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Scenes from the EHS Lab Safety Expos

Yale Environmental Health and Safety hosted a series of Lab Safety Expos in October at Harkness Lounge, Yale Science Building and West Campus. Nearly 500 faculty, staff and students visited the Expos. Thank you to everyone who attended and to our partner departments throughout campus who participated.



EHS Recognizes Employee Excellence with Award

Dariusz Czarnota Award of Excellence– Mary Kearney



Mary Kearney routinely exhibits the qualities of employee excellence. She is always professional and respectful, but her willingness to help and consistently positive attitude are exemplary.

She is extremely committed to the success of the programs for which she is responsible. Mary has worked with lab staff and EHS programmers to develop and test a new Integrator-based chemical inventory system that will make it easier for researchers to efficiently track chemicals in their labs. Her work in maintaining EHS' safety data sheet inventory has been critical to Yale's successful use of MSDS Online. Her maintenance of EHS' Emergency Response Team equipment inventory, and her relationship with vendor Slate Pages,

ensures EHS' timely responses during emergencies. With all of her assigned responsibilities, she has become very knowledgeable. This instills confidence and builds trust in her coworkers, as well as the faculty and staff whom EHS serves. Her integrity is respected.

In recognition of these traits, we are pleased that Mary has been chosen as a recipient of the EHS Dariusz Czarnota Award of Excellence.

Dariusz Czarnota Award of Excellence– Shellie Anello



As a project manager for Yale's capital project group, Shellie Anello has been exceptional in promoting productive, collaborative relationships between EHS, planning & project management, and the entire Yale Facilities enterprise.

Shellie always includes EHS as a central part of the projects that she manages. These projects have recently included construction of the Yale Science Building, moving research operations from Kline Biology Tower/Osborn Memorial Laboratories, and the renovation of Kline Tower. Her approach to project management demonstrates integrity and instills confidence in her coworkers and customers. Her positive impact is both immediate and long-lasting.

Shellie's emphasis on safety and her inclusive approach to project management have earned her EHS' Dariusz Czarnota Award of Excellence.

This award is named in honor of Dariusz Czarnota, who was a Safety Advisor at the Yale University Office of Environmental Health and Safety from 2001 until his untimely death in 2012. EHS Director Peter Reinhardt presented the awards.

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"Safety isn't expensive, it's priceless." - Unknown

Winter Driving Tips



Winter weather brings an added level of risk to driving as snow, ice and darkness can lead to unsafe conditions. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) offers the following tips to help you stay safe while on the road.

Before You Go

- Ensure your vehicle has been properly serviced and is in good working condition.
- Clean snow ice and dirt from your vehicle windows, sensors, headlights, tail lights and backup camera.
- Stock your vehicle with supplies such as a shovel, ice scraper, abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, flashlight, blanket, cell phone charger and jumper cables.
- Plan your route and check the weather conditions and traffic. Leave yourself plenty of time for travel.

On the Road

- Keep your gas tank close to full, even with hybrid-electric vehicles.
- Avoid driving in hazardous road conditions, if possible.
- Drive slowly as it is harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. Increase your following distance to give you more time to stop.
- Know if your vehicle has an antilock brake system and learn how to use it properly. If your vehicle has antilock brakes, apply firm, continuous pressure to the brake pedal. If your vehicle does not have antilock brakes, you may need to pump the brakes if you feel your wheels start to lock up.
- Do not crowd snow plows or travel beside them.

In Case of Emergency

- Stay with your car and do not overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light turned on.
- To avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning, do not run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space. If you must run your vehicle, clear the exhaust pipe of any snow and run it only sporadically.

For more information visit [nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips](https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips).