



The ASSP Region VIII New England Area Professional Development Conference and Expo was a success last week at the Equinox Resort in Manchester, VT. It was a pleasure to host our conference in-person and to see our peers and friends again after too long of a time.

Deb Roy, past-President ASSP was our keynote speaker and presented on Evolving your Safety Practice and Profession. What a timely topic as we emerge from the pandemic and organizations are looking to refresh their injury prevention programs and leverage the technology we all used via our virtual engagements.

Our presenters covered a depth of topics to assist the always learning EHS professional, from creating a culture of caring, fire safety, crisis response planning, electrical safety, fleet safety... too many to mention them all.

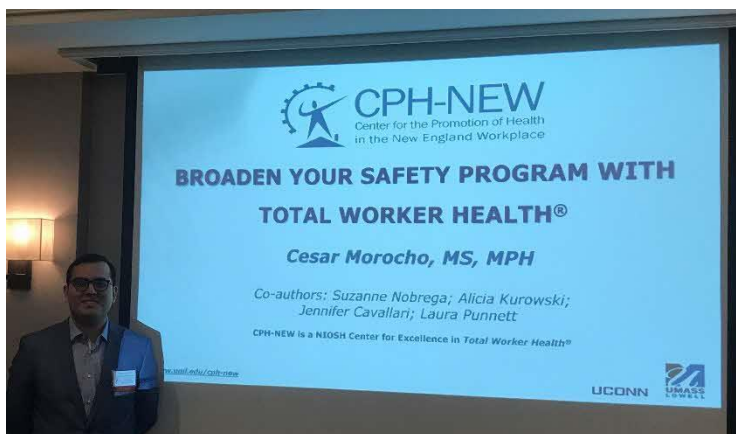
New topics were introduced to match our challenging times, including Covid responses and the need to address behavioral health in the American workforce.

Thank you to our presenters in their role of thought leaders for sharing with our membership.



Lisa Desai Psy.D. presenting on Behavioral Health in the Construction Sector

UMass Lowell and Keene State students were in attendance and acted as moderators. They are the future and we are pleased to see so many smart and engaged students in our student sections and at our conference. Students are always welcome and the host committee was pleased to see Cesar Morocho, UMass Lowell Student Section President presenting on Total Worker Health.



Cesar Morocho, UMass Lowell Student Section President presenting

Special thank you to our sponsors for their support and engagement in development of our EHS professionals. We could not host out PDC without your continued support. We hope to see you all next year.

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It is important that we recognize the founders of our Professional Development Conference. Don Olesen, John Spath and Dave Gelpke are the three individuals who conceived and created the PDC. We thank them for their leadership and foresight into the needs of our professional members.



Daren Canfield, PDC Host Committee Co-Chair recognizing John Spath, PDC Co-Founder

John Spath was present at the conference, and the host committee was pleased to recognize him for his years of contributions. Deb Roy, Past President ASSP recognized John for his leadership and the many roles he has held within ASSP.

Don and Dave, we look forward when we can meet in person and thank you personally for your leadership.

Thank you, see everyone next year.