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**“Learn from the past, Live in the present, Believe in the future”**

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From the Chapter Advisor, Dr. Tanveer Islam, and members of the Executive Board, the Jacksonville State University International Association of Emergency Managers (JSU-IAEM) student chapter would like to welcome all of our members into the New Year.

For many, a new year is a fresh start, while for others a new year is a continuation of the previous year. Whether you have reflected on your previous year(s) and made resolutions to start fresh with new goals, or laid the foundation in your previous year(s), and continue to build upon your goals, we wish you much success in all of your endeavors!

In the midst of a government shutdown, we should all be aware of how the emergency management community is affected. Whether it is funding or furloughs, our members have entered the year facing challenges educationally, financially,

occupationally, individually, and collectively. It is with sincere hope that those affected overcome these obstacles, like the many obstacles overcome in the past, and continue to strive to your full potential.

During the past semester break, there was reflection on our previous year, and we took the opportunity to **learn** what our members sought to gain from joining the JSU-IAEM student chapter. Presently, as you will see throughout this month's newsletter, we have taken into effect your responses and expect to **live** in the present bringing forward as much information, opportunity, and necessary tools available to our student and alumni members. We **believe** in the potential to advance the profession of emergency management through academia and practice of our student members, and look forward to another great semester, and successful year.

# Around the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM)

## IAEM-USA President, Marty Schaub, Discusses What Lies Ahead in 2019

In the most recent IAEM Bulletin, IAEM-USA President, Marty Schaub, highlighted key considerations of the ways emergency management will change shape in upcoming years. Key considerations that Schaub addressed include government affairs, climate, and technology.

In relation to government affairs, the current government shutdown restricts FEMA from working on anything that is not immediate disaster-related including mitigation planning, developments for EPMG support, and hiring of personnel to fill vacant positions. In relation to climate, Schaub discusses the impacts of climate change and El Nino, while also highlighting trends and changes in technology. To read the full story, or check out the entire IAEM Bulletin click [here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE: IAEM Annual Conference And EMEX will be held November 15-20, 2019

The IAEM Annual Conference will be held November 15-20, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia.

Much like the opening quote to this newsletter, this year's theme is **"Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future."**

Please save the date and plan to be in attendance if capable. The conference rotates annually between Long Beach, California, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Savannah, Georgia. This year is the closest location to those located in Alabama, or on the eastern side of the country which should assist in travel costs. Any updates in conference information will be continuously communicate. To [register](#), or read more about the conference, check out the conference [website](#).



## Upcoming Dates & Events



**January 25, 2019** – “Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Capabilities” webinar. Hosted by the Region IV Public Health Training Center at Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health, the webinar will be held from 12:00pm – 1:30pm EST. Register here: [t.co/ZKGwhYTb5P](https://t.co/ZKGwhYTb5P)

**February 6, 2019** – JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference Call. *Monthly conference calls are held the first Wednesday of each month from 8-9pm CST on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.*

**February 21, 2019** - IAEM Thursday Learning Web-Series: “Its 2019 – Why is Protecting Children in Disasters Still Innovative.” <https://bit.ly/2syiKv9>

**March 5, 2019** – 2019 PrepTalks Symposium – Santa Rosa, California. Live taping of PrepTalks featuring 8 sessions from SMEs and EM leaders on issues confronting emergency managers today and in the future. <https://bit.ly/2QYhDyV>

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**April 3, 2019** – JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference Call. *Monthly conference calls are held the first Wednesday of each month from 8-9pm CST on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.*

**May 1, 2019** – Final JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference Call. *Monthly conference calls are held the first Wednesday of each month from 8-9pm CST on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.*

**June 3-7, 2019** – FEMA Higher Education Symposium. **Theme:** “Diversity, Inclusion, and Unity of Effort.” [Application](#).

**November 15-20, 2019** – IAEM 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX; Savannah, Georgia.

## IAEM-USA Seeks Members for Caucuses; Creates New “Diversity” Caucus

The IAEM-USA maintains 11 [caucuses](#), and recently created a new “Diversity” caucus which constantly seeks members to offer new and diverse points of view and experience to enhance their mission. Established caucuses include:

[Access & Inclusion](#)

[Children & Disasters](#)

[Climate, Water, & Weather](#)

[Emerging Technology](#)

[Faith-Based Organizations](#)

[Federal Sector Emergency Managers](#)

[Healthcare](#)

[Public-Private Partnerships \(PPPs\)](#)

[Tribal Affairs](#)

[Uniformed Services](#)

[Universities & Colleges](#)

Diversity \*NEW\*

Involvement in national-level causes afford students the opportunity to network and engage with current EM leaders who share similar interests to advance the emergency management profession. If you are interested in any of these areas, the IAEM encourages you to click the link provided within this newsletter for more information and to reach out to the point of contact to join the monthly meetings and get engaged. If you are interested in joining the diversity caucus, please email [jsuiaem@jsu.edu](mailto:jsuiaem@jsu.edu) and I will gladly place you in contact with the lead.

## Jobs & Internships

As an IAEM student member, you have access to [IAEM job board](#) and [internship opportunities](#). You also have the opportunity to [post your resume](#) and be contacted for qualified position. To access and explore these options please click [here](#).

## CEM Tips and Updates

The IAEM offers the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) [certifications](#). Accessing the CEM Page on the IAEM website will open up a plethora of information on the CEM/AEM process including [webinars](#), study guides (recent study guide [update](#) for 2019), [prep course information](#), and the CEM/AEM [application](#). The IAEM Bulletin (see link above) offers monthly CEM Tips and Information and the [CEM Corner](#) is a go-to source for all things CEM. Based on the results of the poll from out student members, an added emphasis will be placed on connecting CEM tips, tricks, dates, and opportunities to student members. For those that may not qualify for the CEM, please consider the AEM certification. The AEM is attainable and available with commensurate experience and education and a step towards the CEM certification (although it is not a requirement). Please continue to check our monthly newsletter, and shared calendar for CEM-related information in the future.



