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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2024 Student Chapter of the Year

Oct. 22, 2024 (Falls Church, Va.) – The Awards & Recognition Committee of the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) has selected the Jacksonville State University IAEM Student Chapter as the IAEM-USA 2024 Student Chapter of the Year. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 20 at the 72nd IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Jacksonville State University IAEM Student Chapter 2024 IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Recipient

Jacksonville State University is the 2024 IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year. The JSU IAEM Student Chapter has more than doubled its membership and has worked hard to foster the growth of emergency management on campus. Regarding outreach, the chapter maintains social media pages, CampusGroups, monthly newsletters, distributions, and reminders about events via Canvas Coursesells, and hard-copy literature is available at various locations on campus (detailing the student chapter and IAEM). JSU-IAEM has also been fortunate to develop four yearly scholarships to sponsor recipients’ National IAEM annual membership dues. With the support of the JSU Department of Emergency Management and Public Administration, it is providing two students scholarships for attendance at the 72nd Annual IAEM Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In addition, JSU is one of a handful of universities with accredited doctoral programs specific to emergency management education (as recognized by FEMA’s Higher Education College List), and the chapter hosts a Welcome Reception and Chapter fundraiser for incoming doctoral students each August. This event allows those enrolled to network with other students and faculty and introduces the JSU-IAEM Chapter.

The JSU program is multidimensional, with many activities and outings that frame the fabric of a quality emergency management higher education emphasis. The students are busy with programs that personify and operationalize all five emergency management phases/dimensions of prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The efforts of the student chapter parallel and

complement what has historically been known as a quality academic program aimed at professionalizing the field of emergency management.

The IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award recognizes an IAEM-registered student chapter that has made significant contributions to promoting the IAEM and the field of emergency management through public awareness, increasing membership, showing leadership and initiative in education, and increasing the professionalism of emergency and disaster management.

IAEM-USA, the nation's largest emergency management professional association, is a non-profit organization representing more than 5,800 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and others involved in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from all types of disasters, including acts of terrorism. IAEM provides access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance, the Certified Emergency Manager program, annual scholarships, a comprehensive monthly newsletter, and more.

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