Scholarship ($1,000 each)
Jessica L. Burley • Ohio University
Jared Dyer • Millersville University
Erin Lynn Hampton • Murray State University

David Iden Memorial Safety Scholarship (sponsored by UPS) ($5,250 each)
Nicholas Carl Eschner • Oklahoma State University
John Montgomery • Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Lindsey K. Powell • Oakland University
Angela Setera • South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

George Gustafson HSE Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Texas Safety Foundation) ($2,500)
William Cass French Jr. • Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Greater Baton Rouge Chapter/Don Jones Excellence in Safety Scholarship ($1,000)
Valerie A. Hanson • Oklahoma State University

Gulf Coast Past Presidents’ Scholarship ($1,000 each)
Leanne Crowley • Oakland University
Michael J. Jackson • Grand Valley State University

Harold F. Polston Scholarship (sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Chapter) ($2,000)
Steve Alan Ramage • Murray State University

Harry Taback 9/11 Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Julie Pendergrass • Millersville University

Liberty Mutual Scholarship ($3,000)
Kaylan L. Chapman • Fairmont State University

Marsh Risk Consulting Scholarship ($5,000)
Melissa Seay • Murray State University

Northeastern Illinois Chapter Scholarship ($2,500)
Nicholas Bradac • Northern Illinois University

Region IV/Edwin P. Granberry Jr. Scholarship ($1,000)
Chad Kilby • Millersville University

Southwest Chapter Roy Kinslow Scholarship ($1,000)
Christopher Wayne Hicks • Southeastern Oklahoma State University

The Bechtel Group Foundation Scholarship for Safety & Health ($5,000)
Daniel D. Snyder • Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Warren K. Brown Scholarship ($1,000)
Gerald M. Stephens • Indiana State University

Washington Group International Safety Scholarship ($3,500)
Billy W. McBride • University of Central Oklahoma

GRADUATE AWARDS

Gold Country Section & Region II Scholarship ($1,000)
Nsikak Effiong Udo-Imeh • Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Greater Boston Chapter Leadership Award ($1,000)
Kendra Richardson • University of Massachusetts, Lowell

James P. Kohn Memorial Scholarship ($2,000)
Marcella R. Thompson • University of Rhode Island

Medina Scholarship for Hispanics in Safety ($1,500)
Juan David Moreno • Marshall University

Scott Dominguez/Craters of the Moon Chapter Scholarship ($1,000)
Marie Felice-Luebeck • Montana Tech

The Georgia Chapter of ASSE Annual Scholarship ($2,000)
Todd D. Smith • University of Georgia

Thompson Scholarship for Women in Safety ($1,000)
Lisa Stephanie Hatfield • West Virginia University

UPS Diversity Scholarship ($5,250 each)
Amy Paris • University of Arkansas
Quintin L. Williams Jr. • University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

William C. Ray/Arizona Scholarship ($1,000)
Jason Goodman • Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
**FRANK D’ORSI**

The decision for me to make a legacy gift to the ASSE Foundation was very simple. I've been fortunate to have a career in a profession that has provided me a great deal of satisfaction in so many different ways. The most important is that everyday when I get up, I have the opportunity to help someone make a difference with something that is more valuable or precious than any other thing they could possibly have, their health and safety. The masters in the profession, like Bird, Ferry, Grimaldi, Manuele and Petersen to name just a few, have paved the way for me as well as so many of our past, current and prospective new members to be successful in what we do. The association with the Society, projects and the many members met and worked with have all contributed to my success through their contributions to the development and success of the profession. The legacy gift to the Foundation that can potentially be used for providing inspiration to individuals to join the profession, providing a grant or part of a scholarship, funding for legislation that will create a safer workplace, research, etc., will be a way for me to continue to contribute to help further the development of the profession.

**TOM CECICH**

As a young college graduate seeking a career field in 1972, I was fortunate to have been exposed to several seasoned safety professionals in ASSE's North Carolina Chapter. Because of the time these individuals invested to mentor me I chose a career that allowed me to make a sound living while always feeling that I was making a valuable contribution to the organizations I worked for and the people I worked with. It was a decision I never regretted for a minute and one that allowed me to sleep well at night knowing that my job was trying to keep people from getting hurt. From those early experiences I learned first hand that becoming a safety professional may not always be an obvious career choice for students to make. Now, the ASSE Foundation’s major goal is to help educate and encourage young people to enter the profession. Being a Legacy Donor is a way that I can support the future of the profession and also in a small way say “thank you” to the safety professionals who long ago patiently invested their time in me.
Grant Program Grows in 2007

The Foundation’s professional development grant program continues to grow. This year, four sponsors partnered with the Foundation to award 16 grants totaling $9,500 to help recipients advance their education.

**DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund Grant**

- Kristy Milo, Mentor on the Lake, OH; ASP application fee and test;
- Mary Ellen Holvey, Pittsford, NY; ASSE PDC registration fee.

**Medina Professional Development Grant**

- Cynthia King, Tuscon, AZ; ASSE corporate safety management course;
- Heather Earl, Winter Haven, FL; ASSE PDC registration fee;
- Laverne Ogieste, Edgewood, MD; CSP workshop.

**Delmar E. Tally Professional Development Grant**

- Jeremy Spalvieri, Oklahoma City, OK; ASP workshop, application fee and test;
- Tony Bale, Lehi, UT; ASSE PDC registration fee;
- Kelly Sexauer, French Village, MO; ASP/CSP study guides;
- A. Orlando Cerrillo, Zillah, WA; CSP preparation courses;
- Gregory Barker, Spring Hill, FL; OSHA 500 course;
- Carmen Lau, San Francisco, CA; ASSE safety management II course;
- Ryan Green, Marcus Hook, PA; college text books.

**Texas Safety Foundation Professional Development Grant**

- Mitch Leary, Moses Lake, WA; ASP/CSP application and exam fee;
- Jim Ross, Guthrie, OK; CSP exam fee and preparation course
- Smart Acha, Port Harcourt, Nigeria; CSP application and exam fee;
- Sang Choi, Whitewater, WI; ASP exam fee.

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