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Welcome to the November Edition of the JSU-IAEM Student Chapter Newsletter!

November can be a cumbersome month. Many of us are recovering from the IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX, while working frivolously to balance our professional and academic lives. As the end of the semester approaches, stay focused, continue striving, and persevere through adversity.

“Education is an ornament of prosperity and a refuge in adversity” – Aristotle

Since our last newsletter, our chapter members have been busy representing the chapter to the highest standard. This month’s newsletter will cover many of the successes and achievements of our student members. Think of all of the wonderful achievements as ornaments of prosperity on the proverbial JSU-IAEM Christmas Tree! (Cheesy, right?) But in all seriousness,

the chapter has a lot to be proud of because of the hard work, commitment, and willingness of our members to be actively involved and succeed personally, and collectively.

While we have a lot to be excited about, there is always room for improvement. The chapter wants to be sure that the needs of our student members are being met, and that opportunities exist, and are presented as an extension of the national association. More importantly, we want to ensure that with all the phenomenal work that you are doing, that the chapter is visible and making a substantial impact in the field of emergency management. As you read through this month’s newsletter, take pride in the many accomplishments, while you are also brought up to speed on important dates, announcements, and opportunities across the chapter.

IAEM 66th Annual Conference & EMEX Highlights



REPRESENTATION was an understatement as JSU-IAEM chapter members and alumni joined together for a week of networking, engagement, professional development, and academic advancement. Students and alumni hosted sessions, presented research, received awards, and most importantly, had time to interact with chapter members and other EM professionals.

CONGRATULATIONS to Doctor of Science (DSc) student, Eric Marble, for receiving a Silver Ribbon at the IAEM Conference for his poster “Developing Performance Measures for International Public Health Emergency Management Programs.”



KUDOS to Doctor of Science (DSc) student, Paula Buchanan, for receiving presenting her research on “Water Insecurity as a Risk Management Issue: A Risk Communication Proposal for the City of Atlanta, GA” at the IAEM Conference in Grand Rapids, MI.



SUCCESS!!! Members of the JSU-IAEM student chapter came together to create our basket for the Basket Bonanza Scholarship Fundraiser. The theme was “Things That Represent Your Area,” and we had more than enough Jacksonville paraphernalia for every occasion. A very special shout out to JSU-IAEM Treasurer, Thomas Reimann, who won the coveted JSU basket at the conference. Thomas traveled all the way from Qatar to attend the conference and heads back home with enough JSU gear to help extend our global reach. Way to go Thomas!

More Good News!!!



Pictured alongside the Director of the National Weather Service, Heather McKeekin Barbieri, has been one of our most-spirited new additions to the JSU-IAEM chapter. Since joining the chapter, Heather has made steadfast efforts to be engaged, active, and get the most out her experience from the local level to the national level. Heather was instrumental in the helping prepare the fundraising basket (see above) and probably got pictures with most of the notables from the IAEM Annual Conference.

Her warm, and outgoing, personality has been nothing less than exciting, and Heather recently added to that excitement by passing the test for her Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) certification. Congratulations on all your accomplishments Heather!



Chapter Vice-President, Paula Buchanan, has been extremely busy these past few weeks. In addition to teaching at Jacksonville State University, working on her Doctor of Science degree in Emergency Management at JSU, and maintaining a full-time job, Paula has her hands full. This does not stop Paula from exceeding in every aspect of the word success.

In addition to presenting her research at the IAEM Annual Conference, Paula has been tapped to join multiple caucuses on the national level, and has recently been selected as a SURGE scholar of the Minority Scholars from Under-Represented Groups in Engineering and Social Sciences (SURGE) Capacity in Disasters project. Congratulations, Paula!



Chapter President, Antoine Richards, was recently selected as a William Averette Anderson (Bill Anderson) Fund Fellow. As part of his fellowship, he spent four-days at the University of Delaware's Disaster Research Center working on risk, hazard, and vulnerability research and assessments. This included community-based participatory research in the Southbridge community of South Wilmington, Delaware. Research efforts of the BAF Fellows consisted of HAZNY Risk Assessments of the community, community hazards mapping, and applying the COPEWELL model to measure pre-event community functioning to predict resilience and community sustainability after a hazardous event. Aside from photos with DRC Director, James Kendra, he recently finished contributing to a community assessment profile that will be utilized by the Disaster Research Center to develop new, and continue established efforts to achieve environmental and disaster sustainability in the Southbridge community.



