

JSU-IAEM

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February is among us, bringing closure to the first month of the New Year. A resounding sentiment has been echoed that January seems like the longest month of the year, but you have successfully made it. It is with sincere hope that you have weathered the storm (no pun intended) of January, and are well into a successful start to your Spring 2019 semester.

February brings a lot of excited things as the year sets underway. Valentine's Day is tomorrow, Winter Preparedness Month is here and, since the Groundhog did not see his shadow, hopefully February shows signs of early Spring.

The campus is gearing up to commemorate the March 19th tornado that impacted the campus last year, and conferences are coming together that seek to advance the profession of emergency management from multiple perspectives. New opportunities for scholarship and leadership are forthcoming

and multiple ways for students to get involved are on the horizon.

We have students abroad conducting NSF-funded research in Puerto Rico, and we are set to have an active role in the campus commemoration event in March. More importantly, we have a fair amount of students who are set to graduate this Spring which is always exciting news.

As you read the newsletter, be encouraged to take note of upcoming dates and information of happenings around the emergency management community and within the student chapter. Be encouraged to get involved and engage with others within the field. Be encouraged to continue to set your foot print in your personal success, and the collective successes of your colleagues as we strive to advance the profession of emergency management.

Embracing Opportunities

IAEM Global Student Council

The [IAEM-Global Student Council \(GSC\)](#) is the overarching council that represents student members of the International Association of Emergency Management worldwide including the IAEM-Canada student region, the IAEM-USA student region, and the IAEM-Oceania student region.

In the past few years, the JSU-IAEM student chapter has had long-standing representation and success leading the Global Student Council. This year, there is an increased emphasis on representing the needs of students worldwide. To better understand those needs, the IAEM-GSC encourages students to be involved and voice their opinion and concerns.

The IAEM-GSC holds a general meeting every **third Wednesday** of the month from **6pm-8pm CST**. The next general meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 20, 2019**. General meetings are open to the public and provide insights and opportunities catered specifically towards student members. Please feel free to chime in and get involved.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: IAEM Annual Conference And EMEX

The IAEM Annual Conference will be held November 15-20, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia. This year's theme is **"Honor the Past, Treasure the Present, Shape the Future."**

Please **Save-the-Date** and plan to be in attendance. A call for abstracts for the Poster Showcase will open in late Spring 2019. This is your chance to share your research, practice, or findings to your peers in the Emergency Management community including theses or dissertations. There are two divisions, competitive and non-competitive, in which we were fortunate to have a participant in each division last year including a Silver Award in the competitive division. More details will be available soon.

Any updates in conference information will be continuously communicated. To [register](#), or read more about the conference, check out the conference [website](#).



Upcoming Dates & Events

February 15, 2019 – JSU-IAEM Commemoration Preparedness Video Meeting; Department of Emergency Management, Jacksonville State University.

February 20, 2019 – IAEM-GSC General Meeting. *IAEM-GSC General meetings occur every third Wednesday of the month from 6pm-8pm CST.*

February 21, 2019 - [IAEM Thursday Learning Web-Series: "Its 2019 – Why is Protecting Children in Disasters Still Innovative."](#)

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.

March 9, 2019 – JSU Spring Preview Day – **Volunteer(s) Needed.**

March 4-6, 2019 – [National Tornado Summit and Pre-Summit Symposium](#); Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

March 6, 2019 – JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference

March 20, 2019 – IAEM-GSC General Meeting. .

April 3, 2019 – JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference Call.

April 17, 2019 – IAEM-GSC General Meeting.

April 23-24, 2019 – [National Hurricane Conference](#); New Orleans, Louisiana.

May 1, 2019 – Final JSU-IAEM Monthly Conference

May 12-17, 2019 – [Governor's Hurricane Conference](#); West Palm Beach, Florida.

May 15, 2019 – IAEM-GSC General Meeting

May 29, 2019 – [Emergency Management Leader's Conference \(EMLC\)](#); Phoenix, Arizona.

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

June 17-20, 2019 – [National Homeland Security Conference](#); Phoenix Arizona.

November 15-20, 2019 – [IAEM 67th Annual Conference & EMEX](#); Savannah, Georgia.

JSU-IAEM Campus Preparedness Video

As the campus prepares for the commemoration event for the March 19th tornado, the JSU-IAEM, in collaboration with the University Police Department (UPD), will be working to prepare a campus preparedness video that will be presented during the event. Thanks to Dr. Tanveer Islam, and Dr. Jeff Ryan, this joint effort has been approved by JSU Marketing and JSU Public Relations and will feature members of the JSU-IAEM student chapter. Additionally, student chapter members will assist in video concept and drafting the script for the campus preparedness video. We are collectively excited to add an emergency management perspective to the commemoration event and look forward to the participation of any JSU-IAEM members that would like to be involved in the project. Please email jsuiaem@jsu.edu for more details.

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 and I will gladly place you in contact with the lead.



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 our 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.

The most recent IAEM Bulletin highlights the Resubmission process and the Emergency Management Essay. Please feel free to check out the bulletin for more detailed information.

In the coming months, we will schedule monthly speaker sessions around the CEM process from professional and student perspectives. Please stay tuned for update date and time information for those interested in submitting for the CEM process.



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](#).

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 Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop

Each year, the Natural Hazards Center at University of Colorado – Boulder, hosts the Natural Hazards Workshop in Broomfield Colorado.

The annual workshop brings together over 500 federal, state, and local mitigation and emergency management officials; representatives of nonprofit, private sector, and humanitarian organizations; hazards and disaster researchers; and others dedicated to alleviating the impacts of disasters. The workshop is a great way to meet landmark researchers in the emergency management field and stay up-to-date on current EM information.

Scholarship Opportunity: The Mary Fran Myers Scholarship provides financial assistance for individuals to attend the Natural Hazards Workshop in Boulder, Colorado in July (details are available [here](#)). This is an opportunity that brings practitioners and researchers to the Workshop for the first time. This year, applications will be accepted for people who reside outside North America and the Caribbean. Applications are being accepted through March 15.

FEMA Higher Education Symposium



The 21st Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium will be held June 3-6, 2019 in Emmittsburg, Maryland.

[FEMA's Higher Education Program](#), within the National Training and Education Division's National Training and Education System, will coordinate workshops, plenaries, and breakout sessions highlighting how to build, engage, and amplify the work of the emergency management academic community while focusing on diversity, inclusion, and unity of effort.

The Higher Education Symposium is unique in the sense that you do not have to pay to attend, it includes room & board, and your only expenses are your own travel to the Baltimore area where a shuttle will transport you to and from the National Emergency Training Center (NETC), and a meal ticket that covers all meals for the duration of the symposium.

Additionally, there are student volunteer opportunities available that helps expand networking potential and opportunities to work alongside many EM professionals. As an attendee last year, it goes without saying that my experience was highly beneficial and opened the door for a lot opportunity to be involved and collaborate on projects within, and outside of, the Higher Education Program.

For more information on the [Higher Education Symposium](#), or to [register](#) for the symposium, click the appropriate links. **The application deadline is April 26, 2019.**

Around the JSU-IAEM Chapter

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.**

Volunteers Needed

The chapter is in need of available volunteers to participate in two on-campus activities:

- JSU Campus Preparedness Video – any interested in being a part of the video, or helping draft the script please email jsuiaem@jsu.edu.
- JSU Spring Preview Day – Spring Preview Day is March 9th and we will need a volunteer to join the EM Department to help spread the word about the JSU-IAEM student chapter to potential students. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this event please email jsuiaem@jsu.edu.

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