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WELCOME FROM ISASH PRESIDENT, BRIAN KUHL

Greetings ISASH Colleagues and Friends,

In the blink of an eye, the months have flown by since our time together in Tampa last June. As I have crossed paths with many ISASH members over the Fall and Winter, I can assure that everyone is busy with research, outreach, and education projects. Unfortunately, our work never ends as agriculture health and safety professionals which is why ISASH needs to continue to grow and evolve to

continue providing the networking and education opportunities you need to be successful.

Over the past several years, ISASH has made great strides to build a solid foundation to prepare the organization for future growth and prosperity. Updated by-laws, organizational guidelines, committee definitions, and conference planning documents have allowed the Board of Directors to focus on establishing plans to increase the value of ISASH membership and growing our member roll. Since networking has been identified as the strongest value-add to being an ISASH member, I encourage all of you to join and/or participate in upcoming ISASH committee and interest group meetings.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming ISASH Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon on June 17-20, 2024. The planning committee is working diligently to deliver the strong conference you are accustomed to, while also making some changes to schedules and content based on the feedback of our membership. Not only has the Board of Directors been busy working with the conference planning committee on the 2024 ISASH Conference, but also preliminarily securing meeting space for the 2025 conference (stay tuned as information will be coming soon). We have also had conversations about opportunities for future conferences to be held in Canada and outside of North America. We look to gather feedback from all of you to make future conferences valuable to all members.

We are very excited about the new year of possibilities, and we hope you are too. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any leadership team members. For a full listing of current PAF Board of Directors members, [click here](#).

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SAVE THE DATE – 2024 ISASH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS SET FOR PORTLAND, OREGON!

The 2024 ISASH Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon from June 17-20. The conference location is the Hilton Portland Downtown. The hotel is in a prime

location, near the Pioneer Courthouse Square and Portland Art Museum and is within easy walking distance of several restaurants and cafes.

The ISASH conference is one of the best opportunities to stay updated on recent research and developments in agricultural safety and health. Several sessions will focus on group input and networking to allow members to contribute to the advancement of this field.

Initial research presentation and colloquium/panel abstracts submissions have closed, but program and research poster abstracts are due **March 1, 2024**. There is still time to submit!

For details about conference registration and hotel and travel, [click here](#)

For abstract submissions, [click here](#).

Please consider sharing conference details with your colleagues and friends.



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JOIN THE CONVERSATION: ISASH CHAT AND CHEW (VIRTUAL EVENT) ON FOSTERING COLLABORATION IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Are you concerned about the mental well-being of youth in agricultural communities? Join us for an online event with leading experts who are making a difference.

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM Central / 1:30 PM Eastern / 10:30 AM Pacific / 6:30 PM GMT

Format: Interactive webinar with Q&A and breakout sessions. To register, [click here](#).

Overview: This is ISASH's first *Chat and Chew* virtual event! During *Chat and Chew*, you will hear from a diverse group of panelists and can network with fellow professionals and explore opportunities to work together. Individuals interested in rural health, agricultural safety, ag educators (and cooperative extension agents), and anyone passionate about mental health in ag communities are invited to attend.

Keynote Speakers:

- Jenna Gibbs, PhD: Discusses the link between "speed vs. safety" culture in agriculture and its impact on young adult mental health.
- Tara Haskins, DNP, RN, AHN-BC: Shares best practices and innovative strategies from AgriSafe's youth mental health programs.
- Jana Davidson: Explores the unique challenges of farm youth mental well-being and offers practical stress management tips.
- Josie Rudolphi, PhD: Presents research findings on the prevalence of anxiety and depression among farm families.
- Amanda Wickman, MBA: Discusses recognizing youth at risk, encouraging help-seeking behavior, and preventing suicide.

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WHAT'S NEW WITH WILD APRICOT -

Navigating the New ISASH Membership Database

We're excited to announce that our new website is now live! You can use your email address to log in to your member profile by clicking [here](#). Through the member portal you can pay your membership dues, search the member directory and post in the member boards.

For a demo on how to use the portal please watch this [brief recorded webinar](#).

If you have any questions on how to pay your membership dues or access the portal please email info@isash.org.

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YEAR IN REVIEW: LOOKING BACK AND RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE 2023 ISASH CONFERENCE



Pictured, from left to right: Ellen Duysen; Serap Gorucu, Ph.D.; Charlotte Halverson; and Diane Rohlman, Ph.D.

They say you don't always know where you are going, until you know where you have been. Therefore, as we look ahead to the 2024 ISASH Conference, it is great to remember where we have been. Last year, the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) honored four individuals for their contributions to ISASH and to the field of agricultural safety and health at its annual conference in Tampa, Florida on June 21, 2023.

"These awards were established to acknowledge leaders who have made significant contributions to protecting people who work in agriculture," said Amy Rademaker, ISASH past president and Carle Rural Health & Farm Safety program coordinator, Urbana, Ill. "These individuals have made positive

impacts on the culture of safety in agriculture through safety training, research, promotion and education.”

