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CSHEMA Announces 2023 Award Recipients

Oak Creek, WI (July 26, 2023) – Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) shined the spotlight on the higher education institutions and individuals recognized for outstanding achievements during 2022 at the 70th Annual Conference in Boston, MA. The Annual Awards Presentation was attended by over 600 CSHEMA members and guests. Each year, CSHEMA members submit nominations of their peers for review by the Award and Scholarship Committee. Margaret Smallbrock, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Sandra Hicks, University of Central Florida led the Awards Committee to review and select the award recipients based on a rigorous set of criteria in the categories of innovation, marketing and communication and individual career achievement.

The CSHEMA Innovation Awards seek to honor the innovative achievements of higher education institutions of each constituent type (community colleges, comprehensive and doctoral institutions, research universities, and small institutions) in three categories: process improvement, resource enhancement, and safety culture.

Innovation Award for Process Improvement recognized:

Small Sized School- **Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) for “Nanomaterials Safety”**.

Medium Sized School- **Oregon State University for “Hazardous Waste Management”**.

Large Sized School- **Virginia Commonwealth University for “REDCAP Automated Respirator Evaluation”**.

Innovation Award for Resource Enhancement Award was presented to:

Medium Sized School- **University of North Carolina Charlotte for “Refrigerant Management Program”**.

Large Sized School- **Virginia Commonwealth University for “Pharmaceutical Hazardous Waste Program”**.

Innovation Award for Safety Culture Award recognized:

Medium Sized School- **Oklahoma State University for “Peroxide Former Testing”**.

Large Sized School- **Virginia Commonwealth University for “Lab Safety Video Series”**.

The CSHEMA Marketing and Communications Awards seek to honor the achievement of CSHEMA member institutions (community colleges, comprehensive and doctoral institutions, research universities and small institutions) in the areas of marketing and communication.

The Marketing Campaign Award is given for excellence in marketing and communication for a comprehensive campaign of a health and/or safety message(s). Campaigns generally include multiple actions and pieces of media used over a defined period of time for a specific purpose.

The Marketing Campaign Award recognizes:

Medium Sized School- **Princeton University for “50 Years of EHS at Princeton”**.

Large Sized School- **North Carolina State University for “Back to Basics”**.

The Single Media Award recognizes single pieces of media created and used by an institution for an intended purpose. These pieces are generally considered stand-alone items. Examples include an issue of a newsletter, printed advertisement, poster, signage, video, brochure, mailer, webpage, T-shirt, promotional item, and more.

The Marketing Single Media Award was awarded to:

Small School- **Southern Methodist University for “Avoid, Deny, Defend”.**

Medium School- **Nova Southeastern University for “Fire Safety While Traveling Abroad”.**

Large School- **University of California - Office of the President - Risk and Safety Solutions for “Maximum Allowable Quantities (MAQ)”.**

The Comprehensive EHS Marketing and Communications Program Award is CSHEMA’s highest-level marketing and communications award. It recognizes excellence in a comprehensive program of marketing and communications. This award includes the defined, planned, and ongoing marketing and communication activities that support and enhance the functionality of an EHS organizational unit.

The Comprehensive EHS Marketing and Communications Program Award recognized Medium School- **Oklahoma State University for “EHS Brand Improvement”.**

New this year, CSHEMA presented **The Lab Safety Awareness Week Award** to honor the efforts of higher education institutions in promoting CSHEMA’s inaugural laboratory safety week through marketing and engagement initiatives. Awards were provided for each EHS department size, small, medium and large.

The Lab Safety Awareness Week Award recognized:

Large School- **Texas A&M University and University of Tennessee Knoxville.**

Medium School- **Nova Southeastern University and Oklahoma State University.**

The CSHEMA Campus Leaders Who Care Award seeks to recognize the outstanding involvement and support of senior administrators for their commitment and contributions to enhance the culture of safety at their institutions. Through their outstanding and ongoing efforts to promote a shared vision of safety at their institution.

The CSHEMA Honorary Life Award is granted to retired individuals who have made significant and meaningful contributions to EHS programs for at least 10 years as a member of CSHEMA. **Dennis Terpin** was the recipient of this significant recognition for 45 years of experience in Occupational Safety, Laboratory Safety, Health, Emergency Response, Rescue and Emergency Management. His major certifications include: Certified Safety Manager, Fire Officer, Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Technician, All Hazards Incident Commander Instructor, All Hazards Safety Officer Instructor.

The Campus Leaders Who Care Award Recognizes outstanding involvement and support of senior administrators for their understanding of how important environmental stewardship and health and safety issues are to their institutions. **Treby Williams, Princeton University** and **John Hall, University of Texas at Arlington** received honors this year.

The Excellence in Volunteerism Award honors outstanding volunteer service to CSHEMA based on professionals' commitment and success over the last 12 months within the Association. CSHEMA honors **Jim Crandall, Penn State University** and **John Feller, Texas A&M University.**

Rising Star Award Recognizes those who are new to the safety field and making measurable change at their institution. **Kevin Dolge, Carleton College** received recognition from CSHEMA.

The Safety Professional Award seeks to honor individual CSHEMA members who have made significant contributions in the field of safety. **Sandra Prior, University of Tennessee** is the recipient of this honor.

CSHEMA Award recipients are invited to present about their award-winning achievements at the 2024 Annual Conference in Tampa.

About Campus, Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA)

The mission of CSHEMA is to support and to educate campus-based Environmental Health and Safety professionals to empower and to improve the EHS profession in campus environments. CSHEMA's core values are to uphold the honor, integrity, and dignity of the profession, promote inclusion and diversity in the profession, provide strong member services through ongoing needs assessment for campus-based EHS professionals, to provide advocacy on behalf of the profession as the voice of campus-based EHS, and to demonstrate commitment to practical and applicable solutions for the campus-based EHS professional, to continuous improvement and to education

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