



Summer 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a year it has been so far – and we’ve only just passed the halfway point! As we work from home and distance ourselves due to the COVID-19 pandemic, even our esteemed AIHce EXP went virtual. I’m excited to report that our first ever AIHF Virtual Fun Run was an outstanding success! I’d like to thank all of our participants and donors, as well as our staff who worked so hard to put the event together. Because of you, we raised \$22,900 in donations and sponsorships, crucial in supporting the development of future IH/OEHS professionals during these uncertain times. I would also like to thank the sponsors of this year’s Virtual Fun Run, Amazon, Alliant, REPSS, Inc., SevenGen, ALS Global, R&R Environmental, WHWB, and Half Draft Acres.

I am also pleased to announce that this year AIHF has awarded its first President’s Leadership Award to Audrey L. Bowen. The award consists of a major scholarship and a professional development opportunity to attend an international conference on occupational health and safety. Audrey, a Master’s candidate at Johns Hopkins University, will be attending the IOHA conference in Korea next August with the funds she received.

She had the following words of thanks to say to her donors, “First and foremost, I wanted to thank you for this scholarship. This amount of money will significantly help pull me out of school debt and there really are no words to explain how grateful I am for your donation.”

This prestigious President’s Leadership Award is made possible thanks to a generous endowment by John Henshaw, MPH, CIH, FAIHA, who served as

AIHA president from 1990 to 1991 and recently completed a term as trustee of the Foundation.

On a less enthusiastic note, donations to the Foundation have fallen significantly in comparison to previous years. While this is not unexpected given all the change and difficulties we have experienced, it is more important than ever to keep AIHF in mind before we wrap up 2020 with our end of the year giving campaign. Every donation you make helps secure the future of our profession.

IH/OEHS has been at the forefront of the headlines, including, just recently, AIHA being recognized by ASAE as one of [100 Associations That Will Save the World](#). As our profession plays a key role in pandemic response I urge you to thoughtfully consider your support of our deserving students so that they can secure a bright future in the profession and continue to 'feed the pipeline'.

Sincerely,
Lindsay Cook, CIH, CSP, FAIHA
AIHA President



SCHOLARSHIPS

2020 Scholarship Recipients

55 IH/OEHS students were awarded \$87,274 worth of scholarships including Taiwo Oyadiran; a scholarship recipient who had this to say to her donors and AIHF:

"My name is Taiwo Oyadiran. I am honored to be one of the recipients of an AIHF scholarship. I would like to thank you for your generosity in funding my education this year. Thanks to this donation I am a step closer to paying for my tuition and needed supplies.

This scholarship will go towards alleviating some of my financial burden, allowing me to focus more on my studies. With this current climate, I lost both my jobs, so this scholarship will go a very long way for me. Thank



you for donating [to] this scholarship and providing a platform for students and young professionals to experience what this industry has to offer."

New Scholarships: Women in IH Scholarship

AIHF is pleased to announce a new Women in IH scholarship which will be eligible to both Graduates & Undergraduates of IH/OEHS Program of any gender and an individual who:

- identifies female inclusion, advocacy and equality is an area that needs growth; and
- has helped to elevate and/or impact females in their industry of work, community, school or area of study.

Giving it Forward--Grooming Our Next Generation of EHS Global Leaders

Stephen C. Davis, one of California's visionary EH&S professionals and a strong advocate of the IH/OEHS profession globally, was a firm believer in "giving it forward". He was known for helping many launch their careers and continued to mentor them as they evolved professionally. He valued mentorship and believed it his obligation "to steward the next generation". Stephen's own global career path is profiled [here](#).

Upon his passing, his close professional colleagues and family established a Memorial Grant to not only commemorate the guiding principles which governed his life, but to provide financial opportunities to groom global EHS leaders not otherwise in a position to participate in leadership development.

In 2018, the Memorial Grant enabled 4 international applicants (from Australia, Singapore, Tanzania and India) to attend national AIHA's Future Leaders Institute in Washington DC, applicants who might not have attended absent the supplemental funding. The next Future Leaders Institute is slated for Fall 2021.

If you're feeling generous this time of year and want to help steward our profession's next generation of global leaders, please consider [donating online to the Stephen C. Davis Memorial Grant](#), simply select 'Stephen C. Davis Future Leaders Institute Memorial Grant' in the Funds drop down menu.

For those interested, additional informational about the Memorial Grant is available [here](#). Information about the Future Leaders Institute itself is available [here](#).



NEWS

Scholarship Time

Applications for scholarships will start being accepted in mid- October and applicants will have until Monday, February 1 to submit. To view the eligibility requirements of receiving an AIHF scholarship, please visit the [following site](#). Students who are not enrolled in any of the applicable programs/schools are still eligible to apply. In order to qualify, a school administrator must complete a [separate application](#) justifying why their program/students should be considered for an AIHF scholarship. The deadline to submit a school application form is January 8, 2021.

The 34th Annual AIHF Virtual Fun Run a Success

For the first time the AIHF Fun Run went virtual, with participants jogging, running, walking or biking on their own safely distanced route. Raffle prize winners were announced on the [AIHF Facebook page](#) along with pictures and videos you shared which we were compiled in a celebratory [video](#). Thank you for participating and sharing your Fun Run with the AIHF community.

Thank You AIHF Virtual Fun Run Sponsors

A special thank you to our generous donors!

- **Premier sponsor:** Amazon
- **Silver sponsors:** Alliant, REPSS, Inc., SevenGen
- **Bronze sponsors:** ALS Global, Half Draft Acres, R&R Environmental, Workplace Health Without Borders

Estate Planning With AIHF

Leave a lasting legacy by including AIHF as part of your estate planning. Consider making a bequest in your will or trust to the Foundation in support of the IH profession and its future. Please contact [Thursa Pecoraro](#) for more information.

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