



# Newsletter of the Montana Tech Student Section of the Big Sky Chapter, American Society of Safety Engineers

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## ASSE Montana Tech Student Section Officers

**President** – Griff Warner  
**Vice President** – Jacob Van Dyke  
**Secretary** – Damien Hayden  
**Treasurer** – Tyler Davis  
**Faculty Advisor** – Lorri Birkenbuel

## Big Sky Chapter Officers

(The Parent Chapter)  
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## Welcome New ASSE Officers



Figure 1: ASSE Student Chapter Officers pictured from left to right (Damien Hayden, Jacob Van Dyke, Griff Warner, Tyler Davis)

As the recent faculty advisor Roger Jensen has stepped down, Lorri Birkenbuel has taken over the role. Welcome Lorri and thank you for all the hard work that you have already put in to ASSE.

We would like to welcome our new President Griff Warner. Griff is a senior in the Occupational Safety & Health program and was elected as President of Montana Tech's ASSE Chapter this last spring. He is planning to start graduate school in the spring to pursue his Master's in Industrial Hygiene. Griff is a Butte native but has spent the last two summers out of state while interning in various industries. He spent the summer of 2016 in Lewiston, Idaho interning with the Clearwater Paper Corporation; this

was a large industrial site with over 1300 employees and affirm safety was the correct choice. Griff spent this past summer in Gillette, Wyoming working for Cloud Peak Energy; a large producer of low-sulfur coal and an industry leader in safety. Griff enjoyed branching out into a new industry and gaining experience in a new environment. He is excited to help build the organization; his main priority is to increase membership and current membership participation. He looks forward to meeting all the new members at upcoming club events.

We would also like to welcome our new student chapter Vice President Jacob Van Dyke. He is a senior in the OSH program here at Montana Tech and is originally from Helena, Montana. Jacob became involved with ASSE as a sophomore and enjoyed getting involved and expanding his career knowledge. This is Jacob's first year as Vice President. Jacob interned with Hensel Phelps Construction this past summer in San Diego and found that the construction industry was a great fit for him. He enjoyed his experience and will continue working in the construction industry after graduation. When Jacob is not at school you will find him running, skiing, fishing, and hanging out with his friends.

Finally we would like to welcome Damien Hayden as the new student chapter secretary. Damien is a senior in Occupational Safety and Health and has plans of graduating in May of 2018. He has spent his last two summers as a safety intern in the construction industry. His first internship was with Baker Concrete in

Houston, TX. Houston was a little too hot and high pace for him so Damien decided to take his next internship closer to home. His most recent internship was at the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky Montana working for Jackson Contractor group on the largest and most expensive construction project in the state of Montana. When Damien is not studying or working you can find him out on the golf course in the summer and up in the ski hill in the winter.

Tyler Davis is our ASSE Montana Tech Student Chapter Treasurer. He began this position at the beginning of the 2017 spring semester. Tyler is a senior in the Occupational Safety and Health program and will be graduating December 2017, the completion of this semester. He will be applying to and pursuing a Master's degree in Industrial Hygiene at the start of the 2018 spring semester. Tyler held an EH&S internship at Bend Research in Bend, Oregon last summer. He is currently an EH&S intern at Montana Precision Products right here in Butte, MT. Outside of work and school he enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, snowboarding.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

-Monday (9/22) at **3:00 in room SE 302** Julie Hart will be discussing the upcoming Northwest Occupational Health Conference held in Spokane in October.

- Friday (9/29) A Day's Work – ASSE is hosting a documentary showing **Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> in the Library Auditorium from 1:00 – 2:00 pm** that is open to the entire campus. The movie is called "A day's Work" by

Dave DeSario. The film includes an investigation that reveals the troubling issues that led to a 21 year old temporary employee's death and how the \$100 billion temporary staffing industry is putting millions of American workers at risk. The movie will be followed by a presentation and question session from the Executive Producer himself from **2:00 – 3:00 pm**. This event is beneficial to all students; especially those majoring in Business, Construction Management, OSH, and Engineering.

-Wednesday (10/4) – Eddie Grier, representation the Board of Certified Safety Professionals will be speaking about safety leadership and the value of certification. The session will be held at **2:00 PM in the URC**, Bob Poore room.

-Friday (10/6) Baker Concrete Construction will be holding an info session at **3:00 PM in the Copper Lounge**. Baker is looking to fill both full time and intern safety positions. I encourage all to attend as it is a great chance to secure a job.