



EDUCATE, ACTIVATE, MOTIVATE! POST-CONFERENCE RECAP EDITION

Thank you to all who attended this year's CSEA Statewide Conference on Occupational Safety and Health, whether virtually or in-person, we appreciate your participation in making it a memorable experience! We would also like to acknowledge our Standing Safety and Health Committee for helping plan a safe and enjoyable event and taking part, along with our other member volunteers, onsite in Saratoga. We extend our sincere gratitude for your time and support!

As CSEA's first hybrid conference, we're humbled by the outstanding virtual attendance and revitalized after seeing everyone in Saratoga come together again. Reaching more than 700 participants and covering nearly 40 topics, we're already seeing the impact as new leaders and activist take action in organizing safety committees and trainings in their workplaces.

Let's continue to Educate, Activate, and Motivate!

Meet our Award Recipient

Congratulations to Sue Spain! This year's recipient of the Bill McGowan Award, our union's highest honor awarded to CSEA's most outstanding safety and health activists.

Sue Spain is an activist in Saratoga County Educational Local 864 and President of CSEA Ballston Spa Central School District Unit 8455 whose exemplary efforts contributed and continue to improve worker safety. Read more about Sue on our conference page: cseany.org/safety-conference-2022.

Virtual Participant Mailing

Keep an eye out: All virtual attendees will receive a giveaway package containing vendor items, a conference pin and a CSEA blanket!

Access content from this year's conference online!

On-demand webinars, plenary sessions, and workshop materials available to all at cseany.org/safety-conference-2022

WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY (WMD)

Workers Memorial Day, celebrated on April 28 (the date the OSH Act of 1970 was signed, creating the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration), is a day to remember and honor the more than 5,000 workers who are killed or injured on the job, and the thousands of workers who lives were cut short from occupational disease. CSEA members work in some of the most dangerous environments and endure countless hazards to provide essential services. CSEA honored fallen members in Saratoga Springs, but we encourage you to participate in local worker memorial services in your area.

For more information on events near you, or to view/download WMD materials and toolkit, visit <https://aflcio.org/about-us/conferences-and-events/workers-memorial-day>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Welcome to the Safety Net, CSEA's official safety and health network! We hope you find our monthly newsletter fun, engaging, and informative. Our goal is to gain visibility and inspire safety activism in all work settings. Readers truly resonate with your shared stories, questions, and concerns. Featuring member-submitted content can inspire others to forge new connections and take action. We encourage your participation and appreciate having the opportunity to acknowledge our diverse membership.

Help rebuild our Safety Net!

Download/print in bulletin format to post in your workplace: cseany.org/safetynet

What's New: Safety Net Newsletter

Featuring the Safety Net's NEW advice column, "Dear Bernie!"

Write to "Dear Bernie" expressing your questions/concerns relating to workplace safety and health and receive advice from our OSH professionals!

Submissions can be emailed to Bernadette.foley@cseainc.org and will be published anonymously in the following edition. *All participants receive a complimentary prize for submitting their content.*

Follow the Safety Net on social media

Facebook: @CSEASafetyNet **Instagram:** @CSEA_safety_net

Update! The Canary Facebook and Instagram pages will soon be merged with the Safety Net. Current Canary followers, please be advised of this as we switch over to our renewed platform and say farewell to old faithful, our big yellow bird, the Canary.

New & Updated Safety Resources

Clean Up Safety mobile app now available!

The app is full of great information for anyone engaged in any sanitation or cleanup operations. The information can also help you at home to help keep you and your family safe!

Find more information/download at cseany.org/clean-up-safety

CSEA's Occupational Safety & Health Activist's Guide to Safety in the Workplace

This guide is full of great information and resources designed to directly assist safety activists in the field. Whether you are looking for inspection checklists, sample letters to request safety and health information, or information on how to make the best arguments to win workplace improvements, you can refer to the Activist's Guide.

View/Download by visiting cseany.org/safety or contact us to order print copies.

Monthly Subscriber Prize Drawing

Winners for the month of May have been drawn and we notified them by email. If you were a winner, you must respond to the confirmation email by the end of the month to claim your prize.

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NEWS UPDATES

CSEA members' quick thinking, actions save lives
By Mathew L. Cantore

ALDEN — CSEA Western New York DDSO Local members are being honored for their quick actions in saving individuals' lives after a fire broke out at an state Office For People With Developmental Disabilities residential facility in Alden.

Read more at <https://cseany.org/workforce/?p=10823>.

This story also appeared in the AFSCME blog on March 31, 2022.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Share your story, meme, or photo for chance to be featured in the Safety Net Newsletter!

Submissions can be emailed to bernadette.foley@cseainc.org. *All participants will receive a prize for submitting their content.*

MEMBER RESOURCES

To view/download our A-Z list of fact sheets and other materials, visit: cseany.org/safety-resources

For more information on trainings and educational resources, visit <https://cseany.org/member-resources>

Contact your OSH Specialist here:
<https://cseany.org/member-support>

CSEA Occupational Safety & Health Specialists can provide training, technical assistance, labor-management services, and even help establish a safety and health committee in your workplace.

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