



Higher Education Program News

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Higher Education Program Updates

Message from Wendy Walsh, Higher Education Program Manager

This past week, I attended the Center for Homeland Defense and Security Alumni Professional Exchange (APEX) in Monterey, California. It was amazing to fly into California and see green hills instead of brown and so many of those hills were dotted with fallen trees from powerful winds. As several people in the Monterey Peninsula just had their power restored, thousands of others were being evacuated from the San Jose area. While the water is needed, too much at once has caused many problems. That said, there is resilience all around! I heard stories of neighbors caring for neighbors and new commitments to be more prepared for future events.

The program was very thought provoking. There were sessions on cybersecurity, social resilience, critical thinking regarding infrastructure, analysis of the elements of violent group behavior, and a futurist perspective discussing tomorrow's technology. All the sessions spawned hearty discussion throughout the two days we shared. There was also a very heartfelt memorial for two alumni, and two Founders Awards were presented to influential community leaders. I had many conversations with alumni working in homeland security, emergency management, and academic positions. It was inspiring to learn what they have been up to and how they are using their education to make a significant impact in their communities.

There was a wonderful spirit of information exchange, learning, and collaboration, which left me even more excited about our Higher Ed Symposium in June! Our agenda continues to take shape, and we are looking forward to a few new added elements. One of those is the use of our meal times as an opportunity to engage in hosted topical dialogues. There is a list of topic areas for discussion, including several of our special interest group topics. If you have a specific topic of interest for engaging colleagues in dialogue, please let us know.

Higher Education Program Hosts *Teaching with Cases* Webinar Series

This webinar series provides an overview of the use of cases in teaching emergency management higher education programs.

- Webinar #4: Using Cases for Their Intrinsic Value
Wednesday March 8 at 3 PM EST

Registration link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/e7xpeo0dadd/event/registration.html>

Conference Call-In: 800-320-4330, PIN: 376368



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**If you have a topic or idea for our Higher Education webinar series, contact Wendy Walsh at wendy.walsh@fema.dhs.gov.

Would you like to be eligible for future Hi Ed projects, such as focus groups, student internship opportunities and course revisions? To receive a micro purchase contract for Hi Ed projects, participants must have a DUNS number and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. Visit our [link](#) for more information and instructions. If you are in SAM or have an expired registration, please update your registration, and send your new expiration date to [Barbara](#).

[College List](#) - The EMI Higher Education Program keeps a [list](#) of colleges and universities that offer emergency management, homeland security, and related programs. EMI staff do not provide college recommendations or discuss the relative merits of the colleges and universities listed. Please send information updates to FEMA-emi-collegelist@fema.dhs.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for the next Hi Ed Symposium! [The 19th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium](#) will be held June 5-8, 2017 at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Go to the [website](#) to download an invitation package, call for papers/presentations/posters submission form, and student volunteer information..

EM Higher Education Community Conference Calls – Please join us. The purpose of the call is to: learn from the emergency management academic community what is new and exciting in their world; find out about ongoing projects; discuss higher education community needs that we can address; and answer questions. **The date for the next conference call is Thursday, March 16**, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. Let us know if you have topics you would like to discuss. The call information is **800-320-4330, PIN: 376368**.

Employment

[Program Manager, Clements Center for National Security](#), University of Texas-Austin

Vacancy announcements posted for other Emergency Management/Homeland Security Positions:

- **Emergency Management Specialist (Situational Unit Leader)**, IC-0089-02/02, CLOSE 2/26/2017, [FEMA-17-JMW-148381-IMAT](#), Oakland, CA
- **Emergency Management Specialist**, GS-0089-11/11, CLOSE 3/20/2017, [JA 16-482-T](#), Springfield, OH
- **Emergency Management Specialist**, GS-0089-12/13, CLOSE 3/2/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-130772-DE](#), Washington, DC
- **Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist**, GS-0089-14/14, CLOSE 3/2/2017, [FEMA-17-TM-131983-DE](#), Washington, DC





- **Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist (Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator)**, GS-0089-15/15, CLOSE 4/21/2017, [FEMA-17-LC-148124-DE](#), Honolulu, HI

Higher Education Vacancies:

- [Farmingdale State College](#) – Assistant Professor, Security Systems/Law Enforcement Technology

Announcements

FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council

FEMA is requesting individuals who are interested in serving on the FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) to apply to be considered for appointment. The NAC is a federal advisory committee established to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The NAC is a geographically diverse mix of officials, emergency managers, and emergency response providers from state, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations who advise the FEMA Administrator on all aspects of emergency management. All appointments are for three-year terms starting in September 2017. **Applications must be received by the close of business on March 15, 2017.** Qualified individuals interested in serving on the NAC are invited to apply for appointment. [Learn more about the open positions and how to apply.](#)

Epsilon Pi Phi Honor Society, launched as a part of the Foundation for Higher Education Accreditation and then the Council for Accreditation of Emergency Management Education, and recently accredited as an honor society, was nominated by David Alamia, Mitigation Planner for Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the Emergency Management Association of Texas (EMAT) 2017 Annual Awards Program. Epsilon Pi Phi Honor Society has been selected as an award recipient for the EMAT Excellence in Emergency Management Award for its commitment of encouraging academic excellence and mentoring students in the emergency management field. The Excellence in Emergency Management Award honors outstanding state and local emergency management projects, activities and campaigns that further the goals of saving lives and protecting property by mitigating, preparing for, responding to, or recovering from disasters and emergencies in Texas. EMAT will be honoring all award recipients of the 2017 EMAT Awards Program at the General Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet at the [10th Annual EMAT Symposium in San Marcos.](#)

Resources

[Fifteen Minutes. Grab and Go. Evacuations can happen without warning.](#)

[America's Airport: The Threat from Within](#)

[A Dangerous and Sophisticated Adversary: The Threat to the Homeland Posed by Cartel Operations](#)





[The Future of FEMA: Stakeholder Recommendations for the Next Administrator](#)

[Watchdog Recommendations: A Better Way Ahead to Manage the Department of Homeland Security](#)

[Department of Homeland Security: Important Progress Made, but More Work Remains to Strengthen Management Functions.](#) [Testimony]

“The collection of resources below were compiled through a variety of sources and are included here as perhaps interesting and relevant resources for research or classroom use. These links are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes only; they do not constitute any endorsement or approval by FEMA or the Higher Education Program”

[Emerging Mobile Technologies and the REAL ID Act: Legal Challenges and Recommended Approaches](#)

[Federal Support and Guidance in the Establishment of Information Sharing Environments: Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing \(MARIS\) Case Study](#)

Calendar

[Award nominations](#) for the 2017 Governor's Hurricane Conference are now being accepted. [Form and requirements for nominations](#). All nominations and supplementary materials must be received by March 11, 2017. **No late nominations will be accepted.**

The 5th Annual Emergency Management and Homeland Security [Conference](#) will be held April 12-13, 2017 at Arkansas Tech University, Department of Emergency Management. The conference provides a direct bridge for public and private partnerships to connect and share best practices among those charged with keeping our nation safe.

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