

NCEMSFS NEWS

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"The survival of your organization depends on the successful recruitment of new members."

Message from the President

Dr. George J. Koenig, Jr., NCEMSFS President

Like many of you, I have started counting down the days until the end of the academic year. While looking forward to a summer break is a distant memory for me, there are some similarities that we share in anticipation of finishing another year.

The end of the year signals change. Soon there will be the departure of familiar faces and an influx of new faces. Those currently at the bottom of the food chain will be promoted, and new members will assume bottom-rung positions. These fresh recruits will require training and help adjusting to their new environment. In this regard, our experiences will be similar. As the new intern class arrives in July, I will have the opportunity to create and promote change as they begin their training. Both you and I will be able to share our insight with people that have few biases or preconceived notions.

While my role in the selection of the new arrivals was limited, you will have the task of recruiting new members. Perhaps this will be the greatest challenge that your organization will face during the entire year. The survival of your organization depends on the successful recruitment of new members. The consequences of a misstep in this process could be catastrophic. As you carefully select new members, you will try to find that person who you think will become a productive member. But who is that "perfect" member? Is there a certain profile that this person fits into? What characteristics do they possess?

Having served on numerous membership committees, I have spent a considerable amount of time trying to answer these questions. Originally, I thought that it was possible to define the "perfect" member. But as I tried to find people that fit that "perfect" profile, I discovered that those people were no more productive than the people that were randomly selected. I came to the realization that it is impossible to predict who will become a productive member using this sort of criteria. Instead of trying to find a person that fit the "perfect" profile, I started thinking about finding the "perfect" fit. The person must fit into your organization in order to become a productive member. When you interview a potential member, ask yourself what the candidate is looking for and if they can find it within your organization. I now ask every potential member interviewing at my ambulance company to define their expectations of joining. I then share our expectations of them. The decision to accept a candidate is based on whether or not their expectations can be met by joining our organization. I have discovered that if you are able to meet their expectations, then they will in turn become a valuable member.

Best wishes for a safe summer,



George J. Koenig Jr. M.S., D.O.
President NCEMSFS

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Conference 2004 Reflections

Robert T. Hart, NCEMSF Northeast Regional Coordinator

Wow! I just don't know how to put into words what I saw a few weeks ago at our annual conference in Maryland, but I'm going to try for your benefit!

The past few months have been filled with all the behind the scene dealings of a major production movie, only this was no movie we were producing, but rather the annual NCEMSF Conference. As the weekend of the conference got closer I couldn't wait to meet all the schools and members I've been dealing with via email and letters. I suppose as a Regional Coordinator I was even more excited than most of you because I know of all the hard work by the host school and the NCEMSF executive board that was going to make this the largest and best conference yet! The excitement only increased when along with members of my own school we walked into the lobby of the hotel. In front of us there had to be dozens of EMTs from as many schools milling about, talking with each other and exuding a real sense of excitement and friendliness not often found at conferences. Everyone was excited to be there and most importantly everyone was eager to meet people from other schools.

The true meaning of the conference was evident starting at that moment. We weren't necessarily there to talk about

professionalism in EMS. While learning how to start an EMS bike squad is useful, that wasn't entirely the point either. The conference offered the chance to network with other schools and to form the bonds and connections that are so important to the betterment of each organization.

Don't get me wrong... the speakers were fantastic, and I think I can speak for everyone and say that we have all learned a great deal from the expertise and experiences of the speakers. However, face-to-face interaction is the most important part of the conference. It all comes together when you hear about the issues another group is experiencing, offer advice or comfort them, and let them know they're not alone dealing with a certain issue. The ability to learn from one another is the best resource NCEMSF can offer.

The leadership of NCEMSF has recognized the importance of this networking and designed the conference to allow for numerous opportunities for it to occur. Events such as the "meet and greet" banner presentation, skills competition, socials, and awards ceremony bring all the groups together to fully experience the true meaning of collegiate EMS – which is to form bonds and friendships while helping our

communities and those in need.

This conference was also a great chance for the Regional Coordinators and the NCEMSF leadership to get together and focus on what needs to be done to continue the success of the organization. By filling out surveys we can identify what you, the members of NCEMSF, feel are the key issues that are important to Collegiate EMS and what we can do to provide you with the resources to tackle these issues.

