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***TOUR OF WOOLSEY HALL
WSU CAMPUS***

**JANUARY 2023
Woolsey Hall
Tour**

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023

Location: 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 GastingerWalker of Kansas City and Gensler Chicago. Dondlinger Construction of Wichita won the competitive bid to build the facility.

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President's Message

Greetings All

Hello members and Happy New Year's! I hope everyone had a great and safe holiday season. This past December we attended our social event at Mosley Street Melodrama. The show was called "Scrooge You! A Bad Christmas Carol". Thank you for those members who attended this event. I personally enjoyed the show and enjoyed watching our colleagues having a great time as well.

Thank you for those who volunteered as well at **Children's 1st Christmas Store**. Our pledge this year as a chapter was to provide volunteer opportunities and to give back to our community. Thus far, we have had two opportunities to volunteer and are thankful for our members who have stood by this pledge. Thank you all!

A week or so ago for our January event we had the privilege to tour **Woolsey Hall Business School at WSU**. This magnificent structure was such an amazing sight to see. So grateful for our Supply Chain and Business Students at WSU to have such a state-of-the-art facility. Thank you all for those members who attended this incredible facility.

Keep an eye out for our Eventbrite for February as we will be touring **Pratt Industries** on February 9th. Also, coming up after that is our March Annual Event in which this year will be hosted at WSU Marcus Welcome Center. We will have several key guest speakers which we will share later but keep your calendar open for March 9th.

Congratulations for those who recently passed their CPSM Exams. I am very proud of each of them for taking up this challenge and passing all three exams! As Supply Chain Professionals we are vital to the success of any business organization. Staying on top of your certifications and continuing your education are key elements in keeping your competitive edge. Job well done by Adjunct Professor Ashley Gerlach as well for a successful CPSM program which was newly launched at WSU! We look forward in continuing this program this upcoming fall, which by the way is open to all students and regular members. (More details to follow)

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 likeminded 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,

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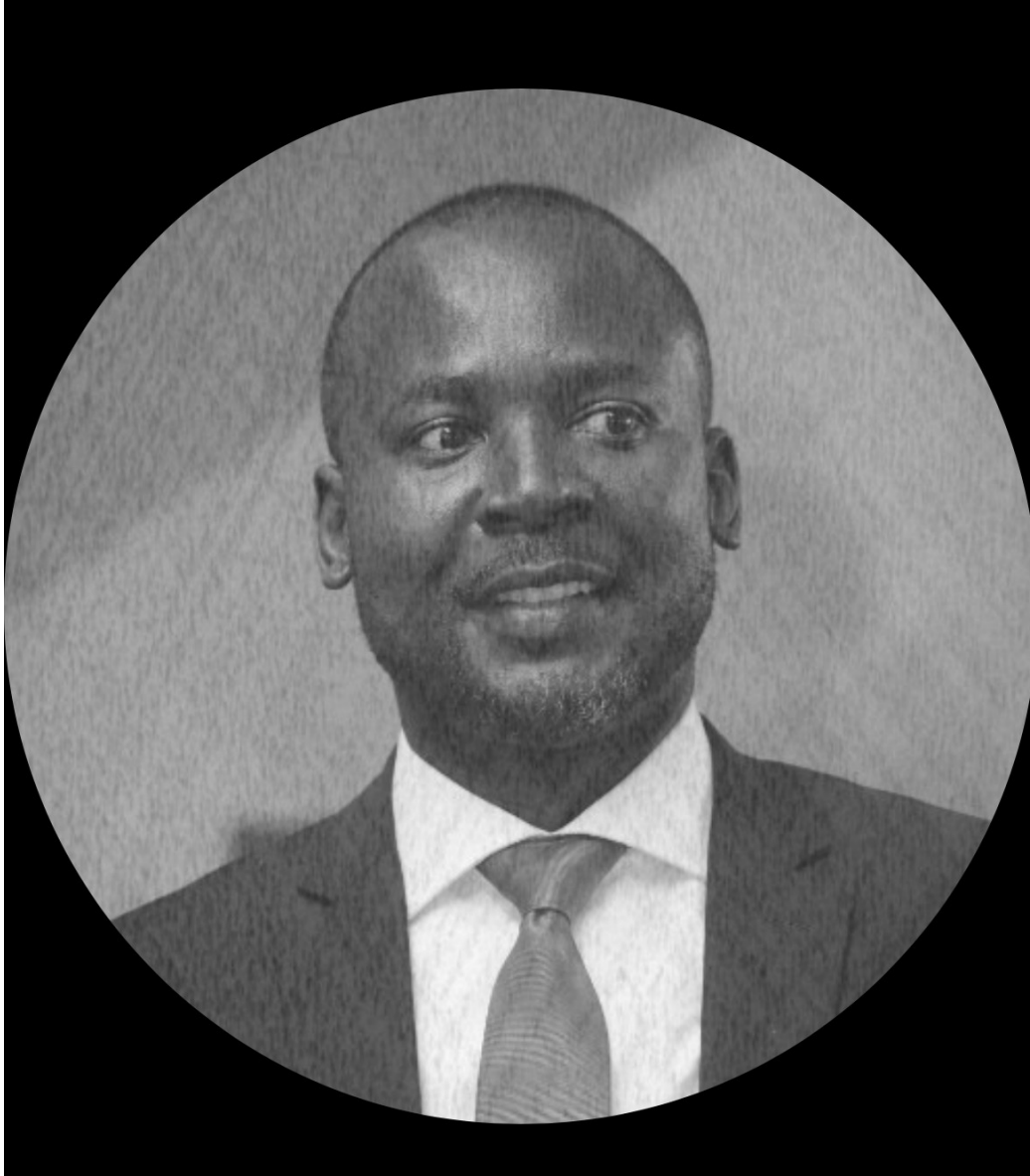


