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## GRANITE STATE CHAPTER

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **Changes to Fall Protection & Hot Work Standards**

**Date:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

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# President's Message

## Hello Granite State Members!

Happy November Granite State Chapter of ASSP Members! The Granite State Chapter is working hard to get technical sessions lined up for the coming months with some great presenters in the queue with anticipated presentations on the change to the retractable fall protection standards and hot work.

Unfortunately, in October Justin Deflumeri, Programs Chair for the Granite State Chapter, informed the Executive Board that he would not be able to continue in the position for the remainder of his 2022-2023 term. In his stead I will be filling this role for the remainder on the 2022-2023 term. While Justin's time with the chapter was short, he was able to secure one technical speaker which was communicated out a few weeks ago. The presenter was Dan Wells, a former Massachusetts State Trooper of over 20 years. Dan presented his Conduct Assessment Targeting Criminality & Hostility (C.A.T.C.H.) Training Intro which focused on elevating situational awareness.

Information regarding other upcoming sessions will be provided as they are scheduled in the future. If you're interested in hosting a technical meeting, presenting on a particular topic or would like to hear about a particular topic please contact [joseph.ozario@collins.com](mailto:joseph.ozario@collins.com).

Thank you,  
Joe Orazio

## Job Openings Near You!

Ryan Emerson - ASSP Granite State Job Chair

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# News & Events

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# KSC Scholarship Winners!

Joe Orazio, MBA - ASSP Granite State President & Programs Chair

The Granite State Chapter held its review of the Fall Semester scholarship applicants at the beginning of November. The Chapter offers a \$1000 and \$500 scholarship to Keene State College Safety Majors and this year we are happy to announce that Trinity Young was awarded our \$1000 scholarship and Kirstin Ames was awarded the \$500 scholarship for the Fall Semester. Below is a little more information about these two scholarship winners.

## Trinity Young - \$1000 Scholarship Recipient



Hello! My name is Trinity Young and I am currently a junior at Keene State College studying Occupational Health and Safety with a minor in Environment, Health, and Safety. The SOHAS major has opened my eyes to the many different opportunities for a Safety professional, and I have taken a particular interest in industrial hygiene. I have developed a passion for making sure that all employees can go to work in a safe and healthy environment, and I strive to be the trusted safety professional that gets that job done. The health of the environment is also something that I feel passionate about, and I am eager to incorporate that into my job in the future. In my free time, I love to enjoy some fresh air by going on walks or just by being outside. I also love to cook and experiment with new recipes, no matter how successful they are. I am honored to receive this scholarship, and I cannot wait to get out in the field and further my knowledge as a safety professional.

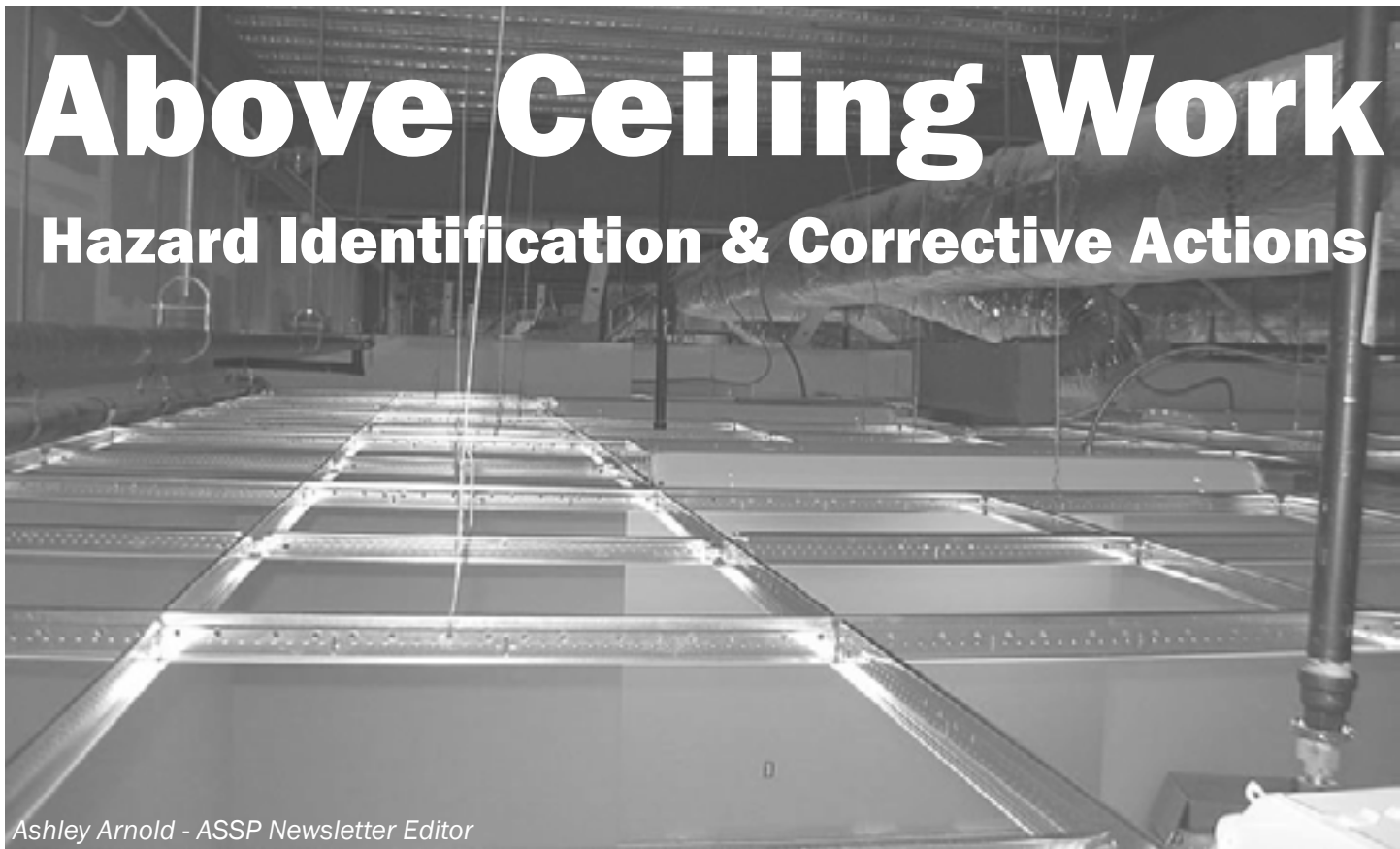
## Kristen Ames - \$500 Scholarship Recipient



