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## News Release

### IAEM-USA Announces the 2023 Student Advocate of the Year

**Oct. 19, 2023 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The IAEM-USA Awards & Recognition Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has selected Nicole Marks, CEM, as the IAEM-USA 2023 Student Advocate of the Year. The award will be presented at the President’s Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 8 at the 71<sup>st</sup> IAEM Annual Conference & EMEX in Long Beach, California.

#### **Nicole Marks, CEM 2023 IAEM-USA Student Advocate of the Year**

Nicole’s dedication and commitment to promoting the field of emergency management and her passion for emergency management and higher education have inspired students and led to tangible results, such as students joining IAEM and pursuing AEM®/CEM® certifications.

Her active involvement in supporting the development of the Adelphi University IAEM Student Chapter and organizing the IAEM-USA Region 2 "Student in the Spotlight" Webinar series demonstrates her commitment to nurturing the next generation of emergency management professionals. These initiatives provide students with valuable opportunities to engage with industry experts and gain insights into various aspects of emergency management.

Nicole’s role in organizing the 2023 IAEM-USA Region 2 Conference at Stony Brook University exemplifies her dedication to creating meaningful partnerships between academic institutions and the emergency management community. Her emphasis on making the conference accessible to students by minimizing costs and involving student CERT members in the planning process showcases her commitment to student involvement.

Her monthly IAEM-USA Region 2 Networking Socials and mentoring activities, including guidance on credentialing and career advice, have significantly impacted students and newcomers to the field. Ms. Marks's willingness to share her knowledge and experience reflects her genuine desire to see her mentees grow and excel in emergency management.

Nicole's contributions as a mentor and educator in the field of emergency management have had a profound and positive impact on her students and the broader emergency management community. Her passion, dedication, and commitment to nurturing the next generation of emergency management leaders make her a highly deserving recipient of the IAEM Student Advocate Award.

**The IAEM-USA Student Advocate of the Year Award** recognizes an individual (IAEM member or non-member) or organization that has assisted, promoted, or supported 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 5,800 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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