Past-President, and Global Student Council Vice President, Simran K. Singh, successfully organized and hosted the 2nd annual EMBark Student Career and Professional Day at the IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX. A dedicated servant to providing student members with opportunities and success, Simran has been instrumental to ensuring that the growing student population in emergency management are engaged and prepared to achieve success in the field. Through Simran's continued work with the local chapter, and on the national level, students are encouraged to continue to advance their careers academically and professionally with assisted opportunities for learning and network. Congratulations, Simran on facilitating and hosting the EMBark Student Career and Professional Day, and your continued success!

November Monthly Speaker Session



Join the JSU-IAEM Student Chapter for our first monthly speaker session on **November 19, 2018** from **8-9pm CST** featuring **Sarah K. Miller, CEM**.

Sarah has been actively involved with the chapter and looks forward to joining us again this month to discuss a variety of topics including the CEM process and recent opportunities that she has been involved with following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Please take the time to check out her bio:

Bio: Sarah Miller, CEM, was the first person to receive JSU's MPA in Emergency Management in 2002. She taught at JSU from 2002 to 2017 and currently teaches graduate courses in emergency management at Georgetown University and undergraduate courses at Pierce College. Sarah is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the 16 cities, 1 tribe, and 1 island of south King County, Washington, and was previously the emergency manager for the City of Auburn, Washington. Currently the President of IAEM Region 10, Sarah is the immediate past-chair of IAEM's Emerging Technology Caucus, and has served on a variety of other IAEM Committees. Sarah is also a certified cybersecurity manager. She lives near Seattle with her husband and 2 cats, though sometimes feels like she lives in airplanes.

We looking forward to seeing everyone present and ready to engage on BB Collaborate Ultra, November 19. Details will be provided via email.

Upcoming Dates



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

November 19, 2018 – Monthly Speaker Session featuring Sarah. K. Miller. BB Collaborate Ultra from 8pm – 9pm CST.

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.

Announcements

As the year comes to a close, and we approach 2019, it is imperative that we begin planning and coordinating to ensure that next year is better than this year, and that we meet the needs of our student members. With that being said, please see the following announcements as we work to continue to build chapter visibility, engagement, and sustainability.

- A small survey (Facebook Poll) will be posted next week to allow time for everyone to provide feedback during the break at their convenience without the pressure of school on their plate! The survey will focus on your thoughts and opinions about this past semester (evaluative, so to speak), and what you would like to get from the chapter (or see more of heading into the New Year). **Please be sure to add your comments, of if you feel more comfortable speaking off-line please email jsuiaem@jsu.edu.**
- I am currently looking for someone that has an interest and skill set in social media. We want to increase our social media engagement (particularly, the Twitter page). If you are interested please contact me at the email listed above.
- We are planning a chapter fundraiser for the start of next year. The fundraiser will require the participation of all members, but it does not ask for much from any member (if that makes sense). The **“Dollar Campaign”** is a simple concept that requires everyone to donate a dollar and encourage their friends, family, and peers to also donate a dollar. **Keep in mind that people can donate any amount that they wish (and encourage more), but a dollar contribution is substantial.** In essence, if we have 60 members who get 50 friends to donate a dollar then we have raised \$3,000.00. The plan is to invest this money back into chapter members including *book scholarships, conference registration for students, assistance with travel, providing stoles for graduates, etc.* More details will be provided soon, but please start spreading the word. I plan on providing prizes for those members that can raise the most money!
- I have created a networking roster for student members. I will share the link with everyone. Please add your name and relevant information to the roster. It will be beneficial for members to know who they are in a group with since we do not meet face-to-face and this can encourage networking and collaboration among members!
- Most importantly, be safe and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Interested in Joining?

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.
2. Once registered, send your IAEM membership number and contact information (address, phone number, and email) to 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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**Jacksonville
State University:
IAEM Student
Chapter**

The Jacksonville State University (JSU) student chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers was established in 2013 under the guidance of Chapter Advisor, Dr. Tanveer Islam and students within the JSU Department of Emergency Management. The award-winning chapter has been recognized as the 2016 Student Chapter of the Year and Dr. Islam has been awarded the 2017 Student Advisor of the Year. The chapter continues to strive to bridge academic and practical knowledge to emergency management at the university and national level.