



## Higher Education Program News

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### Higher Education Updates

#### Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

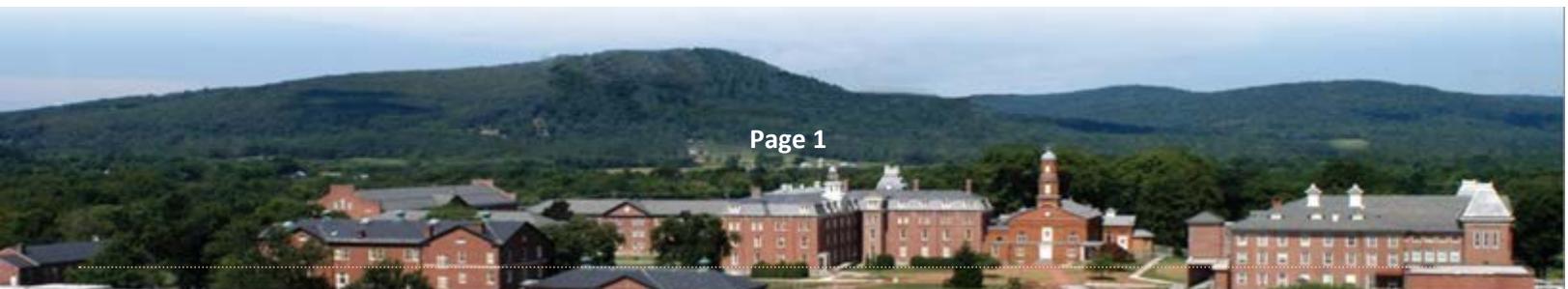
Good day Higher Education Community! Spring is here, and new growth is emerging all around the campus. First, I wanted to take a moment to correct any misleading information I may have provided in my update about the focus groups [here](#) last week. My intention is to ensure the whole community is aware of the efforts underway, to provide you a taste of their work and to inspire you to dive into a more detailed capture of the work posted on our website. I want to emphasize these groups are building on dialogue and documentation that is several years deep and is inclusive of a diverse group of people and perspectives. If my update caused any concern, please take a moment to [contact](#) me so we can discuss further, and I can ensure that your voice is included in the dialogue.

The Higher Education Program team is collectively working toward refining the schedule for the upcoming Symposium. We are incredibly excited about the symposium program that is coming together. This is the one time that we all have the opportunity to come together to dialogue and share with each year. I have been hearing from folks that they are planning not to stay for the full program, which I find troubling. We only have four days including the workshop day on Monday. We need your voice, your perspective, your passion throughout the entire conference!

On Thursday, we will have fantastic breakouts that cover the challenge of increasing program academic rigor while integrating program core competencies, considerations for access and functional needs inclusion, excellence in online learning, innovative certificates bridging emergency management and homeland security, and situational awareness for planning and decision making. Also we will have a specific time for community collaboration around special areas of interest. Organizing around specific interest is a great way for the Higher Education Program to capture the communities' collective voice, make connections to the broader FEMA and DHS community as well as support the identification of potential resources to realize community growth and impact. I look forward to seeing many of you in June and sincerely hope that you will ensure that your travel plans allow you to stay for the full duration of the symposium.

### 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](mailto:wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov).



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**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](mailto:FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov).

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

The **18<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **FINAL Call for Abstracts:** Third Emergency Management Theory & Research Workshop, Monday June 6, 2016. **The deadline for abstract submissions closes April 8 at midnight.**

## **Employment & Internship Opportunities**

[The City of Round Rock's Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#) has a summer internship opportunity for students enrolled in emergency management, fire science, homeland security, business continuity or criminal justice programs.

## **Resources**

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is offering a new self-paced, independent study course, [Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster](#).

[IAEM-USA and NEMA release annual joint report on Emergency Management Performance Grants Providing Returns on a Nation's Investment](#)

Homeland Defense and Security Information Analysis Center, [HDIAC Journal](#), March 2016, v. 3, no. 1

[Researchers suggest Twitter can help predict degree of natural disasters.](#)

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) on Mar. 15 released a report, "[Five Years of the Budget Control Act's Disaster Relief Adjustment](#)."

[The Role of Cyber Insurance in Risk Management](#)



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The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) has posted the “[2016 Annotated Worldwide Threat Assessment](#).” Since it has been available only as text, it has not received as much attention as it would in a more accessible format. This year’s multimedia production by the CHDS is an effort to make this information more widely available.

## Calendar

[Governor's Hurricane Conference, Inc.](#) If you are registered for training, please submit a [Training Selection Form](#). You may send registrations with credit card payments via fax or email until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 4. Do not mail [registrations](#) and payments after April 15.

[IAEM scholarship application period has opened](#)

**Application Deadline, including for full time students, is June 1, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EDT.** For more information, contact IAEM Scholarship Program Director, [Dawn M. Shiley](#).

The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters ([NVOAD](#)) is accepting nominations for the 2016 National VOAD Awards until **Apr. 15, 2016**. [Awards Nomination Information Package](#).

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