



Center of Excellence HSEM

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19 REASONS WHY WE'RE PROUD OF

2019

We are a team of dedicated Board Members, staff, volunteers and Senior Fellows who support our community and technical college (SBCTC), and business and industry partners to train and educate a skilled workforce that helps maintain our safety and security and builds emergency and disaster resilience in our communities. We value and respect each other and our partners and build relationships that reflect the highest standard of integrity. We advance a culture of creativity, innovation, teamwork and transparency.

1. COE HSEM honors its “Rising Stars” of 2019

The Director of the Center of Excellence - Homeland Security Emergency Management (CoE-HSEM) recognized its “Rising Star” highest performers during an awards ceremony at its fall Advisory Board Meeting

The “Rising Star” award recognizes individuals in the all-hazard emergency management profession who have assisted his or her community and positively change members of the community lives. These individuals have also contributed to his or her profession through demonstrating leadership and responsibility.



Pictured from left to right: Kellie Hale, Program Manager for CoE-HSEM; Jasmine May, Graphic and Digital Design Specialist for CoE-HSEM; Shane Moore, Emergency Planning Program Coordinator WA EMD

2. Jamye Wisecup Memorial Scholarship/Program Endowment

To honor Jamye’s memory, the Center will be working with Peninsula College Foundation

to establish the Jamye Wisecup Memorial Scholarship/Program Endowment through the College’s Foundation. Jamye’s efforts to provide her community and others with the knowledge, skills, and abilities in areas of all-hazards emergency management resulted in seven (7) Community and Technical Colleges around the state to offer the Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) Certificate and Associate’s Degree Program through the Collaborating College model.



4. “Back to School” Edition of Confluence—

The Center created a special edition for its Confluence Newsletter Magazine. For our “Back to School” edition, we concentrated on our seven (7) degree pathway programs: HSEM, Criminal Justice, Cyber-security, Occupational Health and Safety, Emergency Medical Services, UAS (Drones) and Fire Services. The goal of the special edition Confluence Newsletter Magazine was to create a document that will be distributed at career fairs, conferences, mailing list, etc. to educate people about the educational and career opportunities within the All-Hazards and Security field.



3. WTO and Y2K: The Story He Was Never Asked to Tell.

This is the age of multimedia and internet and words like Webinars and Podcasts are becoming popular with each passing day. The Center will be establishing a multimedia section on its new website for Confluence.



Jim Mullen is the Center’s main blogger and has been for the past four years. Jim did a blog series titled, “WTO and Y2K: The Story I Was Never Asked to Tell.” In this series, Jim relayed his experience as the Director for Seattle’s Office of Emergency Management during the WTO and Y2K crises. To commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the WTO Seattle Protests, the Center and Jim have recorded a podcast of his blog series. You can check out his podcast [here](#) on the Center’s SoundCloud page.



5. CENTER’S 2019-2020 PLAN—

The Center submitted its 2019-2020 work plan to the State Board, this past summer. The work plan consists of focus areas in economic development, sector strategy, education innovation/efficiency, along with supply and demand. Our annual work plan compromise of activities in areas such as partnerships/collaborations with other Centers of Excellence, career connected pathways, women in leadership, and public safety/criminal justice program enhancement. Each of our activities are required to meet certain expectations and outcomes for our stakeholders, workforce development and industry



6. Redesign of CoE -HSEM Website

We will be revamping the website to create a better user experience which will optimize our website's them, speed, and technology. Our goal is to keep our stakeholders in mind with simplifying navigation, streamlining menus, building a responsive layout for all platforms and providing more resources and information to our services and pathway programs.

7. Basic Law Enforcement Study - Collaboration Efforts Spearheaded by the Center for Excellence for Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Over the past two years, a consortium of criminal justice program managers facilitated by the Center of Excellence for Homeland Security and Emergency Management has been working on an initiative aimed at aligning the curriculum of a set of "core" criminal justice programs. The goal of this project is to enhance the statewide collaboration and marketability of the criminal justice programs, as well as ease the ability of students to transfer between institutions.

8. Continuation of Criminal Justice Workgroup

Since the project launched in March 2017, the group has accomplished the following:

- Developed a high-level "Master Course Outline" for each of these five courses, which outlines the basic course content and objectives of each course. However, the mode of instruction and which materials and textbooks are used is left up to each instructor. Some progress has been made among the colleges to establish Common Course Numbering, a mechanism that eases the transfer process for students.

The workgroup will have its next meeting on January 24, 2020 at Highline College to discuss the next steps in implementing the Core Curriculum and review the Basic Law Enforcement Study report.



9. New Advisory Board

Co-Chair—Celia Taylor happily accepted the new position as the Center's co-chair for its Advisory Board. Her response to the nomination from co-chair Curry Mayer was, "Thank you so much for thinking of me. Yes, I would love to co-chair the HSEM Board with you!" She has been a great addition to the Board. Her knowledge and skills of the industry have been a wonderful asset to the Center and its Advisory Board.

