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The Jeanne Marie Iverson Memorial Scholarship



Honoring Jeanne Iverson CPE, MS HFE, MS OT

A Legacy of Support for Future Ergonomics Professionals

In January, the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at San José State University received news of a generous and meaningful gift that will support students for years to come. In honor of alumna Jeanne Marie Iverson, a \$10,000 annual donation has been established to fund the **Jeanne Marie Iverson Memorial Scholarship**, aimed at first-year students pursuing careers in occupational ergonomics and workplace or product safety.

Jeanne Iverson, who passed away in 2022, was a proud graduate of the MS Human Factors/Ergonomics (HF/E) program, earning her degree in 2007. A dedicated professional, she was also a Certified Professional Ergonomist (CPE) through the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics (BCPE) and held a second master's degree in Occupational Therapy from San José State University. Her academic journey began with a Bachelor of Science in Pre-Physical Therapy, and she spent over a decade working in both outpatient and inpatient rehabilitation settings.

In the early 2000s, Jeanne founded **VSI Risk Management & Ergonomics, Inc.**, where she developed deep expertise in ergonomics and root cause analysis. Her work spanned a range of industries, including manufacturing, material handling, laboratories, and office environments. She was also a project leader for numerous usability studies, contributing to the development and assessment of ergonomic peripheral products for companies such as Logitech, Microsoft, Kinesis, 3M, and others.

The scholarship fund was created by representatives of VSI Risk Management & Ergonomics, Inc. in Jeanne's memory. Their intention is to honor her dedication to the field and to support students who share her passion for improving workplace safety and human-centered design. The scholarship provides **two awards of \$5,000 each year**, to be given to full-time first-year students enrolled in the Human Factors/Ergonomics program. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 at the time of application and must maintain that academic standing throughout the award year.

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This scholarship represents more than financial support—it is a call to action. Future awardees are encouraged to carry forward Jeanne Iverson’s legacy by becoming leaders in the field of ergonomics and human factors. Through their work, the values and passion that Jeanne brought to her profession can continue to inspire progress and innovation in making work environments safer, more efficient, and more human-centered.

The Department is deeply grateful for this enduring gift, which reflects Jeanne Iverson’s lasting impact on the field and the SJSU community.