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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 Student 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 Roni Fraser for the IAEM-USA 2022 Student of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Monday Networking Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 14 at the 70th IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX, in Savannah, Georgia.

Roni Fraser Winner of the IAEM-USA Student of the Year Award

Roni Fraser has a sizable record of achievements promoting IAEM. She has been indefatigable in advancing the development of the IAEM chapter at the University of Delaware and was among the students responsible for its being awarded the 2021 Student Chapter of the Year. This was the culmination of a year's worth of steady work in chapter development, and Fraser was at the forefront of these activities. This achievement shows her ability to plan, identify needed milestones for a goal, and implement and follow through on needed steps. These are, of course, all key emergency management capabilities.

Fraser also has been highly successful in her academic work. In a course on disaster response with a special study of business continuity planning and its relevance to the COVID-19 pandemic, her ability to gather and analyze business continuity plans with respect to existing knowledge on crisis management has been remarkable, showing that she can easily span the boundary between scientific discovery and application in practice. A class paper is now under review at a leading emergency management journal, and Fraser's ideas and insights were a distinct asset to that process.

Additionally, Fraser has amassed considerable experience in a variety of agencies focusing on risks, safety, and emergencies. She has completed innumerable courses through FEMA and is a certified chainsaw operator. She has worked in several disaster response operations, with a focus on debris management, as well as vaccination support. Fraser holds leadership roles in Team Rubicon. It would be hard to find someone with so many professional achievements at this career stage, and who

demonstrates so much commitment to the emergency management profession at every turn.

The **IAEM-USA Student of the Year Award** recognizes a student who 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. This can be done through volunteer work, promotion of the field, and contribution in the student's community. High academic achievement is also required, both formal and/or continuing education.

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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