For folks from the Northeast Region, it was great to finally meet in person. We've all pledged to keep in contact and share our experiences for the benefit of the group! On a special note, even with Rhode Island being the smallest state in the union, the University of Rhode Island EMS and Brown University EMS had never previously met. This conference provided us the chance to meet, share ideas and issues, and commit to come together on a regular basis to train and continue the spirit of the conference!

Have a wonderful rest of the year, keep in touch, and keep looking forward to the next conference!



Why Your Membership Matters

Karolina A. Schabses, NCEMSF Membership Coordinator

Thank you for another successful NCEMSF membership year! We truly appreciate the support we receive from individuals, academic institutions, and businesses across the nation. Since we operate on a not-for-profit status and are a registered 501(c)(3) organization, we rely on the generosity of our members to support our activities. Your membership dues assist us in coordinating National Collegiate EMS week, producing our quarterly newsletters, managing our website, organizing our annual conferences, and advocating for collegiate EMS services throughout the country. Simply put, without you we would not exist.

As the school year wraps up, help us stay in contact with you. Are you moving? Take the time to revisit your NCEMSF profile at:

<http://www.ncemsf.org/membership/> and let us know your new address.

For all you soon-to-be-graduates out there, congratulations! Did you know that as an alumnus, you can continue to participate in NCEMSF? There are many ways to continue the transfer of EMS knowledge you've gained over your collegiate career, but we still need to stay in contact with you. So, provide us with your new address as you update your profile!

"When you renew in June, you will receive a full year of membership benefits."

To coordinate with university schedules, NCEMSF memberships follow the academic year and expire every May.

When you renew in June, you will receive a full year of membership benefits. Mark us down on your calendar! Annual personal membership is \$10 for current students and \$20 for non-students. You may also consider purchasing a life membership to eliminate the hassle of renewing each year. Life memberships for current students are \$75 and \$150 for non-students. A special life alumni rate also exists at \$100. Directors and chiefs, don't forget to renew your institutional memberships at \$25 starting in June as well.

NCEMSF is grateful your continued support. If you have membership questions, please contact me at membership@ncemsf.org. I'll be happy to help you!



Professor Squirrel

Serious Campus EMS Advice from a Nut

Dear Professor Squirrel,

A number of our active members and past leaders are graduating in May. Do you have any suggestions for how to honor our newest alumni and keep them involved and connected from the very beginning of their post-graduate years?

*Sincerely,
Here Next Year*

Recognizing your members and showing your appreciation for all they have done is of the utmost importance. It keeps members happy and creates an overall positive atmosphere within your corps. I am glad to see you thinking ahead and focusing on the future of your organization. Keeping in touch with past members will strengthen your corps and prevent you (and those who come after you) from reinventing the wheel.

To start, your corps should have a method for transferring leadership from one year to the next in which graduating members have the opportunity to guide newer members as they find their way. Leaders should create a culture of leadership and work to establish a living legacy.

Close to graduation, perhaps at an end of the year banquet, seniors can be acknowledged and given a parting gift by which

to remember the corps and their involvement. A pin or a plaque are thoughtful inexpensive ideas. Personally, a bag of mixed nuts would be my gift of choice. A corps plaque that lists all graduated members could be updated yearly and displayed prominently in a place of honor in your crew quarters. If your risk management department allows, graduating seniors could be permitted to return and continue riding, especially if they plan on remaining in the area after graduation. This keeps them connected and fills shifts avoiding the usual September staff shortages. On line databases of alumni contact information and continued access to any "members-only" sections of the web site are good ways to keep alumni engaged. Organizing corps events annually at homecoming and reunion weekends will keep alumni coming back, too. My nutty friend, David Bacall, has some related ideas about mentoring and networking. Check out his article on page 7.



See you around campus!

Professor Squirrel has been hanging out on campus begging for food from students and keeping an eye on campus EMS for many years. Send your questions to the Professor at professor@ncemsf.org. The Professor will answer the best ones in the NCEMSF newsletter and on the NCEMSF General-L list. Your name and school will be kept confidential.

News from the West Coast Region

Kyle Soler, Willamette University

This year's conference was marked with delightful moments from the West Coast. **Willamette University** was able to send delegates for the first time. These two lucky individuals met with other regional representatives from Santa Clara University (SCU) and Loyola Marymount University (LMU), which both sent large delegations. This large West Coast representation created a wonderful opportunity for future college-based EMS leaders to develop ideas. It also fostered discussion among the West Coast

schools on dynamic ways to create stronger organizations.