## Scholarships

The IAEM offers a [scholarship program](#) for eligible student members. The Scholarship Program was developed to nurture, promote, and develop disaster preparedness and resistance by furthering the education of students studying the field of emergency management, disaster management, or a related program. Scholarships are awarded through a competitive process worldwide for students pursuing degrees at all levels. The next application period will open in Spring 2019. Updates will be provided as opportunities arise. To read more about the scholarship program visit the scholarship site.



## The FEMA Higher Education Program

Established in 1998, the [FEMA Higher Education Program](#) recently celebrated 20 years of formalized academic emergency management education. The Higher Education Program encourages and supports the dissemination of hazard, disaster, and emergency management-related information in colleges and universities across the U.S. The [Higher Education] Program believes that in the future more and more emergency managers in government as well as in business and industry will come to the job with college education that includes a degree in emergency management. As current emergency management students, the Higher Education Program is a phenomenal way to stay current on trends in EM academic advancement and education.

From [lists](#) of all colleges and universities offering EM education, to institutional resources, educational resources, and campus emergency management resources, the FEMA Higher Education Program website offers a wealth of information and opportunity to learn from including current projects and [FREE college courses, textbooks, and materials](#), resources for teaching (such as syllabi compilation), needs assessment tools, as well as EM Job Market data and opportunities, and Special Interest Groups. As a student, academic, or practitioner, these resources are valuable, and readily-available to meet your needs.

Much like the IAEM, the Higher Education Program maintains an open interest in student participation, and offers a variety of special interest groups to join and be involved with linking you to many EM leaders and professors. These Special Interest Groups include:

### [Accreditation](#)

[Case Teaching and Learning](#) (Co-Lead by JSU's Dr. Jane Kushma)

[Collaboration, Connection, Commitment to Two-Year EM Academic Programs](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security Unity of Effort](#)

[Emergency Management Theory and Research](#)

Ethics in EM Academia

[Information Exchange and Symposium Planning](#)

[International Emergency Management](#)

[Jobs and Internships](#)

[New Program Resources and Support](#)

[Racial, Ethnicity, and Economic Impacts in EM](#)

[Scholarship of Teaching and Learning](#)

[Science Technology Integration in EM Higher Education](#)

[Service Learning Leadership](#), and

[Student Perspectives and Academic Learning](#) (Co-Lead by JSU-IAEM Chapter President Antoine Richards)

If you are interested in participating in any of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), please click the appropriate link and contact one of the leads. As a shameless plug, the "Student Perspectives and Academic Learning" SIG is specifically for students that aims to bring EM students together to share their experiences and perspectives on academic learning in the EM sector. This shared knowledge will be utilized help improve advancements in EM learning on all educational levels based on student recommendations. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to reach out to me at [arichards1@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:arichards1@stu.jsu.edu) and I will gladly get you involved.

The FEMA Higher Education Program hosts an annual "[Higher Education Symposium](#)" at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This year's symposium will be held June 5-7, 2019. [Applications](#) are currently open to register to attend. If you are interested please submit your registration form to [netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov). For student members, the symposium is always looking for student volunteers to get involved and assist facilitating the symposium. Volunteers receive benefits such as room and board, and waived registration fees if applicable.





## Around the JSU-IAEM Chapter

### Let's Welcome Our Two Newest Members!

The chapter recently added two new members this semester, and look forward to the wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion they bring for emergency management to the chapter.

Amanda Goode is recently started the graduate program in the Department of Emergency Management. She currently holds her Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Criminal Justice and works as 9-1-1 dispatcher in Pensacola, Florida. Matriculating her education into the master's level, Amanda hopes to gain skills and knowledge to advance her into leadership roles within her agency.

Cassie Chandler is the epitome of Jacksonville State University having earned her undergraduate degree in accounting, and her Masters of Business Administration (MBA) with an accounting concentration from JSU. She is currently pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management with hopes of joining the JSU Doctoral Program in Emergency Management. Professionally, Cassie is a CPA and works within JSU's Small Business Development Center while also teaching in JSU's School of Business and Industry. Her interests include learning more about the role that EM plays in business while hoping to network with other students and faculty, and gain better insight into the emergency management field.

### Follow the JSU-IAEM Student Chapter on Twitter

Have you heard, that the bird is word? Have a tweeted a word or two? If so, join the JSU-IAEM student chapter in the conversation on Twitter. Please follow the chapter page [@JSUIAEM](#). This is a great way to keep up with current information, tweet about some great things going on, and keep our chapter visible and trending in the process.

### Fundraising

In case you missed the meeting minutes, we have chosen to cancel the fundraising initiative and continue with the traditional process of accepting donations from people interested in investing in chapter success and sustainability. For our alumni members, please consider donating back to the chapter and spread the word to others that may be interested. We will set up a specific time frame to donate and look forward to your contributions.



## Interested in Joining?

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We are looking for proactive students, like yourself, and we hope you will be inspired to get involved in both our chapter and on the national level.

Joining the JSU-IAEM student chapter is easy, and it's **free!**

### It Takes Two Simple Steps!

1. Become a member of the International Association of Emergency Managers at [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com).
2. Once registered, send your IAEM membership number and contact information (address, phone number, and email) to [jsuiaem@jsu.edu](mailto:jsuiaem@jsu.edu).

It is through the hard work and dedication of our student members, and chapter advisor, that our successes have stretched beyond our university to national levels. We are excited to have you be an integral part of our organization. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us at the information below and we will be sure to be in touch.

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