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Welcome

By Lauren Jones

Greetings fellow JSU alumni,

We hope you enjoyed the inaugural edition of the newsletter! Since the last edition, much progress has been made on establishing a formal alumni chapter as well as various other projects. In this edition of the newsletter we will highlight our new initiatives.

As a reminder we are still working on naming our newsletter and finalizing our mission statement. If you have any creative ideas for the newsletter or any suggestions for the mission statement, please submit them. We want to hear from you, and we hope to have these finalized by our third edition.

If you have any general suggestions for the newsletter or there are any specific topics or items you would like to see please let us know. Comments and suggestions can be sent to laurenjones_24@hotmail.com

Project Updates

By Lauren Jones

New projects for JSU EM Alumni

Alison Welty has been working on establishing a formal alumni chapter. As more information is available, you can read about it in the newsletter.

Sarah Miller is taking on starting a mentor program for recent graduates. This will be a great opportunity for alumni to get involved and use their experience and expertise to assist a recent graduate get started with

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The mission of the JSU Emergency Management Alumni chapter is to encourage networking and career advancement among program graduates and to promote the growth of JSU's Emergency Management program offerings.

his/her emergency management career. Look for additional information on how to get involved in the mentor program in future editions of the newsletter.

Pete Webb is working to establish a JSU EM Honor Society Chapter. Epsilon Pi Phi is an academic honor society established by the Foundation of Higher Education for Disaster/Emergency Management/Homeland Security in 2006. Although creating a local chapter is still in progress, if you would like information on joining the National chapter you can contact Pete at pwebb@dothan.org.

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Updates, Continued

Lauren Jones and Rich Flannery will be working on developing a website. If you have suggestions or ideas for the website please send them to laurenjones_24@hotmail.com

Interested in Being Profiled?

The newsletter authors are looking for volunteers to be profiled in upcoming editions of the newsletter. If you are interested in being profiled, send a note to laurenjones_24@hotmail.com

Include your full name, degree, year of graduation and current industry. We'll get back to you to set up an interview!

Upcoming JSU Alumni Events

August 28 Pre-game tailgate party prior to the Georgia Tech vs. JSU game. Hosted by the Atlanta Area Chapter

September 27 FAB 40's Nifty 50's reunion at the gamecock center 11:30am

Check out more JSU alumni events at <http://www.jsu.edu/alumni/events.html>

Upcoming Conferences

Aviation Preparedness Conference
September 9-11
<http://www.alt.aero/crisispreparedness/>

Grant Writing Boot Camp
September 11-12
<http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/grant-writing-boot-camp.html#reg>

Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Conference
October 8-9
<http://www.homelanddefensejournal.com/hdl/Emergency-Preparedness-Response-Recovery.html>

International Safety and Security Conference
October 14-15
<http://iaem.com/events/calendar/events.htm#masscasualtyoct08>

Altered Standards of Care and Surge Capacity: Mass Casualty Management in Time of Crisis
October 27-28
<http://www.governmenthorizons.org/SurgeCapacityConference/>

Opportunities to Get Published!

The CDC has issued a call for papers on model communities

NFPA has issued a call for papers on best practices

Call for presentations in Emergency Response for annual conference on April 14-15, 2009

Please visit <http://iaem.com/publications/news/Expertise.htm#CDC081908> for additional opportunities and more information

National Disasters and Emergencies in 2008
Major Disaster Declarations: 40
Emergency Declarations: 5
Fire Management Assistance Declarations: 41

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Alumni Highlight Sarah K. Miller

This edition's alumni profile is Sarah Miller. Sarah was the first on-line graduate from the JSU EM program in 2002! Her interest in Emergency Management started at an early age as a volunteer youth search and rescue member and police cadet in Oregon. She comes from a family of first responders and decided to choose Emergency Management as her career path as well.

