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News Release

IAEM-USA Announces the 2022 Student Advocate 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 Diana Culp for the IAEM-USA 2022 Student Advocate 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.

Diana Culp **Winner of the IAEM-USA Student Advocate of the Year Award**

Diana Culp has been a quintessential champion for emergency management higher education for nearly two decades. As the program manager for the Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management & Public Safety, she personifies both a committed academic and hands-on emergency management practitioner. Known for her personal touch and passion for excellence in emergency management, she both personifies and operationalizes a genuine expectation of ownership and commitment to the science and art of emergency management to all students and faculty that work for her. As such, she diligently works to ensure that students understand the program's components, the varied scholarship opportunities, and the expansive benefits of the Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management and Public Safety (MACEM&PS) at Frederick Community College.

Culp has continually worked with her instructor staff to broaden the course delivery modalities to meet students where they are and ensure they have access to quality programming when they need it. For example, she synchronized the program schedule to allow a blend of in person and synchronous and asynchronous remote offerings, plus accelerated program learning options. This was critical throughout 2021, as it was one of the only programs that provided the continuity to the emergency management program continuance and enrolled students' progress. Beginning in the spring of 2021, she successfully consolidated three degrees into one degree in Public Safety with areas of concentration in Fire, Emergency Management, or Intelligence, including awarding credit for Fire or Police Academy graduation. This not only increased enrollments but also allowed for the students to better appreciate

all the fields surrounding the central theme of emergency management.

The **IAEM-USA Student Advocate of the Year Award** recognizes an individual (IAEM member or non-member) or organization for outstanding assistance, promotions, or support of students in their activities in the field of emergency management and higher 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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