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Beyond the Textbook: Real-World Learning from the IAEM Annual

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Attending the IAEM Annual Conference and EMEX in 2024 was a pivotal experience in my journey as an Emergency Management student. Through engaging presentations, hands-on workshops, and networking with professionals, I gained valuable insights that enhanced my academic and professional development. This poster highlights key takeaways from the conference, including improved understanding of disaster response strategies, policy implementation, and the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration.

By applying lessons learned at the conference, I became a more proactive student, engaging more deeply in coursework, taking on leadership roles, and expanding my professional network. The experience reinforced the value of continuous learning and professional involvement in shaping a successful career in Emergency Management. This poster serves as a reflection on how attending industry conferences can transform students into future leaders in the field.

Presentation Theme: This presentation will reflect on the impact of attending the IAEM Annual Conference and EMEX in 2024 and how it

shaped my growth as an Emergency Management student. Through research, hands-on experiences, and networking opportunities, I gained deeper insights into disaster response, policy implementation, and professional development. By applying these lessons, I have strengthened my academic engagement, leadership skills, and preparedness for a career in Emergency Management. This presentation highlights the importance of student participation in professional conferences as a bridge between education and practice in the field.

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