Her career experience started as a 911 dispatcher, which she did for the better part of 12 years. Sarah earned her MPA/EM degree from JSU in 2002 and continued dispatching until 2005. Then in 2006, she accepted a position as the Emergency Preparedness Manager for the City of Auburn, which has grown from a population of 45,000-68,000 in two years.

In addition to her work as a 911 dispatcher and her current position, she has taught part-time at JSU since shortly after her graduation. She also held a temporary faculty position at Western Washington University where she put together the first EM related Bachelor's degree program in the state of Washington.



In 2008 she earned her CEM credential from IAEM and continues work toward a PhD from Walden University. Sarah has also had articles published in both the APCO magazine and IAEM Bulletin.

Sarah and her husband of 10 years, Jonathan, reside near Seattle spend their summers drag racing. In addition to her career and working on her PhD in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University she has just bought a pizza parlor in Mt. Angel, OR with her sister as a hobby!

As an individual with both education and experience in the Emergency Management field, her advice to future or recent graduates is to *network* and gain experience through volunteering, finding a mentor, or joining the AmeriCorps VISTA program as a full time disaster volunteer. Sarah states " *The profession really is about networking -- making contacts and shaking hands before the disaster happens, not after*"

Sarah has almost completed her PhD and hopes to be finished in 2009 after her dissertation. Good Luck Sarah!

Congratulations to the following Spring 2008 graduates

Master of Science in Emergency Management

Melody Buchanan	Lanita Lloyd
Scott Caldwell	David Meronk
Tami Calugi	Leonard Motz
Brookelyn Crenshaw	Christopher Mullins
Frank Giotis	Mallory Pusch
Marvin Green	Graham Robinson
Charline Haltiwanger	Heather Stedham
Debra Honer	Mary Kay Vonderschmidt
Karen Kirkpatrick	Blayden Wall
David Lebowitz	Heather Woodson

Master of Public Administration (EM Concentration)

Kerry Blekfeld
Brandi Martin
Crystal Morton
Edward Rouse
Anthony Wanja
Aimee Wride

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IEP Updates

Directors Message

Greetings from JSU!

I am happy to report that we have a new full-time faculty member joining our staff beginning this fall. Dr. John Spain has a Ph.D. in Administration and Management, with research interests in the areas of corporate risk modeling and information security. Dr. Spain has more than 30 years experience in Corporate Security, Information and Network Security, Operational and Systems Auditing, and Security Risk Management. He has spoken nationally and internationally on topics relating to asset protection, crisis management and the integration of best practices and controls into the business process. His expertise includes the assessment of risk and the development of programs to obviate or minimize the impact of a disaster.

Dr. Spain developed the protocols currently used by Lloyds of London to assess clients for their computer security insurance product. He is active in the professional community and participates on committees and projects to improve the risk management process. He was recently appointed to a team of risk professionals asked to evaluate available risk assessment methodologies and make recommendations for the National Infrastructure Protection Plan. I know you will join me in welcoming Dr. Spain to JSU. He can be reached at jspain@jsu.edu.

We continue to develop the proposal and design for the emergency management doctoral program, and will be seeking your input soon via a brief online survey. We will email you the link to complete the survey in early September and greatly appreciate your time and insights.

Thank you for your continued support of the JSU emergency management programs.

A. Barry Cox, Ph.D.
Director
Institute for Emergency Preparedness

Congratulations to all of the graduates that received a Bachelors of Science in Emergency Management Spring 2008!

Mary Balazic
Michael Cassano (Special Honors in Major)
Deborah Conner
Ronald Derrick
Joel Dixon (Cum Laude Honors in Major)
Lonna Donin
Joseph Ellis (Honors in Major)
Amanda Gonzalez
Ashlee Gunter (Honors in Major)

Jennifer Mattingly (Magna Cum Laude Honors in Major)
Sara McClain
Angus McPhaul
Joseph Munster
David Ouimet (Honors in Major)
Kevin Sudsberry