



OAEM 2020 Award Winners

Congratulations

Marg Verbeek President's Award

This award goes to a professional who has gone back to school to study emergency management/business continuity in order to upgrade and/or change profession. It is based on applicant grade point average and contributions they have made to the field. (\$500)

Brian Teh is this year's winner. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Disaster & Emergency Management with Royal Roads University. Previously, Brian attended the University of Toronto for Computer Science and Commerce and is a Chartered Professional Accountant who worked with KPMG as a Senior Risk Consultant. Brian has also volunteered for more than a decade with St. John's Ambulance, as well as volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross and with Air Canada's Special Assistance Team. We want to thank Brian for his contributions to the field of Emergency Management and wish him all the best as he works toward the completion of his master's degree.

A Normand Academic Award

This award required students to submit a 1,200 - 1,500 word essay on a topic relating to emergency management and/or business continuity. (\$1,000)

Tiana Putric is this year's winner. She is working toward a Bachelor of Disaster and Emergency Management Honours degree at York University and is completing the Core Humanitarian Certification with DisasterReady. Tiana also volunteers as an Emergency Management Assistant with York's Department of Community Safety and works as a research assistant with the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research. Tiana's essay submission, Business Discontinuity: Why Business Continuity Plans Fall Short in the Face of Pandemics, was very timely and well written. We want to thank her for her thoughtful submission and wish her all the best in finishing her bachelor's degree.

Brian Hook Memorial Award

This award honours the memory of Major Brian Hook (CD) by awarding a student who has made significant contributions to the field of Emergency Management while maintaining a high level of academic excellence. (\$1,500)

Mahmood Khan is this year's winner. He is working toward a Bachelor of Disaster and Emergency Management Honours degree at York University. Mahmood is one of the top students in his cohort and is currently being supervised as a recipient of the Dean's Award for Research Excellence at York, where he has been supporting a project entitled Considerations of the threats of Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism: Commonalities in developing community resiliency to religious hate crimes in Toronto. Mahmood also completed an internship with the City of Brampton Emergency Management Office earlier this year. We want to thank Mahmood for his contributions to the field of Emergency Management and wish him all the best as he works toward the completion of his Bachelor's degree.

