

# GCSC Safety Connection

*Providing Training Solutions to Industry*

FEBRUARY 2019

## 19TH ANNUAL CONTRACTOR'S SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS BANQUET



JOIN US FOR OUR 19TH ANNUAL CONTRACTOR'S  
SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS BANQUET.

"For safety is not a  
gadget - but a state  
of mind."

- Eleanor Everet

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019

Edward A. Dufresne Community Center

Reception: 5:30-6:30 pm

Dinner & Awards: 6:30-9:00 pm

Nomination Deadline: Feb. 28, 2019

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## A SAFE WORKPLACE BEGINS WITH TRAINING

Gulf Coast Safety Council recognizes the importance of training as we continue to provide first-class (OSHA-certified) training programs to the petrochemical industrial world. Educating the workers should be a first/top priority when a company develops and implements a Safety System and/or Safety & Health Program.

The main goal of safety and health programs is to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses, and deaths, in addition to the suffering and financial hardship these events can cause for workers, their families, and employers. The recommended practices use a proactive approach to managing workplace safety and health. Traditional approaches are often reactive. Problems are addressed only after a worker is injured or becomes sick. These recommended practices recognize that finding and fixing hazards before they cause injury or illness is a far more effective approach.

The idea is to begin with a basic program and simple goals and grow from there. GCSC offers numerous safety training courses to encompass all workers for multiple occupations. If you focus on achieving goals, monitoring performance, and evaluating outcomes, your workplace can progress along the path to higher levels of safety and health achievement. GCSC recognizes the need for seasonal safety related training as well, such as Turnarounds, Holiday, Summer (heat), Winter (icy conditions), and even Vacation season.

Employers will find that implementing these recommended practices also brings other benefits. Safety and health programs prevent injury and help businesses and here are a few that GCSC offers to assist our clients in providing a safe work environment for all.

- BOP (Basic Orientation Plus)
- STEP (Supervisory Training Education Program)
- CPR First Aid
- ProtectWatch
- Trenching and Excavation Competent Person
- Flagman & Signal (Coming soon)
- Confined Space

Getting your employees/leaders educated via GCSC Training Programs is the **FIRST STEP** to the following:

- Prevent workplace injuries and illnesses
- Improve compliance with laws and regulations
- Reduce costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums
- Engage workers
- Enhance their social responsibility goals
- Increase productivity and enhance overall business operations



# CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, STEVE MILLER!



GCSC wishes "Congratulations" to Stever Miller on his retirement! Steve joined the GCSC Board of Directors in 1999 and served as the GCSC Board Secretary. Thank you, Steve, for all of your years of hard work and we wish you a Happy Retirement!



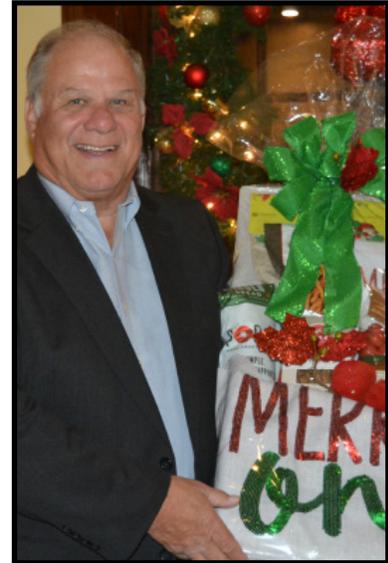
"It was an honor to serve on the GCSC Board with a team of Industry leaders dedicated to making the work place safe."

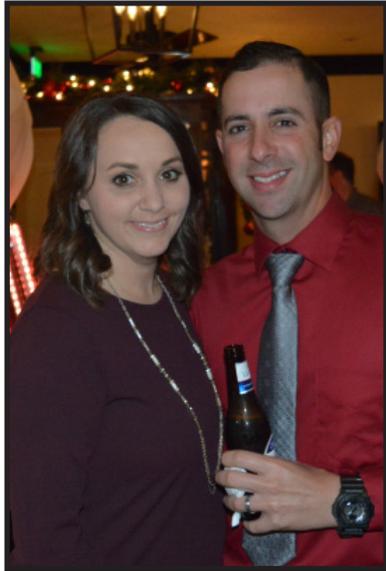
- Steve Miller

# GCSC 2018 Christmas Party!

GCSC hosted its annual Christmas Party at Arnaud's in New Orleans on Saturday, December 1st, 2018.

Thank you to all of our employees and board members for another year of hard work!





## GCSC 2018 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

# Stephanie Nisse



“I am thankful to have employees like Stephanie. She’s a positive influence in our organization. Her dedication to GCSC is much appreciated!”

- Shelly Guilbeau  
GCSC Executive Director



“Stephanie’s dedication to GCSC is evident in everything she does. She leads by example and brings a positive, uplifting and professional attitude to work every day.”