My name is Kirstin Ames and I am a junior in Keene State College's Safety and Occupational Health major. I also minor in healthcare safety. I was an intern with WorkWISE NH over the summer, and I have found my passion in safety! I began as a biology major and took the Safety 101 and fell in love with the whole world of safety. I have been able to network with some amazing safety professionals and have received many certifications throughout my college career. I have been a part of ASSP since my freshman year, and have been a student ambassador for my major for 2 years. I love being in safety and am so honored to receive the scholarship!







With the increasing demand for interior fit-out and renovation projects, the construction industry has seen an upsurge in hazards associated with above ceiling work. With sharp objects, live electrical wiring, and hot steam/water, it is essential to assess your environment and identify specific hazards prior to working above ceiling.

## Major Risks When Working Above Ceiling:

### Electrical Shock

- Exposed live electrical conductor/wiring
- Electrical connections where the condition of wiring has deteriorated
- Unused wiring left in the ceiling that could be still connected to the switchboard
- Past electrical work not performed by competent person

### Sharp Objects & Impalement Hazards

- Access door configurations
- Metal ceiling studs, supports, or grid
- Exposed grid wire or grid hooks
- Treaded rods or pipe supports

### Active Mechanical & Plumbing Utilities

- Uninsulated hot water or steam pipes
- Active sprinkler systems when performing hot work

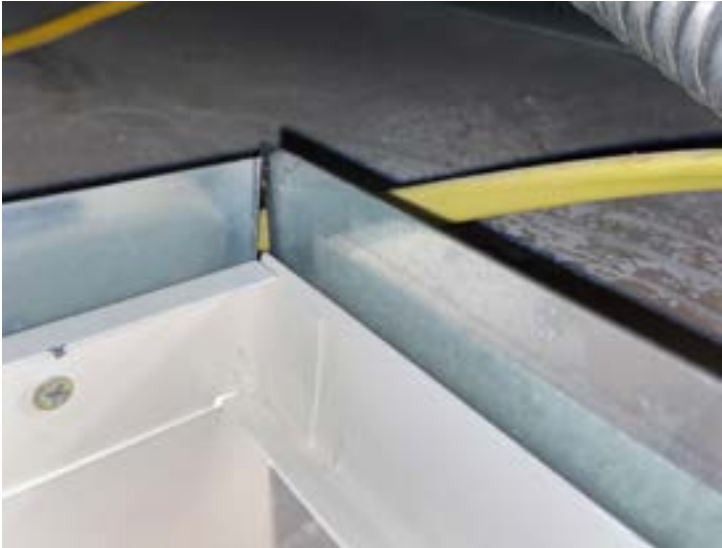
## Hazard Mitigation:

### Eliminate:

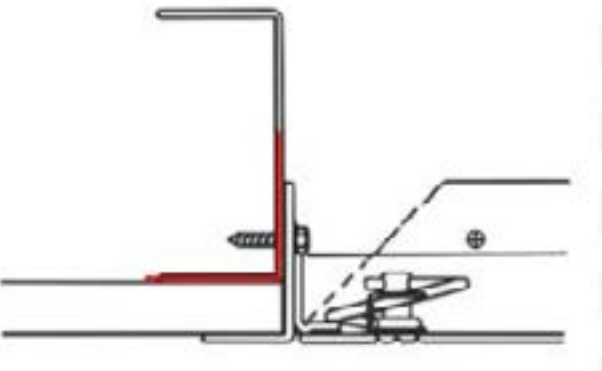
- De-energize any live electrical circuits prior to performing work above ceiling.
  - Schedule work to be preformed during off-hours to ensure systems can be shut down.
  - Examine all relevant plans prior to work and determine which circuit(s) need to be de-energized.
  - Test the circuit breaker with a multimeter to confirm system is shut down.

### Substitute:

- Using c-track as access door supports instead of an angle
  - Access door assemblies can vary depending on the manufacturer's specifications. The design of the support system should ensure no risk of laceration when preforming maintenance.



Drywall Installation Detail



### Engineering Control:

- Identify & protect sharp edges prior to performing work.
  - Use foam like material to create an edge trim to protect any sharp edges.

### Administrative Control:

- Require completion of "Above Ceiling Checklist" in order to identify hazards and document hazards prior to work.

### Personal Protective Equipment:

- Kevlar sleeves cut resistant gloves when working around or with sharp metal materials
- Insulated tools, and insulated gloves, and insulated working mat

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