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Mission Statement of ISM-Wichita:

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:
Yoyi S. Kadiri



The ISM scholarship helped reduced the burden and concerns that come from the enormous weight of financial cost associated with college which can be a huge distraction from studies. By paying a part of my tuition, a sense of self-worth and self-confidence was reinforced, I got the needed boost to concentrate on my education and towards finishing my degree.

Thank you and keep it up!
Yoyi S. Kadiri



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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 , tqdang3@yahoo.com and dwesterberg@cox.net until **March 15th, 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 for additional information and access to the application.

Congratulations to Mr. Josh Lauber CPSM Designation Awardee

Josh is a 5th generation South Central Kansas native and lifelong learner. He had the opportunity to go through the CPSM class held through Wichita State University instructed by ISM Wichita.

Josh has been in a purchasing role of varying skillsets starting in 2017, beginning his supply chain career at Sedgwick County as an entry level department shopper entering purchasing requisitions and obtaining vendor quotes to more recently working in his current role as a Senior Buyer with the City of Wichita. Working in Public Finance, Josh uniquely has worked in more than one of the few large public purchasing agencies in Kansas serving at Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, KS ensuring applicable city and county codes, state laws, federal laws, federal grant requirements, and local administrative regulations are adhered to. Throughout his journey in Supply Chain, Josh has valued listening to his colleagues' unique supply chain stories and experiences, challenging himself personally and professionally, working with internal and external stakeholders of diverse skills and backgrounds, growing his knowledge and familiarity of commodities, and supporting his agency to ensure the fulfillment of operational needs and varying timelines for goods and services requested. Josh loves working in Supply Chain because it allows him to work in a position that facilitates purchasing process and policies while also, "always being a new day" at work.



