

# ASSP WPA 2026 PDC Schedule

2/21/2026 FINAL (r1)



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
**SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**  
Western Pennsylvania Chapter

Time	Foyer
7:00 AM	Open to Vendors for set-up
7:30 – 8:00a	Registration & Continental Breakfast & Vendor Time

Time	Torretti Auditorium	Conference Room 11/10	Conference Room 12
8:00 – 8:15a	Welcome & Opening Comments		
8:15 – 9:30a (1hr, 15 min.)	Opening Keynote - Charles A. Simpson CSP, "Hazard Recognition – Overcoming Cognitive Limitations"		
9:30-9:45a	<b>Vendor Time (15 minutes)</b>		
9:45 – 10:45a	Session 1A - Benjamin Rodgers, MBA, CSP, SMP "Ergonomic Innovation & Risk Control: Shifting Risks with Robotics, Automation, and AI"	Session 1B - Pam Walaski, CSP, FASSP "Are You Drowning in Safety Clutter?"	Session 1C - Joe Baumgardner "Be Human"
10:45-11:00a	<b>Vendor Time (15 minutes)</b>		
11:00 – 12:00p	Session 2A - S. Andrew Wright CIH, CSP, "Reducing Safety Risk with Biometric Data & AI"	Session 2B - Todd Logsdon and Patrick Dennison J.D., "What Employers Should Expect in 2026: OSHA and MSHA Legal and Regulatory Updates"	Session 2C - Garan Baisden, MS, CSP, "Impacts of Telephonic Medical Triage Services on Occupational Safety"
12:00p – 1:15p (1hr, 15 min.)	<b>ARENA - Lunch, Scholarship Awards, &amp; ASSP BOD Member (45 min.)</b>		
1:15 – 2:15p	<b>Student Section Presentations - Thiel College, SRU, &amp; IUP</b>		
2:15-2:30p	<b>Vendor Time (15 minutes)</b>		
2:30 - 3:30p	Session 3A - Dr. Cindy Medford, PhD, CSP & Todd B. Logsdon, MS, JD & David J. Walton, AIGP, CIPP/US "Ethics in the Age of AI: Privacy, Policy, and Real-world Decisions for Safety Professionals"	Session 3B - Jason Malatak CSP, MBA, "The Health of Safety"	Session 3C - Christopher Eastly, CSP, "Driving Excellence-Implementing ANSI/ASSP Z15.1-2024 for Fleet & Driver Safety"
3:30-3:45p	<b>Vendor Time (15 minutes)</b>		
3:45-4:45p	AI Panel Discussion Benjamin Rodgers, MBA, CSP, SMP, S. Andrew Wright CIH, CSP, and Patrick Dennison J.D.		
4:45 - 5:00p	<b>Closing - Drawing &amp; Thank you</b>		