- Dixi Dufrene  
GCSC Director of Operations

### What do you believe makes a good employee?

I believe a good employee is someone who has great work ethics. Is someone who is reliable, dependent, a team player ,a leader. Someone who has a positive attitude. Someone who can be a positive influence on others. Someone who can make the most of any situation, whether it be good or bad. One that can get along well with others. Someone who makes a difference, whether it be with words of encouragement, a smile, or a simple hug!

### As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

As a child, I wanted to be a teacher. I spent a total of 15 years as an Early childhood educator. I feel one of the greatest gifts that god has given me as an individual is “Patience”. Not everyone has the ability to work with children and to me it just comes natural.

### What’s the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is getting to meet so many people. It’s nice when we have trainees that come in regularly and they feel comfortable enough with us that they share stories with us about their families and their jobs.

### What’s your favorite time of the year at Gulf Coast Safety Council and why?

My favorite time of the year at Gulf Coast is family day. It gives us an opportunity outside of work to get to know one another better. It also gives us an opportunity to meet our co-workers families. It’s just a fun day overall.

### What is your favorite thing to do away from work?

My favorite thing to do outside of work is to spend time with my family. I have 2 young adult daughters whom I love going shopping with, having lunch dates with or just having simple conversations with about work, school, and life. I also love going on trips with my better half. It’s nice for us to just get away and enjoy time alone.

### What is your favorite Gulf Coast Safety Council memory?

My favorite memory is making employee of the year. It’s such a great honor, and great feeling to know that the hard work that goes in and out on a daily basis does not go unnoticed.

*Way to go!*

# NEW COURSE

## TRENCHING & EXCAVATION COMPETENT PERSON

### What is it?

Program to provide concepts and skills needed to be successful as a Competent Person in Trenching and Excavation (T&E) work

### Who is it for?

Those who are supervising T&E work

### Why?

Supervisors often do not have the knowledge or skills to properly oversee T&E work

### Next Class:

Date: 03-19-19

Time: Check-in between 6:30-7:00

Class begins at 7:00am

Length: 5 Hours

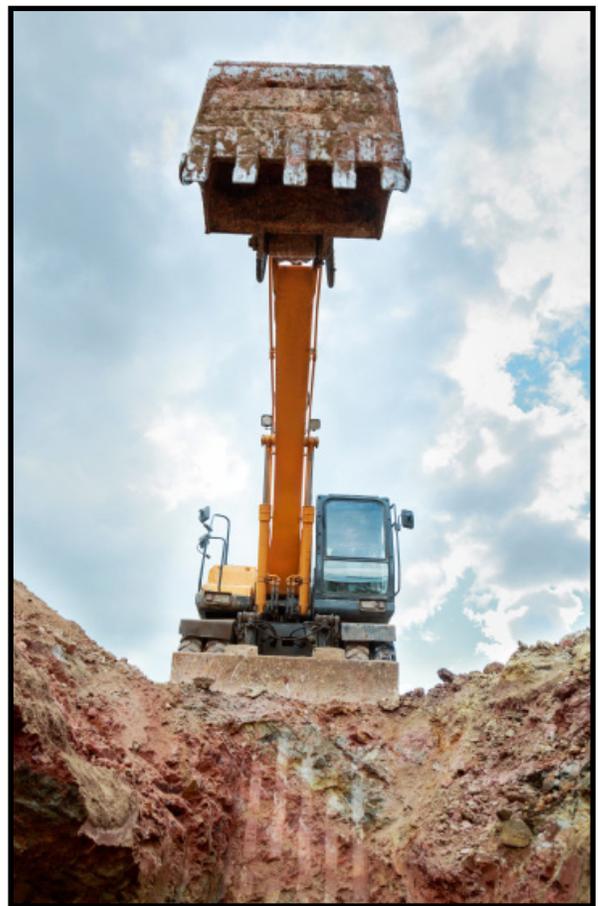
Location: Gulf Coast Safety Council - St.Rose, LA

### Cost:

\$145.00 (Members) / \$165.00 (Non-Members)

Call or email us to request a class on another day.

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## GCSC Holiday/Closure Schedule

- 01-01-19 – New Year's Day
- 01-21-19 – Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 03-05-19 – Mardi Gras
- 04-19-19 – Good Friday
- 05-02-19 – Awards Banquet \*Closing at noon
- 05-27-19 – Memorial Day
- 07-04-19 – Independence Day
- 09-02-19 – Labor Day
- 10-04-19 – Golf Tournament \*Closed
- 11-28-19 – Thanksgiving
- 11-29-19 – Thanksgiving
- 12-24-19 – Christmas Eve
- 12-25-19 – Christmas



**19TH ANNUAL SWINGIN' FOR SAFETY**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SAVE the DATE**  
TEE TIME: 11:00AM  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019**

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