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News Release

IAEM-Global Student Council Selects Five IAEM Student Members for Sponsorship to Obtain their Associate Emergency Manager (AEM®) Certification

March 13, 2016 (Falls Church, Va.) –The IAEM Global Student Council (GSC) is proud to announce that five IAEM Student members have been selected for sponsorship to obtain their Associate Emergency Manager (AEM®) certification. Prospective candidates were identified as those current IAEM Student members who have not yet started their AEM® certification, are studying in an emergency management-related program, and have less than two years of formal work experience in the field of emergency management. The sponsorship will fully cover the costs of obtaining an AEM® certification, provided the candidate completes all requirements within one year.

The AEM® sponsorship recipients are: Naif Makmi D. Alruwaili, Georgia State University; Philippe Carre, Nova Southeastern University; Ashleigh Makuch, Northern Arizona University; Angelica Marotta, Southern New Hampshire University; and Charles Palocy, American Military University/American Public University.

“This is the first time the IAEM-Global Student Council offered all IAEM Student members the opportunity to receive an AEM® Scholarship,” said GSC Council President Lourinda Willey, Ph.D., CEM. “Our GSC Strategic Initiatives Committee’s Peter Schalk (IAEM-Canada’s Student Region president) did a superb job offering and reviewing the scholarship applicants. We believe this opportunity will open the door for these students to illustrate their desires and accomplishments within the emergency management arena. The GSC Board has two AEM®s and one CEM®, who will mentor these five members to completion of the credential. We also thank the IAEM-USA Region Student Board and IAEM-Europa Student Region in aiding in the funding of the project.”

“In an increasingly competitive labor market, any advantage a student has when transitioning from school to the workforce is beneficial. The AEM® certification will set the select recipients apart from other applicants when applying for jobs,” noted Peter Schalk, chair of the GSC Strategic Initiatives Committee. “I’m proud to have led this initiative as part of the committee’s work, and I look forward to supporting the five successful candidates as they complete the certification process. Our intent is to re-launch this program later in 2016 at the start of the next school year.”

IAEM is a nonprofit professional organization representing more than 4,600 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/Associate Emergency Manager program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more.

The emergency management certification program (CEM®/AEM®) was developed by IAEM with funding from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency and guidance from an advisory board, which included professionals from a variety of disciplines and representatives of key groups with a stake in emergency management.

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