Josh graduated in December 2019 with his Master's degree in Business Administration with a Finance Concentration from Wichita State University. During his undergraduate education, he struggled to see value and opportunity in working in the Healthcare Industry as a Public Health and Healthcare Administration graduate causing him to switch to business and general finance in his graduate education. He currently works part time as a toll collector and self-pay monitor at the Kansas Turnpike Authority starting in 2009. Josh serves on multiple volunteer boards and associations most recently joining the ISM Wichita chapter Board of Directors in 2023 to appreciate the private sector supply chain experience and Prophet Investment Club (a Better Investing chapter) in 2021 growing his knowledge with likeminded peers who enjoy investment portfolio evaluation and investment. He is most recently a new father to a baby girl.

It is the real-world application and opportunity that Josh is most excited about in attaining his CPSM and continued professional development. He knows that this certification will help him grow in his current role and throughout his career.

Congratulations to Mr. Joe O'Brien CPSM Designation Awardee

Joe is a Wichita native who loves learning, growing his skillset and stepping out of his comfort zone. He had the opportunity to go through the CPSM class held through Wichita State University.

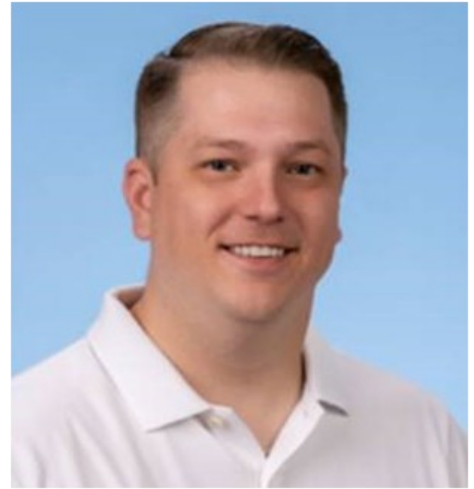
In 2022, a lot changed for him. He graduated in May with his Master's degree in Management Science and Supply Chain Management from Wichita State University. He then left a 13-year career in the banking industry and started his career in supply chain as a Senior IT Buyer in Textron Aviation's Indirect Center of Excellence.

He loves his job because it allows him to think outside of the box in order to provide IT solutions to those he serves. When he started, he quickly began learning all that he could.

Part of his learning goal was to take the course, "*Integrated Supply Management*", to help provide him with a good foundation at the beginning of his journey. The course focused on helping students study for and pass the CPSM exams at an accelerated pace. The course started in August and by mid-December he had taken all three exams and passed them.

He's passionate about continuing to learn all that he can, and his wife and kids continue to encourage and support him in this learning. Through this class he gained additional exposure to concepts he hadn't learned much about yet. He saw a tremendous value in not only getting his CPSM, but the potential this certification could provide him and his family. In the past he has felt like his education and career didn't always line up and he had to think creatively on how to apply the principles he had learned, but with the CPSM material, it directly correlates with his role.

He knows that this will help him grow in his current role and throughout his career.



EFTHIMIOS STEPHANOPOULOS
PRESIDENT OF THE WSU STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (SASCM)
FALL 2022 - SPRING 2023



Efthimios Stephanopoulos is currently a graduate student at Wichita State University. In Spring 2023, he will be graduating with a Master's in Management Science and Supply Chain Management and in Summer 2023 with an MBA focused on Business Analytics.

He is the Fall 2022- Spring 2023 President of the WSU Student Association for Supply Chain Management, more commonly referred to as SASCM. This WSU student group is affiliated with ISM-Wichita and actively promotes supply chain education, connections with industry and social events with students.

He is passionate about learning and solving problems and is excited to be starting a career in consulting when he graduates this year. A couple areas of interest for supply chain to him are chain of custody problems and blockchains, orbital supply chains, risk, and fraud.

Currently, he resides in Wichita, and is looking forward to taking the CPSM exams this semester.



WSU STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF SUPPLY CHAIN (SASCM)

KICKOFF PARTY

JANUARY 27, 2023 • 6 PM - 8 PM
SHOCKER SPORTS GRILL AND LANES
AT RHATIGAN STUDENT CENTER



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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/>

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Calendar of Events

January 2023 - Woolsey Hall Tour at WSU

February 2023 - Pratt Industries Tour