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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 Student Chapter of the Year Award

**Oct. 11, 2022 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected the chapter at Millersville University for the IAEM-USA 2022 Student Chapter of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Monday Networking Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 14 at the 70<sup>th</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

#### **IAEM Student Chapter at Millersville University Winner of the IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award**

The Millersville University Student Chapter of the IAEM worked tirelessly to promote the field of emergency management through various professional development opportunities and activities for student members. At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, the chapter hosted a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and were able to raise over \$200 by selling customized event t-shirts to donate to HEART 9/11, an organization comprised of NYPD, FDNY, PAPD, and the NYC Building Trades who aid disaster-affected communities.

In October 2021, the chapter attended the IAEM Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, where members met fellow alumni, attended chapter members' regional meeting, and networked with like-minded professionals. In April 2022, chapter members attended the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando where they discussed the importance of emergency management with other meteorologists and professional stakeholders. Additionally, the chapter has provided students with opportunities to listen to various speakers associated with the emergency management field. The student chapter hosted two separate tabletop exercises where students were able to practice two separate scenarios: an active shooter during the Homecoming football game, and a flood event in conjunction with a solar storm.

The chapter also has started the process of integrating into their local emergency management agency to provide students the opportunity to work with a fully operational EOC. Furthermore, the chapter focused on community engagement, participating in various outreach opportunities to teach emergency

preparedness, including an online meeting with the University of Alabama – Huntsville Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society, Millersville Admitted Students Days and open houses, Millersville’s Public Weather Awareness Day, and the Girl Scouts Heart of PA Spring Engagement event. While the chapter’s focus is on professional development, it held many events and fundraisers for students to participate in as well such as holiday parties, laser tag, a car wash, restaurant fundraisers, and their customized merchandise fundraiser.

The **IAEM-USA Student Chapter of the Year Award** recognizes an IAEM-registered student chapter that has made significant contributions in promoting 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 professional organization representing more than 5,000 emergency management and homeland security professionals for local communities, state and federal disaster officials, 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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