ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY SUMMIT & EXPO

November 11, 2026
Summit: Room 214 | Expo: Room 218

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:30 AM
Registration & Check-In
Expo Opens in room 218
Featured Throughout the Expo

- Safety vendors and demonstrations
- Environmental Health & Safety resources
- Training opportunities
- Door prize drawings
- Networking with safety professionals

8:00 AM
Summit in room 214
WELCOME
Ryan Gallagher, Vice President, Campus Operations
Joseph Whitlock, Senior Director of EHS

8:15 AM
COMMITMENT TO SAFETY & COMPLIANCE
Jay Wasson, Senior Vice President, Administrative Operations
James Mohler, Associate Vice President for Scientific Integrity and Research Compliance

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8:30 AM
PRESIDENTIAL SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION

8:40 AM
THE CULTURE LADDER
Nancy Wade, Senior Industrial Hygienist
Building Stronger Teams One Step at a Time

9:00 AM
EXPO & NETWORKING BREAK
Refreshments available. Meet with vendors, EHS staff and safety & health providers in room 218.

9:20 AM
WHO YOU GONNA CALL?
Brian Wallar, Zone General Manager
Knowing who to contact when building or laboratory issues arise isn't always straightforward. Gain guidance on reporting maintenance issues, safety issues, preparing buildings for Winter Recess and responding to situations such as bats in campus buildings.

9:40 AM
BUILDING INSPECTIONS VS. ISP
Beth Wade, Emergency and Occupational Safety Professional
Have you ever wondered about the difference between a building inspection and an ISP walk-through? Understanding those differences can help everyone better understand the ISP Program and its role in maintaining a safe and compliant workplace.

10:00 AM
BATTERY DISPOSAL AND SAFETY
Kevin Luse, Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention
Lithium batteries power many of the tools and technologies we use every day across campus. But with their convenience comes responsibility. Join us to learn best practices for managing lithium batteries safely, including proper storage, charging and disposal.

10:20 AM
EXPO & NETWORKING BREAK
Visit safety vendors, EHS representatives and safety & health providers in room 218.

10:40 AM
BUILDING A RISK-AWARE SAFETY CULTURE
Mike Silanskis, Director of Occupational Safety and Facility Safety
Understanding your injury data can help identify areas for improvement, but it does not always tell the full story. Learn how to effectively address identified risks through incident investigations and root cause analysis. Leave with a better understanding of the resources available to help you strengthen safety performance within your department and support your safety committee's efforts.

11:00 AM - KEYNOTE MESSAGE
THE PEOPLE SIDE OF SAFETY: USING COMMUNICATION TO CONNECT, INFLUENCE AND PROTECT
Kasie Roberson, Clinical Associate Professor of Management
This keynote explores how effective communication can strengthen workplace safety by building trust, influencing behavior and creating buy-in beyond simply following rules and procedures. Through practical strategies grounded in the Roberson People-First Framework, attendees will discover how to connect with others, navigate challenging conversations and inspire a shared responsibility for keeping people safe.

11:55 AM
CONCLUDING REMARKS
Joseph Whitlock, Senior Director of EHS

EXPO CLOSING 12:00 PM
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
Environmental Health and Safety Summit & Expo 2026
Together, we create a safer workplace through awareness, responsibility and continuous improvement.