At the annual awards presentation, **Loyola Marymount** was thrilled to receive second place for the skills competition. The recipients were Steph Walders, Dan Paterson, Sean Harris, and Katie Mitchell. Further making this conference memorable was when Loyola Marymount's highly regarded advisor, Debbie Wilson, was bestowed the "Collegiate EMS Advisor of the Year"

award. With its small number of schools, our region surprised schools from larger regions as **Santa Clara University's** Ana Papsin received the "Collegiate EMS Provider of the Year" award.

This was truly a wonderful conference experience and we are hoping next year we will be able to include members from more groups on the West Coast as our numbers continue to grow.



Help Wanted: Minimal Effort Required

Eric MaryEa, NCEMSF Director-at-Large

Every year following the NCEMSF annual conference we receive feedback from attendees regarding what they considered to be the highlights of the conference. People provide suggestions for things they would like to see improved or expanded upon in future years. Each comment is considered in relation to planning of our future conferences as well as other NCEMSF resources such as our electronic discussion forums and newsletters.

In an effort to ensure that we continue to address our members' needs and desires, NCEMSF has taken the feedback process a step further by utilizing state-of-the-art software.

Within the next couple weeks, we will be posting a number of electronic surveys on the NCEMSF web site. These surveys will address topics such as what you would like to see at the next national conference, member benefits that you

would like to see made available to individual members, and some general information about your organization.

Your participation as an NCEMSF member is crucial to the success of this project. We invite you to visit the Web site and take part in these surveys, which will be posted at <http://www.ncemsf.org/phpq/>



A Window into the Past of NCEMSF

Dr. Scott C. Savett, NCEMSF Vice President

I recently stumbled upon a time capsule. I wasn't digging around in the back yard of my new house when I found it. Rather, I was surfing the Web and discovered it. What did I find in this inauspiciously marked package? It contained the essence of NCEMSF's origins.

I should explain. As you may know, NCEMSF was started in the early 1990s. By the magic of e-mail and Usenet newsgroups, campus groups around the nation suddenly realized they were not alone in their quest to improve EMS at their respective schools. Initially a few tentative queries, it quickly turned into a full-steam dialog on the *misc.emerg-services* newsgroup.

Fast-forward to the early 21st century. The days of Usenet newsgroups are, for the most part, long gone. Newsgroups have been supplanted with online community discussion boards and dedicated e-mail discussion groups such as NCEMSF's GENERAL-L and ADMIN-L. Though gone, the Usenet newsgroups are thankfully not forgotten. Through the support of Google, many of the newsgroups from the early 1990s have been archived for posterity. Among

that archived content are messages from the founders of NCEMSF to the campus EMS community. For me, viewing these messages was like using the Hubble Space Telescope to peer through the cosmos towards the beginning of time.

Things were seemingly simple in December 1993 when the planning of the first conference was in full swing. The conference coordinator, Jon Diorio, sent e-mail messages to a list of people who had expressed interest. In one message dated December 16, 1993, Jon said:

"We currently will be able to accommodate 100 - 150 people. Everyone is invited whether or not you actually work on or have a college EMS squad. Those of you who are start-up groups might be the ones who will benefit most from this. Not only will we be providing several hours of continuing medical education from highly regarded doctors and other higher medical authorities, but I am also hoping that this conference will prove to be a great source of networking opportunities for those of you who are looking for others to talk college EMS with."

As you can see, while the scale of NCEMSF conferences has expanded dramatically over the years, the goal of these gatherings remains the same. Just add about 300 to the numbers Jon mentioned, and that same paragraph could have easily been written on December 16, 2003 in preparation for the 11th annual conference in Baltimore.

After the overwhelming success of the recent conference in Baltimore, NCEMSF's leadership is quite excited about prospects for next year's gathering. We have recently started the planning process for the 12th annual conference, which will occur February 25-27, 2005. If your school is interested in hosting the conference, please submit an electronic RFP through the NCEMSF Web site by April 26, 2004. Following a review of the proposals, we will announce the host on May 1, 2004.

One parting reminder: don't forget to renew your NCEMSF membership (personal & institutional) beginning in June for the 2004-2005 academic year. Your membership makes this all possible.

