



**institute for  
supply management**  
ISM—Wichita, Inc.

P.O. Box 2055  
Wichita, KS 67201

**Purchafacts**

**Monthly Newsletter**

Internet Address <http://www.ismwichita.org>

***SCROOGE YOU!  
A BAD CHRISTMAS CAROL  
BY TOM FRYE***

**DECEMBER 2022  
Mosley Street  
Melodrama  
Theater**

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2022

**Location:** 234 N. Mosley

MOSLEY STREET MELODRAMA PRESENTS

**SCROOGE YOU!  
A Bad Christmas Carol**

**Nov 11 - Dec 23**

**Inside December's Issue  
2022-2023 Season**

*Mosley Street Melodrama Theater.....page 1*

*President's Message.....pages 2 and 3*

*ISM Scholarship Testimonial: Ryan Bibb.....page 4*

*ISM Student Scholarship Program.....page 5*

*WSJ's Logistics Reports.....pages 6 and 7*

*January 2023 Woolsey Hall Tour.....page 8*

*ISM World Scholarship Opportunities.....page 9*

*2022/2023 Officers.....page 10*

# President's Message

## Greetings All

**Hello members and Happy Holidays to all.** This is my favorite time of the year, to be around friends, family, and loved ones. As the year is near the end and like many of us we need to burn vacation hours; December is a time to unwind and rejuvenate for the coming year. I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays!

For those of you who attended our November **JR Custom** Tour, thank you for participating and for joining us as we had an amazing evening. **J.R. Custom** for sure has a state-of-the-art paint system and it was amazing to learn about their organization and how they continue to make a positive impact to our community.

December's Monthly Event has already been sent out and to my surprise booked very quickly. There was a limited number of seats and I'm so excited that our members didn't hesitate to register. This December we will be attending a social event at **Mosley Street Melodrama**. The show is called "**Scrooge You! A Bad Christmas Carol**". Thank you for those members who will be attending this event.

Also, don't forget that we have volunteer opportunities if you are interested. A great time to volunteer with friends and family to support our community. This year **ISM-Wichita Chapter** is volunteering at **Children's 1st Children 1st** is delighted each year to offer a Christmas Store to low-income parents we serve who request help to bring joy to their children. Parents' "shop" by self-selecting toys that their children would enjoy and can wrap them, leaving with a Santa Bag, ready for Christmas. Choice is dignity. Communication for volunteering has already been sent out. If you are still interested please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Board Members.



Seeking Santas  
Helper Children 1st.

One of the best parts of being an **ISM-Wichita Chapter** member is being involved with our annual scholarships. I am so proud that our scholarships can have a direct impact to our student body and their successes beyond the classrooms. In this letter you will hear about one of our student scholarship recipients and how our ISM Scholarship was able to help them personally. ISM Scholarship letters got sent out to all school counselors this past month. Our scholarship application can also be located on our website.

Many of you have participated in our past events and perhaps it's been a while since you've been back. Perhaps you've felt like it's the same routine each month. **Come and join us!** See what's changed, come network with Supply Chain like-minded enthusiasts! Help us get better as a chapter. **We welcome your inputs and ideas!**

**Thank you for being the best part of this chapter!**



We are always looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors and if you are interested or know of someone, please reach out to any of the Board Members. The contact list is on the last page of this newsletter as well as on our website at:

<https://www.ismwichita.org/board-of-directors>

Respectfully,

*Jeremiah Heredia, MBA, CPSM, CPSD*

ISM Wichita, President 2022-2023

Cell: 316-260-0995

Email: [jeremiah.heredia@excelii.com](mailto:jeremiah.heredia@excelii.com)

Website: <https://www.ismworld.org>

Wichita Chapter: <https://www.ismwichita.org/>



ISM—Wichita, Inc.

**Mission Statement of ISM-Wichita:**

The primary objective of ISM-Wichita is to develop the professional qualities of its members: attitudes, skills, and knowledge in the field of purchasing and supply management.

