

# JSU-IAEM

THE JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 inaugural newsletter issue for the Jacksonville State University – International Association of Emergency Managers (JSU-IAEM) student chapter.

The [JSU-IAEM](#) student chapter continues to thrive as a nationally-recognized student chapter, and home to a diverse group of student members that achieve academic and practical success as they strive to bridge academic knowledge with practical experience to advance the emergency management profession.

The [IAEM](#) strives to serve its members by providing information, networking, and professional opportunities for its members, and the JSU-IAEM student chapter is an

extension of that goal. Welcoming students from all disciplines, JSU-IAEM focuses on the diversity of student membership indicative of the diversity in the emergency management field. The JSU-IAEM student chapter consists of 62 bachelors, masters, and doctoral level students with an interest in emergency management. In addition, the JSU Department of Emergency Management welcome two new staff members which will help support the advancement of student members.

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JSU-IAEM continuously strives to increase our invested time and support for student members and provide opportunities that encourage student member growth and advancement. The chapter maintains a dedicated number of alumni members who still participate in chapter activities as well as actively participate in national-level IAEM activities. The student chapter also maintains a dedicated number of active students with professional working experience that affords a great foundation for networking and application of learning.

In the past year, our student members have been integral pieces to the IAEM national organization. We achieved the “2016 Student Chapter of the Year,” and most recently, the “2017 Chapter Advisor of the Year.”



## Continuation of Front Page Story

We currently have two members serving on the Global Student Council, Past President Simran K. Singh & Treasurer Thomas Reimann, and expect favorable attendance at this year's IAEM 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Among our student members last year, we have achieved countless representation and numerous presentations at national conferences and symposiums, including the Higher Education Symposium in Emmitsburg, Maryland and the IAEM National Conference in Long Beach, California. Our student members have also authored various publications in emergency management-related academic journals.

Additionally, our student members have been integral facets to all aspects of emergency management in our most recent disasters including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and the JSU Tornado.

Our student chapter has seen the successful matriculation of active members earning their Masters and Doctoral degrees, many doing so as working professionals highlighting the success of the program and the student chapter overall.

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working professional students. Student members have the ability to readily apply their practical experience to academic learning and apply academic learning to practical experience.

Many of our student members hold valuable knowledge and leadership roles that open the door for younger members to truly network, grow, and continue to advance their educational endeavors. With members heavily-involved in IAEM, a bridge is fortified that also provides

the necessary insight and valuable knowledge of the national organization.

JSU-IAEM is dedicated towards the continuance of higher levels of learning and involvement that strengthen its student members and the field holistically.

## National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month.

Since its inception in 2004, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, schools, and businesses. National Preparedness Month is part of a government effort to strengthen preparedness capabilities.

Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the “Ready” campaign’s 2018 theme is “Disasters Happen. Prepared Now. Learn How.” This year’s theme focuses on planning and preparedness against natural disasters and potential terrorist events. Following the devastating 2017 hurricane season and wildfires, the ever important issue of public preparedness has been on the forefront of action and reminded us of the importance of preparing for disasters.

Please take the time to visit the Ready.gov [website](https://www.ready.gov) to find important resources and more information that you can use to keep you, your family, and your communities prepared. If you have any great stories of your contributions to preparedness during this month, please share them at [jsuiaem@jsu.edu](mailto:jsuiaem@jsu.edu).

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018

  
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**LEARN HOW**





# IAEM 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX



The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) will host the [66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#) from October 19-24, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Following the theme, "Opportunities and Innovations in Emergency Management," this year's annual conference aims to give you innovative ideas, networking opportunities, experts and peers, and important information on professional practice and issues while providing strategies and tools that you can implement in your organization. As members of the JSU-IAEM student chapter, there are a myriad of opportunities to take advantage of including the Global Student Council meeting Sunday night, and a student Meet-&-Greet Monday night. Please take a look at the conference [program](#) to plan and make the most of your conference attendance. Please also plan to participate in the following JSU-IAEM related events:

**Embark – IAEM Student Career & Professional Day** – Sunday, October 21, 2018 – 12pm – 4pm led by Simran K. Singh

**JSU-IAEM Basket Bonanza Preparation** – Details forthcoming. The JSU-IAEM chapter will be providing a basket with the theme "Things That Represent Our Area" to be used for student scholarship fundraising in the Basket Bonanza.