10. Re- Establishing the Homeland Security Emergency Management Institute—The Center is focusing on enhancing its HSEM Institute, which provides education and training to faculty, industry professionals, and students. The goal is to enhance education in the All-Hazards Emergency Management field.



11. Welcomes New Advisory Board Members

Richard (Rick) Boulware: Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Pierce College

Shane Moore: Emergency Planning Program Coordinator at WA EMD

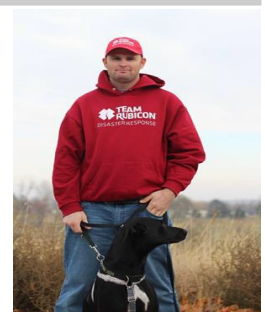
Scott Preston: Assistant Professor for HSEM-BAS program at Pierce College

Jeffrey Schneider: District Director of Campus Safety at Pierce College



12. Collaborating College Model Student Success Story

The Center did its first Student Success story this past June with Lyle Knigge (pictured right). Lyle is a student in the Pierce College HSEM BAS program who is completing the program through Big Bend Community College. With the establishment of the collaborating colleges' model with the Pierce College HSEM program, it allowed Lyle and students like him to get training locally so he could still stay in his desired area. Recently and due to his training in HSEM, he has become a part of Team Rubicon.



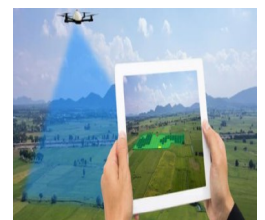
13. Business and Industry Professionals Networking

Breakfast—On March 8, 2019, at Lower Columbia College, representatives from DSHS, Workforce Programs, local EDC's, Chambers of Commerce and local employers joined the Center's Advisory Board Members, staff, and Lower Columbia College Representatives at the Center's Board Meeting for a hosted Business and Industry Professionals Networking Breakfast. They met with four (4) of our state's community college all hazard emergency management program managers to hear about what each of them area doing at their colleges.



14. UAS Programs in Washington State—

The Center did a special edition of Confluence back in April on the UAS programs available at community and technical colleges in the state of Washington.





15 . Securing the Medical Supply Chain Forum: “Are We Ready? What Can We Do to Prepare?”

- The Centers of Excellence for Allied Health, Global Trade & Supply Chain Management and Homeland Security Emergency Management collaborated to conduct a Forum around the educational and business sector of the Medical Supply Chain industry. This year’s Forum was the sixth collaboration between Global Trade & Supply Chain Management and

Homeland Security Emergency Management and the first with Allied Health. It was also the first time the Forum was held in Seattle at South Seattle College – Georgetown Campus. The purpose of the Forum was to provide broad overview of the medical supply chain, discuss vulnerabilities and risks associated with security, transportation, availability of raw materials and challenges experienced by suppliers, distributors, and receivers.

16. Redesign of Confluence Newsletter Magazine— Jasmine May, the Center’s Digital and Graphic Designer, created a new template layout for the organization’s monthly newsletter/magazine. The idea for the new design came at the urging of the Kellie Hale, Program Manager for the Center. Kellie asked Jasmine to design a new template that would be easier to input stories and pictures. The first issue of Confluence with the new design was the May 2019 edition. The new design layout has gotten a lot of positive feedback from our Board members and stakeholders.



18. PNW EMPA Disaster & Emergency Communication Conference

The nonprofit Emergency Media & Public Affairs (EMPA) is the only international, representative organization of emergency service and disaster communication practitioners in the world.

EMPA joins the Pacific Northwest Local and global events almost daily highlight the need for effective communication to inform and inspire the listener to make the decisions they need, quickly and comprehensively to save life, protect property and reputation. This year EMPA left its Australian and New Zealand shores to come to Portland, where the innovative and ‘weird’ idea is the root for growth!

17. Apprenticeships - Insurance Association: New Program is a GO!!

- The National Insurance Association has

gotten more excited about apprenticeships and have made that one of their priorities. The Center, along with Pierce College and Invista have discussed plans to move forward with the that would give us was we need to get a youth focused apprenticeship program going with Insurance Association. The Career Connect RFP to get the Association’s apprenticeships is in the early stages of coming to fruition.



19. Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management Career Pathway—

The Center will be working with its Board members and stakeholders to create practical ways to implement the enhancement of diversity and inclusion into our all-hazard career pathways. Discussion elements include goals and objectives that target need to be addressing for the future for our All-Hazard EM Career Pathways which include our Criminal Justice/Administrative Justice, Occupations Health and Safety, Emergency Medical and Health Services, Fire Services and Homeland Security Emergency Management.