**Testimonial Letter from one of our past scholarship awardees:**

**Ryan Bibb**

**Buyer**

**Stanley Black & Decker/OUTDOOR**

I would like to state how grateful I am to ISM-Wichita for gifting me two scholarships and the Honorary Herbert J. Batrouny Award for my fall semester.

Over the course of this term the ISM-Wichita scholarships have helped pay for my books, tuition, and personal needs for my family.

After accepting the ISM-Wichita scholarships last May, my career has allowed me to advance to the next level. Before then, I was solely an intern for Stanley Black & Decker striving to be a buyer in the supply chain department and now that has become a reality.

Each day as a buyer in supply chain I am tested and challenged on how to resolve complicated matters and learning how to adapt to the new environment in supply chain during the pandemic. I have enjoyed my time in this department and plan to pursue my Master's in this field. It is also my plan to graduate in May 2023 at Wichita State University with my Bachelor's degree.

I am thankful for ISM-Wichita for believing in me and allowing me to share my personal journey not only in my career but also in the classroom. Once again, I thank you and appreciate every individual in ISM-Wichita for the scholarship opportunities you give to students.

Thanks,  
Ryan Bibb





ISM—Wichita, Inc.

## *2022-2023 ISM-Wichita Student Scholarship Program*

The Institute of Supply Management, Wichita Chapter's annual scholarship applications are now being accepted at: [ismwichita@gmail.com](mailto:ismwichita@gmail.com) , [tqdang3@yahoo.com](mailto:tqdang3@yahoo.com) and [dwesterberg@cox.net](mailto:dwesterberg@cox.net) until **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

We recommend that applications are submitted at least one week prior to the deadline to ensure that applicants do not miss the deadline due to technical difficulties or network issues.

Please, go on the ISM website, [WWW.ISMWichita.org](http://WWW.ISMWichita.org) for additional information and access to the application.



