

Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

Happy Women's History Month! I have been supported and mentored by many amazing women in emergency management, homeland security, and education fields throughout my career and am always looking for opportunities to pay this forward.

The study of collective intelligence has been growing over the past decade, and in 2001 there was some compelling research coming from MIT's Center for Collective Intelligence on the impact of women in teams. They have found that teams with more women actually outperform teams with less women. Follow-on research from MIT to explore the 'why' behind this phenomenon has found that women may have a higher degree of emotional intuition that facilitates communication in both face-to-face and online team interaction.

One of the key factors to successful emergency management is leveraging collaboration and leveraging the gifts and capabilities of the whole community. Women are an integral and critical component to realizing the FEMA values of compassion, fairness, integrity, and respect. This month is a time to focus on the contribution of women and to look for increasing the opportunities to work with and promote the perspective and work of women.

I would again like to thank all of you who have made time to send me emails regarding your vision and hopes for the Higher Education Program. If you have thoughts, ideas, and/or suggestions on the Higher Education Program, please drop me an [email](#).

EM Hi Ed Webinar Series

If you are interested in sharing your expertise or would like us to cover a specific topic in a future webinar, please contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

College List - The Higher Education Program is updating the website in an effort to keep the information current. The college list is a compilation of college and university emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. Send your updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.



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A new section, [Executive Education Programs](#) has been added to the College List [where](#) four executive education programs are featured.

The [18th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) is scheduled from June 6-9, 2016, at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. Mark your calendars now.

- The call for poster submission is OPEN! Go to [instructions and fillable submission forms](#). **Poster session submissions must be received by March 31.**
- [Call for Abstracts](#): Third Emergency Management Theory & Research Workshop, Monday June 6, 2016. **The deadline for abstract submissions is April 8 at midnight CST.**

Employment & Internship Opportunities

The [Assistant Administrator for Risk Management](#), on behalf of the Associate Administrator/Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, serves as focal point through which all Risk Management operations, program, and project actions receive effective central coordination and decision.

FEMA's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination is now accepting applications for a [Deputy Director](#) position. The open period for this announcement is from Wednesday, March 16, 2016 to Friday, March 25, 2016.

Resources

[Louisiana Severe Storms and Flooding \(DR-4263\)](#), Major Disaster Declaration declared on March 13, 2016

[Emergency Communications: Actions Needed to Better Coordinate Federal Efforts in the National Capital Region](#)

[FEMA holds briefing on President's FY 2017 budget requests for Homeland Security Grant Programs. Look under the section, U.S. Government Affairs News](#)

[Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team \(JCAT\)](#) released the [2016 Intelligence Guide for First Responders](#)

National Fire Protection Association: NFPA 1600: Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity/Continuity of Operations Programs. [Free access to the 2016 edition of NFPA 1600](#)

National Flood Insurance Program: [Options for Providing Affordability Assistance](#), GAO-16-190



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[Funding Resilient Infrastructure in New Jersey: Attitudes Following a Natural Disaster](#)

The [National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program](#) (NTHMP) has updated and redesigned its [Tsunami Awareness and Safety Fact Sheet](#).

The [Ready Campaign](#) and [America's PrepareAthon!](#) recently updated their online materials in the [Flood Safety Social Media Toolkit](#).

The National Advisory Council is currently [accepting applications for consideration of appointment in September 2016](#). **The deadline to apply to the NAC has been extended to March 24, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EDT.**

Calendar

FEMA Corps is currently accepting [applications](#) for Corps Members to begin serving in summer 2016! The application deadline is **April 1st, 2016**, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

[Governor's Hurricane Conference, student presentation applications](#) extended until March 21st.

The communities of Joplin and Duquesne are hosting the [Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit](#), May 19-20, 2016, at Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, Missouri, to share the lessons learned during their recovery journeys.

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