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Scene Safety... Even on Campus

Brian Solomon, NCEMSF Central Regional Coordinator

Though involved in collegiate EMS programs, we often develop habits of disregarding the fundamentals of EMS. We are often dispatched to very routine-sounding calls on our campus, and respond without thinking twice. Whether these calls are accidents, alcohol related, orthopedic, or anything else we always respond. And we feel secure responding, because we are inside the campus where little occurs that will affect our safety.

I recently attended a campus-wide event known as "Beer Bike." It is a university-sanctioned sporting event, which commences with heavy drinking and a water balloon fight, and ends with a relay race involving chugging and bike riding (rest assured the bikers and the underage students refrain from drinking alcohol).

During the event, one student crashed a bike in front of me. Though I was not on

duty, I was the closest EMT, so I went over to render aid. I held C-spine and assessed the patient while the EMS squad arrived. This is an example of a situation in which an EMS squad responded without thinking of personal safety. As the EMTs arrived, they surrounded the patient and began to treat her for a possible C-spine injury, calling the fire department for a transport ambulance. What they neglected to keep in mind was that a high-speed bike race was still going on around them. One EMT who did not evaluate her surroundings stood in the way of the race while attempting to take vital signs. With no warning, a bike going 20 mph ran into her head-on.

Luckily the EMT, the patient, and the biker were not injured from the impact. But the event made me think of scene safety. Whether in a college setting or working for the city, every EMT is potentially in danger on every EMS call.

Just because you feel safe and secure in your college setting does not mean that you are safe when responding to calls. I am writing this letter as a reminder to all of you responding to calls. Your first responsibility is to yourself. Observe the scene, ensure your safety, call for support if necessary...but do not go into an unsafe scene.

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News from the Pennsylvania Region

Patricia Alex, NCEMSF Pennsylvania Regional Coordinator

Greetings from the Pennsylvania Region! Our campus groups have had a dynamic and exciting year.

Penn State EMS continues many of its activities from a strong showing during NCEMSF week last Fall including an enduring Whacker Wednesdays tradition and the planning of they're second Mock Vehicle Accident on campus. Its members were highly visible at the conference in Baltimore (there were a lot of them – hard to miss) and group members presented a forum on the importance of campus public relations.

We applaud **Muhlenberg College EMS'** efforts this year as they are valiantly undergoing a rebuilding year.

Villanova EMS welcomes a new ambulance this spring, and hosted a wetdown housing ceremony on April 3. Some of their conference highlights were winning the award for best website.



Villanova's new ambulance at its official housing ceremony on April 3, 2004.

Bucknell is enjoying the highs and lows of its themed Fire/EMS house on campus.

Fledglings from the Keystone state include efforts to start up EMS organizations at **Gettysburg College**, **Lafayette College**, the **University of Pennsylvania**, and a new organization at **Gwynedd-Mercy College**. We wish them all luck and support.

We are so inspired by the conference that we have hopeful plans for our own Pennsylvania regional rendezvous...

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News from the Midwest Region

Reagan Kelly, NCEMSF Midwest Regional Coordinator

Greetings from the Midwest region. First, I'd like to thank the schools from my region for attending this year's annual NCEMSF conference. John Carroll University, University of Dayton, and Indiana University-Bloomington made the trip to Baltimore. I hope to see even more Midwest schools at next year's conference.

As the academic year wraps up, we have some news from the region:

University of Dayton (UDRS) is hoping to build a new garage, and is waiting on the official word from the administration. They hope to have it completed by next year.

Indiana University (IU-EMS) has a few big things coming up. Most importantly, they are proposing to become a BLS transport agency and to cover all BLS calls on the IU's Bloomington campus. Also, they are trying to create a public access defibrillation program for all buildings on campus. Finally, they will be providing the first responder course to all new IU Police Department (IUPD) recruits, and are planning on creating a one-credit Healthcare Provider CPR/AED course to be offered through the Allied Health Sciences Department.

At **Case Western Reserve University** a few students are hoping to start an EMS group on campus. They are currently

working with the administration and student government and are hoping to start up by next semester.

If you have any advice for these groups, email me (midwest-rc@ncemsf.org) and I'll pass it along. I hope the rest of the year goes well for everyone and that finals don't cause too much stress. As always, if anyone in the region needs any help, please email me.