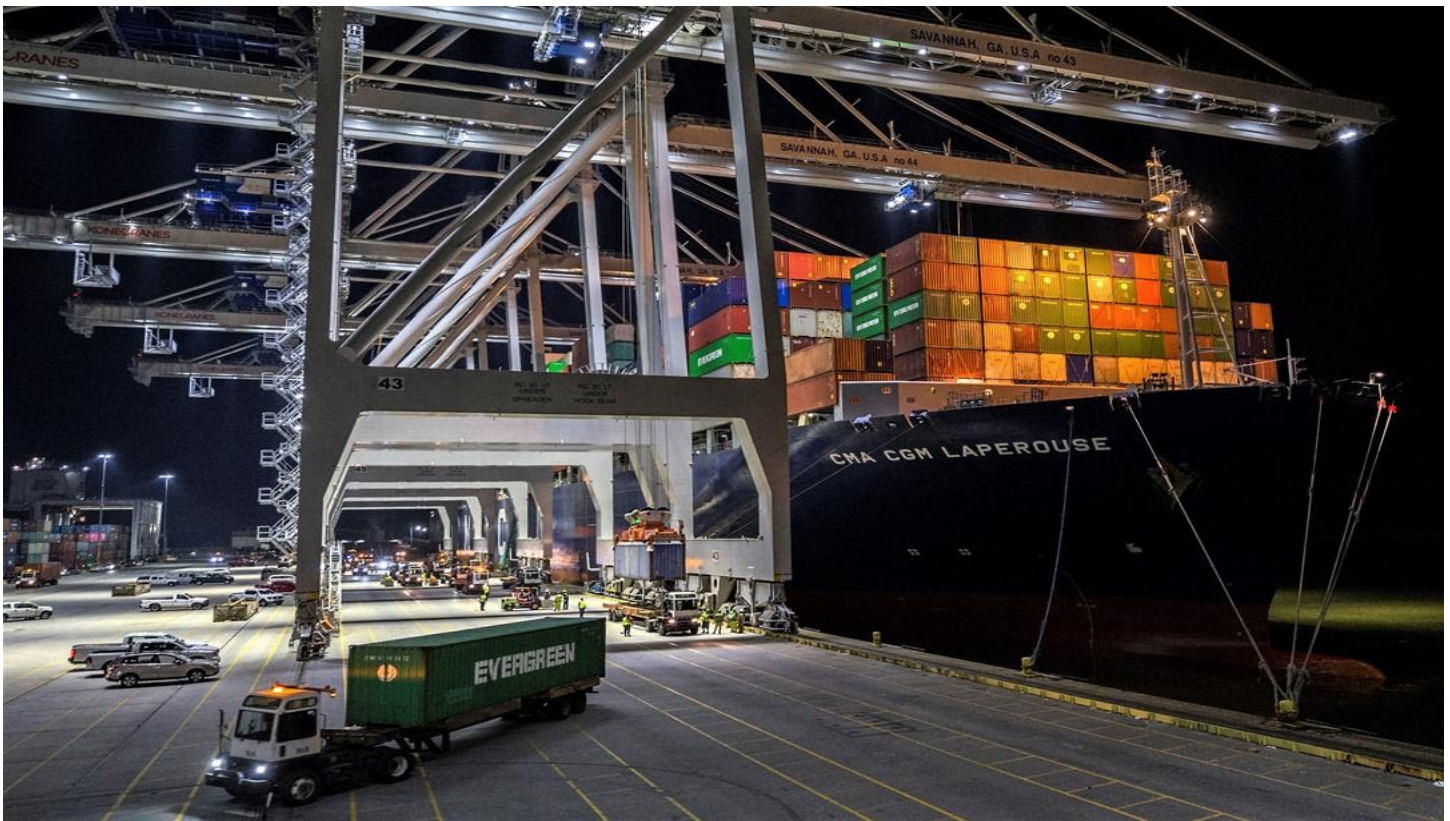


## **U.S. lawmakers are looking to step in and solve some of the country's supply-chain problems.**

**Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Democratic Rep. Ro Khanna of California** are proposing steps to force federal agencies to take the lead in preventing future product shortages while better coordinating existing federal programs to build up domestic manufacturing.

The **WSJ's** Katy Stech Ferek reports their legislation would force leaders at cabinet-level agencies to identify weaknesses in U.S. supply chains that could hurt national security and domestic manufacturing growth. The nascent effort builds on previous congressional attempts to reduce reliance on other countries, such as China.

The plan is the latest move in Washington to respond to supply-chain disruptions that have roiled the economy, and recently have affected products ranging from infant formula to semiconductors. Prospects for passage aren't clear, but a stronger government hand in supply chains looks likely to grow.



**The hierarchy of U.S. ports is getting shaken up as broad trends in shipping collide with new pressures from the world's shifting global trade map.**

Companies across many industries are rethinking how and where they ship goods after years of relying heavily on the western U.S. as an entry point.

The **WSJ Logistics Report's** Paul Berger writes that a growing lineup of shippers is betting that ports in the East and the South can save them time and money while reducing risk. Their reasons range from fears of a dock-workers strike along the West Coast that would revive pandemic-era bottlenecks to a reduced dependence on production in China. The logistical challenges of spreading imports along the East Coast and the Gulf Coast are massive. But for some shippers, a push to minimize risk and increase flexibility changes supply-chain calculations, and that could help reset domestic distribution maps across the U.S.

- Georgia's **Port of Savannah** is converting its multi-use ocean terminal to a container-only facility.
- California will spend \$175 million to improve truck access to the **Port of Oakland**.



