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News of the people and events associated with EKU's safety degree programs

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DEPARTMENT OF
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Graduate Student Spotlight

Cyntoria Vaughn



Preferred Pronouns: She/Her

Hometown: Louisville, KY

Graduate Program: Safety, Security & Emergency Management

Undergraduate Program: Criminal Justice

Why did you decide to pursue a graduate degree at EKU?:

"After completing my undergraduate degree at EKU, I realized Colonel Nation was my home. I was looking for a graduate degree that would work with my background in Criminal Justice. The SSEM program was the right path and introduced me to my passion in occupational safety.

Tell us about your favorite class in the SSEM program:

I have two favorite classes. First, Personal/Environmental Hazards with Barry Spurlock. Next, Construction Safety with Dr. David Stumbo.

Internship Experience:

During the spring and summer semesters of 2022, I was an intern for the Fayette County public schools (FCPS) risk management department.

What do you like most about EKU?:

EKU provides an inclusive environment for non-traditional students. The Eastern Scholar House is what people would call my saving grace. It gave me another opportunity to be the best Cyntoria I could be. Without Eastern and the Eastern Scholar House, I would not be a candidate for graduation in December 2022.





TOGETHER

we can make a difference for Eastern's students.

We are reaching out to you to request your help with an immediate need in the Occupational Safety (OSH) program.

EKU OSH faculty have identified the need to establish a new fund to create a foundation of support for their students.

Greatest needs funds across campus provide program-specific support to students, including professional development opportunities, supplies and training materials, and services that enhance the classroom experience.

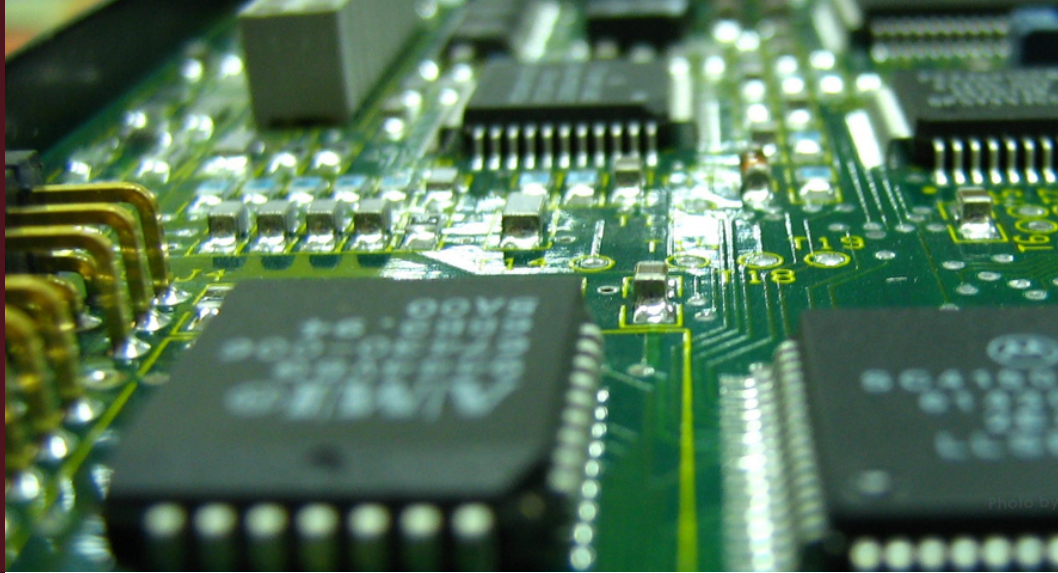
**Make a
Gift**

Our first step is to raise the \$1,000 required to start a charitable non-endowed fund at EKU.

Your gift will help us reach this goal so that we can provide exclusive support for OSH students.

Employer Spotlight

ASML



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ASML Careers

Industry: Semiconductor Manufacturing

Locations: Headquartered in The Netherlands with 18 locations across the United States; primarily in CT, CA, AZ, OR, and TX.

Workforce: 37,000+ worldwide, 7,000+ USA.

Safety at ASML

ASML is committed to working responsibly, safely, and as efficiently as possible while minimizing the impact on our environment. Our goal is to make sure our site's are a safe place to work with a culture that ensures zero injuries and work related illnesses.

- We demonstrate care by building relationships that facilitate health conversations about safety.
- We seek opportunities for collaboration to identify and eliminate workplace and environmental hazards.
- We challenge each other to continuously reduce the risk profile of every task, job, behavior, and function.

Expanding EH&S Workforce

ASML Wilton, CT is hiring 1,000 people by 2024, up to 20 will be a part of the EH&S department through full time or internship opportunities.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Tom Schneid

Chair of the Department of Safety & Security

What was your undergraduate degree:

Bachelor of Science in Education

What was your highest degree earned?