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News from the Mid Atlantic Region

Kelly Shirmer, NCEMSF Mid Atlantic Regional Coordinator

This year's NCEMSF Conference hosted by Johns Hopkins University was a great success and the feedback from the Mid Atlantic schools that attended was extremely positive. Many of the schools received valuable information from the conference speakers and enjoyed networking with other schools from all over the country.

The schools from the Mid-Atlantic were able to participate in an important discussion concerning issues affecting all organizations such as grants and

funding, volunteer retention, dispatch systems, and SOP revisions. As each school has different processes for obtaining funding within their university, the Mid Atlantic schools were able to exchange ideas and give advice to other schools about their organization's procedures.

I believe this year's conference was a great venue for communication. The schools in the Mid-Atlantic region have made a concerted effort to continue the flow of ideas and information via e-mail.

This has proven to be very useful for the organizations to exchange their experiences in dealing with university administration as well as with inter-organizational relations with city, town, and county EMS agencies in their area. I look forward to our continued communication and contact with the Mid-Atlantic schools. Thanks for a great conference, Johns Hopkins, and I look forward to the rest of this year in collegiate EMS.

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Preliminary CBEMS Research Results

Joshua A. Marks, NCEMSF National Coordinator

In the last issue of *NCEMSF News* I wrote about a number of questions pertaining to campus based EMS currently being researched. At Conference 2004 in Baltimore an interactive roundtable discussion facilitated by the Regional Coordinators was held on CBEMS research. Attendees had the opportunity to network with their peers and were asked to respond to numerous surveys to assist the NCEMSF Board in collecting data and answering questions about CBEMS in an effort to form a better overall picture of CBEMS in the United States and aid NCEMSF in better serving its constituents.

Thank you to those that participated in our initial data collection efforts. We have begun to analyze the responses received but the bulk of the analysis will be conducted over the summer. We still need to solicit further information to ensure a reasonable sample size. To that effect, the surveys distributed at the conference will soon be available on the NCEMSF web site as well. Look for emails in the near future inviting you to offer your opinions and insight.

The primary question being researched is why does CBEMS exist. Student CBEMS leaders were asked to explain why they participate in CBEMS and why CBEMS is important. Leaders were also asked to compare CBEMS to other local services that would cover campus if CBEMS did not exist. Among the responses, students said they participate in CBEMS because it is exciting and fun. They mentioned enjoying the opportunity to volunteer, give back to the community and help those in need. They cited the leadership opportunities CBEMS offers and the opportunities it presents to meet people with similar interests and form lasting friendships. One person wrote that he participates in CBEMS because it allows him to help himself, others and the community. Another noted that CBEMS will benefit him in his future. Yet another summed his reason for participating up in the following, "CBEMS teaches me the skills I need to be the person I desire."

As to why CBEMS is important, students answered similarly. They noted that CBEMS builds character, teaches life and personal skills and offers positive, productive outlets for students to get involved in campus life and the community. Students also noted that CBEMS is important because it saves lives, lowers the cost of emergency services for students, increases the health and safety of the campus community and alleviates undue strain on the greater community's emergency services.

Students were also asked what events would cause them to cease participating in CBEMS. Most students could not come up with a reason short of graduating or dying, however, some noted that they would stop if CBEMS ceased to be about patient care or if the political environment completely overshadowed the rest of the experience. Complaints about CBEMS being too internally political were commonplace and perhaps should be a focus of further inquiry. Other responders stated quite practically that they would cease to participate if the university stopped supporting CBEMS or pulled its funding. The next phase of this ongoing study will ask campus administrators, whose names were supplied by student responders, to answer many of the same questions students answered including what factors would cause them to cut

funding of existing programs. Data from this study should be equally helpful to new startups and well-established corps.

When asked who would respond to campus emergencies if CBEMS did not exist most answered local municipal or volunteer services. In almost all cases there was an alternative service readily available to cover the campus with the same or higher level of care. Students noted, however, that CBEMS is able to respond faster, has a better knowledge of campus, is cheaper and CBEMS providers are more compassionate and professional and relate better to the patient population served by CBEMS.

The majority of the other questions asked helped to update the CBEMS profiles found in the NCEMSF database. Data collected will be entered into the database in the coming weeks and the database itself will be overhauled over the summer, but please visit the web site today and update your organization's profile, specifically the contact person's information so that NCEMSF may continue to enhance its connections with its constituents.

