



**Jacksonville State University**  
**International Association of Emergency Managers**  
**(JSU-IAEM) Student Chapter**  
**2022-2023**



It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the Jacksonville State University - International Association of Emergency Managers (JSU-IAEM) Student Chapter for the 2022-2023 academic year. I would like to extend my appreciation to the University, the JSU Department of Emergency Management faculty and staff, our Chapter Advisor Dr. Jeff Van Slyke, and of course to our Chapter Members.

My name is James Queen, and I will serve as your 2022-2023 JSU-IAEM Chapter President. I have spent the past two years serving as the Undergraduate Representative to the Executive Board. I am an Emergency Management Undergraduate Student and a Communications Officer with Douglas County E-911 in Douglasville, GA. I have lived in Georgia for most of my life with a few brief stints in other States, as well as other countries. I currently live in Carrollton, GA, with my wife, four of our children and numerous pets. I have a passion for Emergency Management and while seeking my degree here at JSU, I am working toward my IAEM-AEM certification for future upgrade to my CEM. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President for the 2022-2023 academic year.

As many of you know, in 2019 the JSU-IAEM Chapter received the Student Chapter of the Year award, a goal that I hope we can strive to achieve once again. We also received Student Chapter of the Year in 2016 and Student Chapter Advisor of the Year in 2017. These successes have contributed to our Student Chapter being one of the most decorated Chapters. It is through the support of our members that we will continue to succeed.

As we go into the 2022-2023 year the Executive Board has decided on the following for the Chapter. Firstly, while continuing our previous years' goals of expanding our membership, we want to shift toward engagement of our current members. As each of you know we have a monthly meeting via Teams where we have had a speaker to discuss a particular topic with the Chapter. While we will continue to do these monthly Team meetings, we are going to strive to have two speakers scheduled each month to provide more diversity on topics. Previously we would have five or maybe six members in attendance at the Team meetings. We are striving for a 20% attendance and engagement with our members this year. We hope to accomplish this through the survey that is being sent with this first newsletter. It is our hope that you will take the time to complete the survey so that we can better gauge the types of speakers and interests that each of you as members have. Our second goal, while not fully realized last year is to increase our fund raising this year. While the Chapter does not have huge expenses due to its' formatting, we do incur some costs. Particularly, with the goal of increasing our membership. This increase in funds will help to support members traveling to regional and national conferences, scholarships, events, etc.

I can tell you that for the November meeting we will be arranging for two speakers to talk about the IAEM AEM and CEM certifications and the processes involved with achieving these. While, in the past each state has maintained their own requirements for the state level certifications more and more we are seeing jobs list these two particular certifications and we want to help our members to better understand the processes and to ask questions in regard to these. For the October newsletter I will be writing an article on my particular experience as I pursue my AEM certification. We will have these speakers in November as a lead up to the IAEM Conference which is being held in Savannah, GA November 11 - 17. I hope that any of you who are able to attend the Conference will be there, as I plan to attend myself and hope to meet you there.

I want to let each of you know that myself and the Executive Board see it as a privilege and honor to serve you, the Chapter Members this year. As such, I hope that if any of you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns that you please reach out to us. We are here to assist the Chapter and our members as best we can. With that said our Immediate Past President Alexandra, included a note at the end of her introduction to the year that I feel bears repeating: In these trying times of uncertainty due to the COVID pandemic as well as other events that are taking place around the U.S and World. I ask that you please keep your health as a priority, both physically and mentally. Each of us are students, family members, employees and so many other things. We need to look out for each other and help each other when it's needed. So, while none of us are trained counselors or therapists we are here to help you succeed and to help you in anyway that we can. If you need someone to just listen or if you need help.

Thanks,  
James Queen  
JSU-IAEM Student Chapter President



## **JSU-IAEM Student Chapter Academic Year 2022-2023 Overview**

### **JSU-IAEM Student Chapter Executive Board 2022-2023**

**Advisor:** Dr. Jeffrey Van Slyke, Ph.D.

**President:** James Queen

**Vice-President:** Joseph Dunlap

**Secretary:** Noah Maddox

**Treasurer:** Michelle Schmeling, MHS

**Doctoral Representative:** Antoine Richards, MPH

**Masters Student Representative:** Alexandra Lindgren

**Undergraduate Student Representative:** Shannon Fuller

**Past President:** Alexandra Lindgren

### **Chapter at a Glance**

#### **About JSU-IAEM**

The Jacksonville State University Chapter of the International Association of Emergency Managers (JSU-IAEM) represents students who are studying in the bachelors, masters, doctoral degree, and certificate programs in emergency management at Jacksonville State University. With the interdisciplinary nature of emergency management, JSU-IAEM welcomes students from all disciplines to join JSU-IAEM. Collectively, we strive to expand our horizons through bridging the gap between academia and practice.

#### **Vision**

To be the leading IAEM Student Chapter through fervent advancement of members and inclusion of JSU-IAEM members in IAEM activities.

#### **Chapter Financial Account**

Account Balance: \$622.59

\*Outgoing expenses included costs associated with the 2022 Doctoral Seminar Reception and basket raffle fundraiser. (More information about these events will be available below and in the first regularly scheduled newsletter of the year.)

#### **Chapter Inventory**

- JSU-IAEM Handout (Digital & Print Formats)
- JSU-IAEM Brochure (Digital & Print Formats)
- JSU-IAEM Welcome Letter (Digital & Print Formats)
- JSU-IAEM Newsletter (Digital & Print Formats)



## JSU-IAEM 2021-2022 Goals and Objectives

### Recruitment

**Goal:** Increase membership participation throughout the 2022-2023 academic year.

- Establish JSU-IAEM Chapter presence through e-mail from Department Head to student members
- Update JSU-IAEM homepage located on the [JSU.edu](http://JSU.edu) webpage
- Update JSU-IAEM Student Chapter Page located on the [IAEM.org](http://IAEM.org) website
- Encourage faculty buy-in to help continuously promote Chapter to course participants
- Encourage current members to continuously promote Chapter through their courses
- Integrate engagement materials into organizational recruitment efforts
- The Executive Board hosted a reception for the 2022 EM Doctoral Seminar. We hope to make this an annual event, with more Chapter involvement in the future.

### Engagement

**Goal:** Increase active member engagement among the current Chapter roster

- Improve social media presence through weekly social media updates
- Monthly conference calls will be held every first Thursday from 7-8 pm CST
- Become more involved with Regional and National IAEM events
- Create JSU-IAEM LinkedIn Page

### Member Success

**Goal:** Provide members with opportunities and resources that further their professional, educational, and personal development/well-being.

- Promote academic and professional support/resources within our Chapter
- Encourage and support members to pursue CEM/AEM
- Share more student and professional mental health resources

### Fundraising

**Goal:** To raise \$500.00 in fundraising efforts for the Chapter by May 2023.

- Donations Campaign: Aiming for two donations campaigns (Fall & Spring)
- The Executive Board created a raffle during the 2022 EM Doctoral Seminar in order to offset some of the Chapter's potential costs

### Scholarship

The Executive Board developed a scholarship geared towards undergraduate student membership. This scholarship sponsors five new undergraduate students as members to the International Association of Emergency Managers and the JSU-IAEM. For more information about this initiative, please email [jsuiaem@jsu.edu](mailto:jsuiaem@jsu.edu).

