Fall, 2008 Newsletter

September 9th, 2008

We just had our largest ASSE student chapter meeting EVER!! Attendance was 57 students and 3 faculty for a total of 60!!

We’re also experiencing our largest fall occupational safety enrollment in history here in the department with 450+ students enrolled including 280+ undergraduate and 42 graduate occupational safety majors. After graduating 69 students last year with the BS degree in occupational safety and health I thought we would be down a little this year but, we’re actually up 5% over last fall which makes 12 consecutive semesters (excluding summer) of increased enrollment in the SOSU occupational safety department.

The 2008 - 2009 Southeastern Oklahoma State University ASSE Students Chapter Officers are:

President    Jonathan Ludrick
Vice-President Ray Stephens
Secretary    Derek Black
Treasurer    Cody Harrison
Occupational Safety Students Attend National Conference

Eleven students from the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Department of Occupational Safety recently attended the American Society of Safety Engineers National Student Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This was the largest student leadership conference in the United States for students majoring in occupational safety, emergency program management, aviation safety, and environmental safety. Conference participants attended seminars on environmental science, safety culture, resume preparation, leadership skills, civic engagement, industrial hygiene, mining, construction, and many others related to the specialized field of occupational safety & health.

The students were able to network with industry professionals from around the country and interact with over 200 other occupational safety college students from more than twenty colleges and universities. “This was the best group of students I’ve ever taken to a conference or seminar” exclaimed Dr. Wayne Jones, occupational safety department chair and trip sponsor. “One of our students, Bernardo Estrada, Jr., was on the winning quiz bowl team! I would stack our Southeastern occupational safety students against any in the USA!”
Students pictured and attending the conference were (L to R) Top Row - Jonathan Ludrick, Ray Stephens, Derek Black, Ryan Brnardic, and Matthew Moody, Bottom Row - Cody Harrison, Nathan Johnson, Stacie Johnston, and Bernardo Estrada, Jr. Not pictured - J.D. Wallace, Stephanie Hudson, and Dr. Wayne D. Jones.

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