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DON B. DAILY MEMORIAL FUND SELECTS 2019–2020 RECIPIENT OF US\$10,000

PITTSBURGH, 9 October 2019 — The [Association for Iron & Steel Technology \(AIST\) Foundation](#) and the [Steel Manufacturers Association \(SMA\)](#) are proud to announce Dr. Sathy Rajendran of Central Washington University (CWU) as the 2019–2020 recipient of the US\$10,000 Don B. Daily Safety Grant to Promote Steel Industry Safety and Health.

The fund was created to commemorate the life and industry service of the late Don B. Daily, a compassionate man who truly cared about the safety of all employees working in the steel industry. His career as president of Gallatin Steel and chairman of the Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA) left an enduring mark on the steel industry of North America, and has been the establishment of numerous safety and health initiatives that have significantly improved the workplace.

Dr. Sathy Rajendran's proposal is titled "*Safety Management: Development of Steel Manufacturing Plant Specific Safety Plan Case Study*." The proposal advocates that one of the most effective methods of increasing worker safety is the intuition of practical worker training based on real-world scenarios. With the award, a team of students and faculty from Central Washington University plan to develop a training program that is based on real-world case studies in order to prepare trainees to evaluate complex steel manufacturing and fabrication activities and develop control methods through a facility-specific safety plan.

"CWU is excited to receive this grant from AIST and the opportunity to improve safety for workers in the steel manufacturing industry worldwide," added Sathy Rajendran, grant team member and program director for CWU's safety and health management program. "The grant team includes students in the CWU safety health management program. This will allow our students to apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired in their previous coursework in a real-world setting."

"Worker safety and health continues to be one of the largest concerns for the steel manufacturing industry, therefore devising new ways to improve safety is vital," said Prof. Jennifer Serne, a grant team member and assistant professor at CWU. "We thank the AIST Foundation for this opportunity. This kind of collaboration and support is exactly what we need to improve safety and health performance in the steel manufacturing industry."

The Don B. Daily Safety Grant challenges North American university teams (students and professors) to submit proposals for grant funding in the theme area of safety and health awareness within the steel manufacturing industry. The dual objective of the fund is to promote a safe workplace for the steel manufacturing industry and to increase the number of students studying health and safety awareness relative to the manufacturing environment.

The AIST Foundation is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized for charitable, education and scientific purposes to attract technology-oriented professionals to the steel industry by educating the public about the high-tech, diverse and rewarding nature of careers in steel manufacturing. Through a variety of programs, the AIST Foundation awards more than US\$750,000 annually in programs and grants to students, instructors and schools to ensure the iron and steel industry of tomorrow will have a sufficient number of qualified professionals. The AIST Foundation is part of AIST, an international technical association of more than 17,500 professional and student members from 70 countries. For more information about the AIST Foundation, visit [AISTFoundation.org](#).

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The Steel Manufacturers Association (SMA) is the largest steel industry trade association in the United States and is the primary trade association representing North American EAF steel producers. EAF steelmakers account for almost 70 percent of domestic steelmaking capacity using an innovative, 21st century production process that is less energy-intensive and has lower carbon emissions than traditional steelmaking. SMA's 25 producer members and over 100 associate members have operations in 43 states. For more information check out our website at www.steelnet.org or our [Facebook page](#).

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