



## Congratulations to the Graduates of our FEBRUARY 2018 COSS® Class!

The Safety Council of Northwest Ohio is pleased to announce the 53<sup>rd</sup> graduating class of its curriculum-based certification for Certified Occupational Safety Specialist (COSS®) for **February 2018!**

Gary Brown, COSS; Aclara Technologies LLC  
Shane Hyman, COSS; The Andersons Inc.  
Phillip Wilson, COSS; Service Spring Corp.  
Chris Pecora, COSS; Valfilm  
Megan Vaillant-Boze, COSS; Whirlpool Clyde Operations  
Wes Granville, COSS; Whirlpool Clyde Operations



COSS® is a week-long accelerated learning, highly intensive, highly interactive, demanding, rigorous course that focuses on providing Safety Practitioners or individuals, who are responsible for safety, with the tools and techniques they need to make safety work for them and achieve results. It is not a course that allows the student to "just sit there and soak it up." It demands that students do homework, participate, read, think, and do problem solving. Daily tests are given as well as a final exam. The students must also develop and present a safety meeting for a grade.

Two of the fundamentals that COSS® addresses are identification and mitigation of hazards and how to use the appropriate regulations to address them, mitigate the hazard, and communicate it to affected personnel. The COSS® course addresses both General Industry and Construction. Further, it addresses the interface that General Industry and Construction have.

The course has gained recognition as a quality program. It has been certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API) and is recognized by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). It is being delivered nationwide at multiple locations. Additionally, it has been adapted to a semester format and is a required junior level course at Louisiana State University's School of Construction Management. COSS® maintains a national and international network of Certified Alumni.

These graduates earn the professional designation of COSS® and extensive knowledge in the essential skills and techniques of effective safety and occupational health program management and leadership.

For information on our COSS® and COSM® classes offered in 2018, please see the attached flyers. You may also register online at [COSS](#) or [COSM](#) or contact [Cindy Suminski](#) for more information.

***For information on our COSS® classes offered in 2017, please contact us.***

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