The conference was held June 19-21 in Tampa, Florida; hosted by the Southeastern Coastal Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, one of 12 such centers funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

ISASH, incorporated in 1962 as the National Institute for Farm Safety, is dedicated to the professional development of agricultural safety and health professionals. ISASH provides opportunities for sharing information about research and intervention programs, improving professional skills and knowledge, networking, and other supportive activities. The 2023 awardees:

Maynard Coe Professional Achievement Award: Charlotte Halverson. The Coe award, the most prestigious given by ISASH, goes to an individual whose passion and commitment are second to none. She is a genuine person and extremely hard worker. Her work not only touches those in agriculture but is equally dedicated to her family, friends, and community. She has elevated the nursing profession through graceful service, professional leadership, and mentorship, and we are so fortunate to have her as part of our ISASH.

During her tenure at AgriSafe, Charlotte Halverson has tirelessly trained producers and health professionals in the field of agricultural occupation health. She has taken the lead in creating new content for underserved populations and has been asked to speak at local, state, and national levels.

Halverson will leave her legacy in occupational nursing with several lasting initiatives. Two of those are- first, the NIOSH Total Worker Health Affiliate Program. This collaborative agreement was made between the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the AgriSafe Network for the purpose of engaging in mutually beneficial activities to advance the goals of the NIOSH Office for Total Worker Health® and promote the safety, health, and well-being of workers. The second is the signature AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program, a distance learning opportunity for rural nurses. In 2022 over 70 nurses from more than 40 states participated

Research Achievement Award: Diane Rohlman, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Research, Professor and Endowed Chair in Rural Safety and Health, University of Iowa College of Public Health. Dr. Rohlman’s research has a significant impact on the field of agricultural health and safety. She is currently listed in at

least 182 publications in the fields of international development, international medical applications, inorganic chemistry, and toxicology. Her dynamic approach to research has led to nearly 30 citations per paper and wide recognition in the agricultural sciences globally.

Dr. Rohlman successfully communicates her findings to a wide audience and incorporates them into courses for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in toxicology and agricultural health and medicine. In addition to her research, she has served as mentor to several students and no doubt changed their careers for the better.

Practitioner Award: Ellen Duysen, Research Assistant Professor Coordinator at the University of Nebraska College of Public Health. Since 2011, Ellen has coordinated the Central States for Agricultural Safety and Health Center and its outreach program. Aaron Yoder said, "This work not only includes coordinating researchers, which is no easy task, but also making sure that the research is translated to the managers, workers, and other researchers in the ag industry."

Ellen has been instrumental in many of the collaborative projects between the NIOSH funded Centers for Ag Safety and Health. Through these projects, she is supporting the ISASH mission, and demonstrating significant impact in injury prevention, safety, and health. Those who have worked with or been trained by Ellen would unanimously agree that she deserves this very special ISASH award.

President's Award (2): Serap Gorucu, Ph.D. and the staff and students at the Southeastern Coastal Center for Agricultural Health and Safety as the host committee. Also, Dr. Bryan Weichelt, Ph.D. National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield Clinic Health System.

Dr. Gorucu and her team put in very long hours and a lot of effort to ensure the membership would have a successful and memorable conference. This award, given at the discretion of outgoing ISASH President Amy Rademaker, Carle Rural Health & Farm Safety program coordinator, Urbana, Ill, recognized the hosts. Rademaker also recognized Dr. Weichelt for outstanding work on sponsorships this year for the 2023 conference.

"We congratulate all award recipients and extend a special thank you to the ISASH Endowment Committee for sponsoring these awards," Rademaker said.

Following the awards presentation, Brian Kuhl (Progressive Agriculture Foundation) took over leadership as the new ISASH president, relieving Amy

Rademaker (Carle Foundation Hospital) of her duties. Gloria Brock (Deere & Co.) was announced as ISASH President-elect. Additional members of the ISASH Board of Directors include Wendy Bennett (AgSafe BC); Dr. Steve Freeman (University of Iowa); Dr. Briana Hagen (University of Guelph); Melissa Ploeckelman (National Farm Medicine Center/National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety); Dr. Athena Ramos (University of Nebraska Medical Center); Dr. Josie Rudolphi (University of Illinois); and Carolyn Sheridan (Ag Health & Safety Alliance).

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CALL FOR SPRING 2024 ISASH NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Do you have news to share? The ISASH Public Relations Committee, in collaboration with ASG, is seeking items for upcoming ISASH newsletters. Information needed includes:

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- ISASH committee and interest group updates and announcements
 - Details on upcoming agriculture safety and health meetings and conferences (dates, locations, and registration links)
 - Comings (new faces/hires)
 - Goings (retirements and passing of current/former ISASH members)
 - ISASH member awards and achievements
 - Peer-reviewed, published journal articles (please include clickable links)