Dear Future Safety Leader,

Imagine a time and place where big-name professionals in the OSH industry, whom you have read about, are meeting to talk about cutting-edge findings, ideas, and problems facing the industry. This exists at ASSE’S Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition. The conference itself is so much more than education, I would recommend any student or young professional interested in the OSH profession attend.

The main reason why most people attend the conference is to learn and hear about best practices and research being done in the field. I was stunned at how many different sessions were going on at the same time. It may feel overwhelming at times because there are so many sessions to attend and sometimes it’s hard to keep up, but I know that I walked away having gleaned a bit of knowledge from the best and brightest out there. You can’t get that anywhere else.

Many would say networking is a given, but the extent to which this can be done at the conference is second to none. I’ve been to my share of career fairs, and they pale in comparison to those you could meet at the ASSE conference. Not only are the speakers presenting, they’ll be sitting in sessions and at lunch with you. This is an excellent opportunity to share ideas, challenges and connect.

You can directly seek out professionals in areas in which you are interested, get involved in conversations with them about their work, and get career advice. When I was a student, my peers and I met mentors, applied for internships and in the end, got a job in safety, by simply attending and talking to people. This helps you build your network now.

If you’re a young professional like me, do it! You will get so much out of it.

Sincerely,

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ABOUT ME
I am currently the Environmental, Health, Safety and Workers Compensation Specialist for Danone. I graduated from Murray State University with a Master of Science in Safety Management and a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Safety and Health. Previously, I served as a Graduate Assistant in the Occupational Safety and Health Department at Murray State and completed internships for three Fortune 500 companies.

MY INVOLVEMENT WITH ASSE
I have been a member of ASSE since 2012 and was extremely involved in the student section at Murray State University. I am actively involved in the Young Professionals in OSH Common Interest Group which strives to increase involvement, provide education, and build relationships.
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Join your peers, OSH professionals and employers for ASSE’s Professional Development Conference & Exposition which offers the tools you need to begin a successful career in safety. The conference showcases the best in the profession, while bridging the gaps between established experts and students. It’s never too early to connect with your future colleagues. You CANNOT beat this value for three full days of instrumental safety education.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Over 200 peer-reviewed sessions are distributed among 20+ topics, including fundamental sessions. These sessions are ideal for students and beginning professionals, offering an excellent introduction to a broad range of topics such as hazard identification, construction, fire protection, risk management, and safety management.

CAREER CENTER
Stop by and view internships and entry-level job opportunities provided by companies from across the country. Visit company tabletop booths to learn more about potential employers and connect with reps from top companies.

COMMUNITIES LOUNGE
Stop by to have fun and discover what your ASSE community can offer year-round through mini-sessions, networking, and more. Fireside Chats with senior leaders will help you understand how to chart your own leadership path.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
OSH professionals from various industries and backgrounds will share their career experiences, discuss communication skills, professional development and other relevant topics. Get a broader perspective on what it is like to be an OSH professional to prepare for your career.

NETWORKING BREAKFASTS
Learn all about how to maximize your PDC experience and how to get involved in ASSE. Enjoy a continental breakfast and engage with your peers.

RESEARCH POSTER SESSIONS
The Poster Session stimulates interest in OSH research and acts as a forum to share best practices, new initiatives and earn recognition. Put your research in front of thousands of practicing safety professionals and add an esteemed research presentation to your resume.