Juris Doctorate in Law

Ph.D. ; Environmental Environmental Engineering

How long have you been at EKU?

34 years

Favorite class to teach?

Anything that is preparing students from a legal perspective to handle OSHA, EPA or other governmental agencies. The penalties and potential liabilities have increased substantially for companies. If something happens, our students need to know what to do and often serve as a site expert.

Favorite part of your job?

Phenomenal group of faculty and staff personnel.



Advice for future/current students?

Absorb everything while you're here. Everyone is going to look to you for answers. EKU provides an awesome opportunity for students to learn all aspects of the safety profession and be able to identify and address the pitfalls. The safety profession is only going to grow. The way the laws, technology and industries are transitioning, the public and private sectors are going to need your expertise to safeguard their employees in the workplace and direct them to maintain compliance.



Internship Spotlight

Jayden Barrett



How will this internship prepare you for a future in the safety profession?:

My internship at Sherwin Williams Paint Manufacturing prepared me for my future as a safety professional in many ways. First, getting the chance to be hands-on in a facility with a paint plant, resin plant, and distribution center has been a great experience. I have improved my professional and technical skills, which will significantly impact my future profession. Next, whether speaking with operators on the floor, or delivering training, I can now provide EHS knowledge and materials to others.

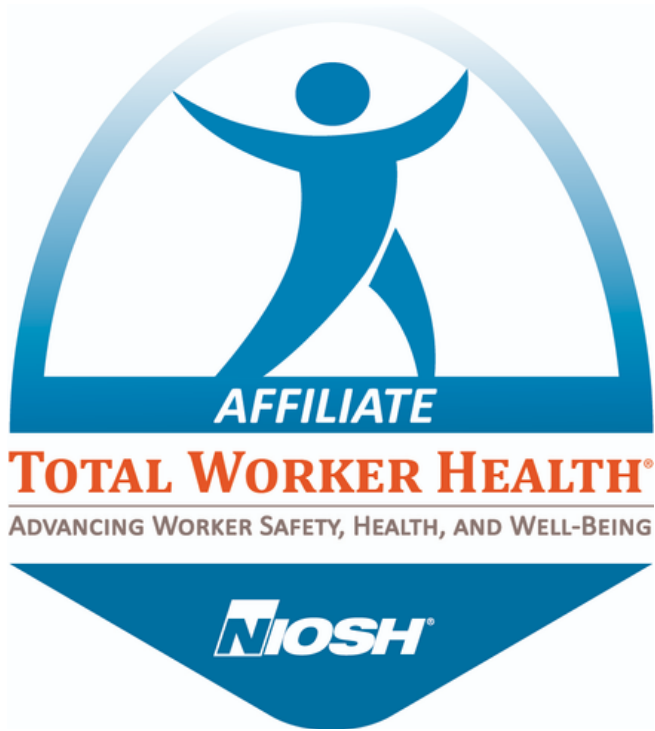
What is a day in the life like at Sherwin Williams?:

As an EHS intern at Sherwin Williams, I focus on EHS projects. I have been able to update multiple programs, training, and other projects. Every day invites something new and exciting.

How have you or others in this organization utilized relationship building/networking?:

Building work relationships is an excellent interpersonal skill. I have done this by getting involved with every department. I was willing to help in any way I could, and they would help me in return. Building relationships outside the plant is equally important. I have monthly meetings with EHS professionals at Sherwin Williams from all over the region.





NIOSH Total Worker Health® and the EKU Center for Total Worker Health®

The NIOSH Total Worker Health® Program was launched by in 2011. Total Worker Health® is a “a strategy integrating occupational safety and health protection with health promotion to prevent worker injury and illness and to advance health and well-being” (Schill & Chosewood, 2013).

NIOSH TWH®

EKU Center for TWH®

The ECU Center for Total Worker Health® was established in 2021 as a NIOSH TWH® affiliate. The Center functions as a joint program between the ECU College of Health Sciences, Department of Environmental Health Science and Department of Health Promotion and Administration and the College of Justice and Safety, Department of Safety and Security. The Center is steered by an advisory committee comprised of representatives from academia, industry, and government.

SSEM Graduate Degree Certificate Options

Corporate Security Operations
Emergency Management & Disaster Resilience
Occupational Safety
Supply Chain Safety & Security
Healthcare Safety
Construction Safety
Safety Leadership



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Fall Job & Internship Fair Oct. 2, 2022

88 employers
40 industries
193 students

In-person interviews
Virtual interviews
Day-after interviews

[Photo bank](#)



Make Plans for the Spring 2023 Job/Internship Fair

March 1, 2023

More information

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New Video Released

[The Department of Safety & Security](#)
[has produced a new video detailing its](#)
[Occupational Safety Bachelor Degree](#)



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