If you attended the lecture at the conference on public access defibrillation or have read any number of the published AED studies, you have undoubtedly heard how AEDs are saving lives on planes, in airports, and in shopping malls. To date, no such study on AEDs and university campuses has been conducted, but we are in the process of hopefully showing the importance of AEDs on university campuses as well. If an AED is used on a patient on your campus, please send us an email and we will send you a couple of questions to answer to add to our data pool. An AED usage registry will be launched on our web site shortly as well.

One of the more interesting surveys conducted at the conference sought to profile CBEMS providers. We asked providers to indicate their academic majors and career aspirations. It has often been thought that those that participate in CBEMS are all interested in some aspect of healthcare as a career. As it turns out, only 65% of those surveyed stated they have some intention of continuing on in healthcare. CBEMS providers also seem to major in all possible majors with no one major dominating. Of added note is the fact that of those who stated that they desire to be physicians, many were majoring in humanities or social sciences and not physical or biological sciences. In fact, economics and medicine seemed to correlate rather highly. The sample size for this study, however, was quite small and more data will provide a more accurate picture that might better help organizations recruit and retain members.

Again, thank you to those that have participated thus far in the data collection. We hope others of you will assist us by providing your thoughts and opinions in the near future. Please stay tuned for further details and invitations to contribute. These ongoing studies hold within them the future of CBEMS and we hope the potential to gather information that will help us all grow and improve excites all of you as much as it does those of us involved in these studies.



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Our Past is Our Future

David I. Bacall, NCEMSF Alumni Coordinator

Over the past few years NCEMSF has realized something that every major institution has known for a long time: the future success of our organization is based on the continued involvement of those who have experienced us. This is why we have embarked on a mission to rekindle the spark of our past members. The initiative began over three years ago with the appointment of an Alumni Coordinator whose sole job was to reach out to graduating seniors and attempt to keep the lines of communication open. The role has expanded into planning events for alumni at the annual conference. Now the real work begins.

At this year's NCEMSF conference in Baltimore, a group of dedicated alumni convened over drinks at the hotel bar. The purpose of the casual meeting was for the Foundation to better understand what alumni would like to get out of their NCEMSF membership after they have left the collegiate setting. Three main objectives were identified:

- A) Networking - in today's turmoil of a job market, many people are realizing the value of professional networking. Networking takes select people with something in common and brings them together to help them fulfill certain needs. Job placement and referral based marketing are among the most common.
- B) Mentoring - in both directions. Some alums would like a mentor in the field they wish to pursue (i.e., a med student and a doctor) and some miss that opportunity to give something back and be that mentor to another NCEMSF member.

- C) Professional development - NCEMSF conferences are wonderful speaking opportunities. As an alumna or alumnus, you already have a common bond with the audience that you can leverage. We will continue to encourage alumni speakers to present workshops at future NCEMSF conferences.

We are depending on our current and past members to play a vital part in the future of NCEMSF.

If you are a current student, please make sure you keep your online membership profile updated and that you remain in contact with us after you graduate. If you are a chief, captain, coordinator, president, or advisor, please help keep your organization in contact with your alumni. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, they are a valuable resource to you. NCEMSF will help you establish programs to keep your alumni involved.

If you are an alumna or alumnus, please make sure we have all your current information so that we can keep in touch. Also please send us announcements of what you are up to in your life so we can share the good news.

Lastly if you can help on the alumni advisory committee, please drop us a line. You can reach us at alumni@ncemsf.org.



Awards Presented at the 11th NCEMSF Conference

The following awards were presented on Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the 11th Annual NCEMSF Conference in Baltimore, Maryland:

- Collegiate EMS Provider of the Year – Ana Papsin of Santa Clara University EMS
- Collegiate EMS Advisor of the Year – Debbie Wilson of Loyola University EMS
- Collegiate EMS Organization of the Year – Penn State University EMS
- Collegiate EMS Web Site of the Year – Villanova University EMS
- George J. Koenig, Jr. Service Award – Anna Johnson of University of Vermont Rescue

Five schools were recognized for the outstanding quality of their EMS organizations with the NCEMSF "Striving for Excellence in Campus EMS" recognition. They were:

- The George Washington Emergency Medical Response Group
- Harpur's Ferry Student Volunteer Ambulance Service – Binghamton University
- Syracuse University Ambulance Service
- Rochester Institute of Technology Ambulance
- University of Rhode Island

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