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Thank You for Attending the Safety+ Symposium

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 Safety+ Symposium in New Orleans last month! We had an absolute blast hosting the event and meeting our members. You can find the workshop presentation materials and event photos at the links below.

[Workshop Presentations](#)

(Please note: not all presentations are available.)

[Event Photos](#)

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[Enter the #VPPPAanimals Contest](#)

We have a very special aMEOWncement.... The #VPPPAAnimals Contest is back!

To enter, submit a photo of your pet and use #vpppanimals in the post. (You can post the photo to our Facebook wall, comment on our [original post on Facebook](#), or email the photo to us at membership@vpppa.org.

The post with the most "likes" will win a spot in the *Leader* magazine AND a \$50 Amazon gift card. The contest will run until **October 4 at 4pm Eastern**.

Don't be afraid to use VPPPA or safety-related gear in the picture. Pups look great in the VPPPA fanny pack!



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Check out The SafetyPro Podcast

This year at the Safety+ Symposium we were thrilled to have **The SafetyPro Podcast**, hosted by **Blaine J. Hoffmann**, broadcasting live every day of the event. Episodes 70-76 of the podcast were recorded during the symposium and covered a wide variety of topics, including:

- Process Safety Management, featuring Wesley Carter (episode 70)
- Leading Safety Excellence, featuring interviews with VPPPA National Board Members, J.A. Rodriguez Jr. and Terry Schulte (episodes 71 and 76)
- Suicide Prevention as a Workplace Safety Strategy, featuring Frank King (episode 72)
- Leading Safety from the Heart with Diana Paredes (episode 73)
- PPE Safety for Women in the Workplace with Abby Ferri (episode 74)
- Near Death Safety Lessons with Kelly Pitts (episode 75)

You can find all of these episodes, and more great content, on [The SafetyPro Podcast website](#).

Be sure to follow and connect with The SafetyPro Podcast on social media, too!

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Congratulations to Marathon Petroleum

Earlier this month VPPPA Membership Manager, Katlyn Pagliuca, traveled to Lansing, MI, for a VPP celebration at the Marathon Petroleum Lansing Terminal. The Lansing Terminal received its Star approval on May 15, 2019, and is the first company in Lansing to receive the VPP Star approval from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA).

You can read more about the Lansing Terminal and their VPP Star celebration on our website, [here](#).

The VPPPA is extremely proud of the Lansing Terminal for this huge accomplishment!



Illinois Refining Division 20th Year Celebration

In addition to this amazing achievement in Michigan, Marathon Petroleum's Illinois Refining Division celebrates its **20th year of VPP Star status** this year. They celebrated on May 7 with a refinery-wide luncheon. The Illinois Refining Division was the first refinery in Illinois to achieve a VPP Star and is the second-longest tenured VPP site in southern Illinois. "Twenty years as an OSHA VPP Star site is a significant milestone and one that I am honored to celebrate with IRD's employees and contractors," stated IRD Division Manager Brad McKain. You can read more about this accomplishment on Marathon Petroleum's website, [here](#).

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Safety's Competitive Advantage: The Future of the Safety, Health & Environmental Profession Webinar

Compliance with state and federal regulations is the absolute minimum and does not ensure the safety and health of workers. Safety and health, in today's dynamic industry space, must no longer be defined as the absence of harm and death. But how do you turn safety into competitive advantage and what does the future hold for the profession entrusted with employee and customer well-being? This presentation highlights how professional development through accredited certification can change organizational culture and drive results through SH&E leadership.

Date: Tuesday, October 15

Time: 1:00pm Eastern

Speaker: Josh Franklin, Board of Certified Safety Professionals

Cost: FREE for VPPPA members and \$85 for nonmembers

[Click here to register!](#)

In addition, we are excited to announce we have a previously recorded webinar library now available for members! [You can view all of our previous webinars, for free, here.](#)

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Daniel K. Shipp Scholarship for \$2,500

VPPPA partner, the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA), is now accepting applications for the annual Daniel K. Shipp Scholarship. The scholarship is for \$2,500 and is open to all North American undergraduate students pursuing a degree in safety and health. You can read more about the scholarship and apply [here](#).

ISEA is the leading association for personal protective equipment and technologies that enable people to work in hazardous environments, and an ANSI-accredited

standard developing organization. The association works closely with manufacturers, test labs, subject matter experts, end-users and government agencies in the standards development process. ISEA members-leaders in safety equipment manufacturing, testing and application-are united in the goal of protecting workers worldwide.

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Don't Forget About VPPPA's Social Media

The Safety+ Symposium may be over, but we are still posting tons of fun content on social media. Follow **@VPPPA_Inc** on Instagram, **@VPPPA** on Facebook and Twitter and **VPPPA, Inc.** for our LinkedIn page. Following us on social media gives you access to membership updates, behind-the-scenes scoop from VPPPA headquarters, contests and more.

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Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

In case you didn't hear, the *Leader* magazine is now offered in Spanish! We are always looking for people to help us translate. If you are interested, please email communications@vpppa.org.

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.

Member of the Month

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website? If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please email membership@vpppa.org.

The September Member of the Month is Lesli Trahan. You can read about Lesli [here](#).

Congratulations, Lesli!



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