## JANUARY 2023 - TOUR OF WOOLSEY HALL - WSU CAMPUS



**Wayne and Kay Woolsey Hall, a \$60 million, 125,000-square-foot academic building on Wichita State University's Innovation Campus is the new home of the W. Frank Barton School of Business.**

**Woolsey Hall is named for the Wichita couple who provided the lead gift to the WSU Foundation's fundraising campaign. The business school plans to move to the new building in 2022 from Clinton Hall, which has been its home since 1970.**

**The structure is a three-level, LEED-certified building — the first building on the Wichita State campus to be LEED-certified. It was designed by the architectural team of Gastinger-Walker of Kansas City and Gensler Chicago. Dondlinger Construction of Wichita won the competitive bid to build the facility.**



Wayne Woolsey with WSU Foundation President Elizabeth King.



## Scholarship Opportunity in Supply Management for U.S. & Canadian Students from ISM World

The R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation and the R. Gene Richter Scholarship fund at ISM will provide a US\$10,000.00 scholarship (US \$5,000.00 for December graduates) to individuals seeking education in supply management, supply chain management or procurement. An eligible student will be in their senior year during the 2022-2023 academic year and be enrolled full-time in an accredited supply management, supply chain management or procurement program with the intention of specializing in the supply management profession.

This program is celebrating its 20th anniversary and is proud to commemorate the winners and mentors along the way, now impacting the profession in the most invaluable ways. Join the community of winners and be a part of a network that will propel your education and career in the supply management profession.

Winners are celebrated at the ISM World Annual Conference at an exclusive dinner and recognized at the ISM Awards Gala. Don't miss the chance to join the most elite and supplement your education and your network with the 20th anniversary class of Richter Scholars.

To submit your application, follow the link below to register your account and start your application.

Save your progress along the way and be sure to submit before the **January 27, 2023 deadline.**

<https://www.ismworld.org/for-individuals/scholarships-and-awards/richter-scholarship-award/>

## **2022/2023 Officers**

### **President**

Jeremiah Heredia, MBA, CPSM, CPSD  
Stanley Black & Decker  
jeremiah.heredia@excelii.com

### **First Vice President & Programs/Facilities**

Dane Dillon  
Spirit AeroSystems  
dane.s.dillon@spiritaero.com

### **Treasurer**

Gene Sharp, C.P.M.  
Retired  
gr.sharp@yahoo.com

### **Programs/Facilities**

Poonam Richardet  
Ball Aerospace  
poonam@cox.net

### **Technology/Website**

Mehmet Barut, Ph.D.  
Wichita State University  
mehmet.barut@wichita.edu

### **College Liaison**

Bayram Yildirim, Ph.D.  
Wichita State University  
bayram.yildirim@wichita.edu

### **Scholarships**

Deb Westerberg  
Spirit AeroSystems  
dwesterberg@cox.net

### **Treasurer Co-Chair**

Austin Persinger  
BG Products  
apersinger@bgprod.com

### **Executive Director & Public Relations**

Joe Thomas, CPSM, CPSD, C.P.M., NIGP-CPP  
Sedgwick County  
joseph.thomas@sedgwick.gov

### **Second Vice President & College Liaison**

Kenny Bui, PhD  
Heartspring  
ken316bt@gmail.com

### **Secretary**

Tim Strobel, CPSM, C.P.M., CSCP  
USAA  
tim\_strobel1124@yahoo.com

### **Professional Development**

Ashley Gerlach, MBA, CPSM  
Spirit AeroSystems  
ashley.d.gerlach@spiritaero.com

### **Technology/Website**

Melvin Kong  
Cosmic Pets LCC  
mekoyija612@gmail.com

### **Memberships**

John Buche  
BG Products  
jbucho@bgprod.com

### **Scholarships Co-Chair**

TuQuyen Dang  
Spirit AeroSystems  
tuquyen.t.dang@spiritaero.com

### **SASCM Student Chapter Liaison**

Efthimios Stephanopoulos  
Wichita State University  
estephanopoulos@live.com

## **Calendar of Events**

**December 2022 - Holiday Dinner**

**January 2023 - Woolsey Hall Tour at WSU**