2016 Arizona Health and Safety Summit

Starting Thursday April 21 and continuing through Saturday saw first the 2016 Arizona Health and Safety Summit, a Region II and AZ ASSE Awards Dinner and a Region II Regional Organization Committee (ROC) meeting.

The two day Safety Summit saw keynote presentations, vendor booths and demonstrations and breakout sections on emerging issues, risk management, professional development, and ASP CSP prep courses.

One of the highlights was Jeremy Bethancourt hosting a Drive Smart lunch panel on Thursday featuring Josh Welp, Greg Fredericksen, Bill Warren, and Ben Bruce.

Other speakers included Kevin Cobb on reaching difficult Cave Man at work and Michael Bryant demonstrating the different types of mentoring on Friday.

Border Construction representatives demonstrate different types of fall arrest and rescue techniques after the fall to prevent further injury.

Region II Vice President Tim Page-Botorff can’t resist getting off the stage and into the crowd during the Thursday morning opening keynote speech on Building the Foundation to Safety Success.
The Arizona ASSE website for matching ASSE members (students, recently graduated, and professionals) to more seasoned professional members for career advice. Sign up to be a mentor or mentee now.

Student Mentor / Advisor chair Michael Bryant breaks the Friday morning audience into three large groups to demonstrate the pros and cons of group mentoring. Everyone later experienced a smaller group and one on one mentoring.

One of the Thursday afternoon demonstration was BOSSE showing the increased benefits and decreased potential injuries of an ergonomically designed shovel.

Mentoring
Professional Development Through Peer Interaction

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Christina Kirk of American Technologies Inc, welcomes attendees of the Wednesday evening kick off event sponsored by Women In Safety Engineering.
Award Recipients at Region II and AZ Chapter ASSE Dinner

From Left: Region II Vice President Tim Page-Botorff with Arizona Safety Professional of the Year Melissa Schmaltz and Region II Safety Professional of the Year Jeff Citrone.

Arizona ASSE President Melissa Schmaltz with the two GateWay Scholarship recipients Tammy Somo (left) and Sandi Sherman (right).

University of Arizona’s Gilbert Rivera is awarded the William C. Ray Scholarship for $2,500.

Arizona ASSE President Melissa Schmaltz presents Michael Bryant with the Arizona Chapter Mike Cook Award.

Arizona ASSE President Melissa Schmaltz with Ryan Oughterson, Finalist, Region II Safety Professional of the Year.
May 2 Started National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls Week

Macay Homes and LeBlanc Building Co.

Joined by numerous residential building employers and workers, an Area OSHA representative participated in one of Arizona’s only residential construction publically open Fall Stand Down events.

For the last three years Maracay Homes, LeBlanc Building Co., Inc., ACTA Safety, the Arizona Chapter of the ASSE and others have been partnering to promote fall protection best practices during National Stand Down week.

As an Arizona home builder, Maracay Homes remains the only builder in the state who consistently ensures permanent anchor points are installed on structures throughout all their Arizona communities.

Of special note, in 2007 Maracay Homes began working with trade partners to ensure permanent fall protection anchors points are installed and available to all workers in their communities throughout Arizona. By getting involved in the preconstruction interaction with all contractors including large subcontractors or event those with less than five workers and an owner.

Maracay Homes and LeBlanc Building have demonstrated safety is more than about simple OSHA compliance. Working together, builders and subcontractors of all sizes can ensure all workers are protected at heights.
ASU ERM Students Win Safety Award
The Arizona State University (ASU) Environmental and Resource Management (ERM) EcoCAR 3 team was awarded with a SOAR award for the Most Safety Focused Fulton Student Organization. In addition, Briana Del Bianco was awarded the Great Communicator Award for her work in EcoCAR 3 this spring.

4S Superstars Inducted at Awards Dinner
In a very somber and serious ceremony nine safety professionals were awarded with the distinction of a paper crown, plastic telescope and pretty cool lapel pin. They are: Grace Miller, Mike Bryant, Linda Parker, Jeff Citrone, Susie Vader, Nathan Spencer, Jay Acker, Dustin Richartz, Craig Dickensheets

BCSP ASP/CSP Study Group
Past President Wayne Carroll organizes an ASP/CSP study group at GateWay College. Let him know you’re interested in finding or providing help to find out the next date.