For more information on the IAEM Annual Conference, please visit the conference [website](#). For registration and lodging information, click [here](#). **Early bird discounts end September 21, 2018.**

## JSU-IAEM Member Assists in Tornado Recovery

JSU-IAEM Undergraduate Representative, Zachary Battle, was instrumental in assisting with response and recovery efforts after the JSU tornado.

An excellent example of applying academics with practice, Zachary was tasked by the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency to serve as a "runner" assisting with distribution and restocking first responder and volunteer tents. The culmination of his efforts, and emergency management education, afforded him the opportunity to continue his work through an internship with the Calhoun County EMA assisting with damage assessments and administering "Disaster Needs Assessment Surveys" to tornado victims.

Zachary, a senior emergency management major with a minor in criminal justice, hails from



Douglassville, Georgia and plans to graduate this upcoming Spring semester with hopes of finding a career path in either local, state, or federal government in emergency management.

The JSU-IAEM student chapter is extremely proud of Zachary and his efforts to excel in and out of the classroom while keeping our home [#JSUStrong](#).

## Upcoming Dates



**September 22, 2018** – Fall Preview Day; JSU-IAEM Recruitment – 1:30pm CST.

**September 25, 2018** – IAEM Think Tank - "Smart Cities – How New Technology, Including Nanotechnology, Can Enhance All Phases of Emergency Management," – 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST.

**October 3, 2018** – Monthly Conference Call – 8pm – 9pm CST.

**October 10, 2018** – October Newsletter Release.

**October 13, 2018** – Fall Preview Day; JSU-IAEM Recruitment – 9am CST.

**October 19 – 24, 2018** – IAEM 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX – Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**October 21, 2018** – EMBark IAEM Student Career & Professional Day – IAEM Annual Conference – 12:00pm – 4:00pm CST.

**November 7, 2018** – Monthly Conference Call – 8pm – 9pm CST.

**November 14, 2018** – November Newsletter Release.

**November 15, 2018** – IAEM Thursday Learning Webinar Series – "Increased Preparedness Working with Non-Traditional Partners" – 1:00-2:00 pm EST.

**December 5, 2018** – Monthly Conference Call – 8pm – 9pm CST.

**December 12, 2018** – December Newsletter Release.

*Please check calendar as monthly speaker sessions, and other important dates will be added.*



# Student Spotlight



## ERIC MARBLE

- JSU-IAEM member, Eric Marble, will be presenting research in the competitive poster competition at the IAEM 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX. Marble's research presentation, "Developing Performance Measures for International Public Health Emergency Management Programs," focuses on presenting research and practical applications of concepts that examine both the challenges and opportunities for making a substantial contribution to world health preparedness and prevention. Eric Marble is a Doctor of Science (DSc) student in Emergency Management at Jacksonville State University. He currently works with the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) in global preparedness and response. Best of luck to Eric on his presentation!



## PAULA BUCHANAN

- JSU-IAEM Vice President, Paula Buchanan, will be presenting on "Water Insecurity as a Risk Management Issue – A Risk Communication Proposal for the City of Atlanta" at the IAEM 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and EMEX. Paula is currently a DSc student in the Department of Emergency Management and JSU faculty member in the School of Business. Paula's presentation examines the city of Atlanta's existing risk management plans to evaluate its community communication efforts to incorporate water insecurity as a risk management issue in the daily lives of Atlantans.



## ANTOINE RICHARDS

- JSU-IAEM President, Antoine Richards, was recently named a William Averette Anderson Fund (Bill Anderson Fund) Fellow joining the 2018-2019 cohort of researchers. The Bill Anderson Fund was founded in memory of William Averette Anderson who spent his career working to understand and mitigate the causes and consequences of hazards risk, and in particular, to understand and address the extent to which marginalized groups are among those who suffer the worst consequences when disasters do strike. The Bill Anderson Fund aims to expand the number of minority professionals in the field of disaster and hazard research and practice. Congratulations on the new fellowship!

## Advisor's Corner

Welcome to a new year for JSU-IAEM members past and present! I encourage the new executive board and members to continue the hard-work and success of the student chapter. Among the most important things this year are the continued activities of the student chapter along with improving undergraduate and master's level membership and increasing member participation. I look forward to a successful year and keep up the great work.

### JSU-IAEM Executive Board

President – Antoine B. Richards

Vice-President – Paula Buchanan

Secretary – Ronald "Jason" Smith

Treasurer – Thomas Reimann

Doctoral Representatives – Antoine Richards, Paula Buchanan, Thomas Reimann, & Simran K. Singh

Masters Representative – Ronald "Jason" Smith

Undergraduate Representative – Zachary Battle

