



# DUKE UNIVERSITY EMS



## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



### Hello Alumni!

Welcome to the Fall 2019 Duke University EMS Alumni Newsletter! We are pleased to keep you informed of the current affairs of DUEMS Squad. As we continue to grow into our roll in event medicine, there have been many opportunities for growth both within squad in the Duke and Durham community. Here are a few updates!

I initially want to introduce myself. My name is Carolina Sierra and I am the incoming Human Resources Officer this spring. I am a junior at Duke studying Neuroscience and Italian. I am happy to attend to any questions, comments, or serve as a point of contact for our current Duke EMS students. Please feel free to email me at [diana.sierra@duke.edu](mailto:diana.sierra@duke.edu).

Additionally, we encourage you to update our alumni spreadsheet on page 5 with your current information and whether you would be willing to have Duke EMS members contact you for career advice or to intern/shadow with you.

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## What we've been up to...

This past fall semester on Duke EMS was characterized by growth. As an organization, our relationship with Duke Life Flight has developed to include not only partnership during events, but also mentorship through ride-along opportunities. Additional ride-along opportunities with varying EMS departments in the area have allowed members to gain valuable 911-related experiences, which have strengthened our member's ability as providers.

The development of squad has been highlighted by the introduction of multiple committees that aim to assist the Officer Corps on internal matters. Some committees that are currently active include the SOP Committee, the Constitutional Review Committee, and the Recruitment, Interviews and Deliberations Committee. These committees have increased member participation and assures that anyone on DUEMS can be involved in organizational matters on squad!



*Members Luca Calero, Dominic Tanzillo, John Bokman and Jenny Zheng stand in K-ville while working a Duke basketball game.*



*Members of Duke EMS and LifeFlight stand in front of the Duke Chapel before beginning their shift on the Last Day of Class.*

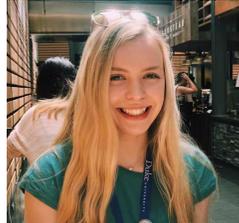
## New AEMT Class!

Through the collaboration between Duke EMS and Durham Technical Community College, a new A-EMT Certification course has been made available to the medical community of Duke and Durham! Currently, six members of squad are enrolled in this course which takes place after regular class hours two days a week. The instructor for this course is currently our very own Director Kayla Corredera-Wells.

The need for this class arose from the desire of many members on squad to obtain a more advanced certification, giving them an opportunity to improve their skills and expand their scope of practice. This class will hopefully continue in the semesters to come for future squad members to participate in!

## Introducing our New Members!

This past fall, Duke EMS grew to include 10 wonderful new members on squad. This application cycle was one of the most competitive and selective cycles that Duke EMS has ever had! These new members have become very involved on squad through working events, becoming CPR instructors, working on breakout committees and even joining the Officer Corps this semester!



*Soren Christensen*

*Harrison Chen*

*Alyssa Nelson*

*Kendall Likosar*

*Trudy Zou*

*Kees Heetderks*

*Margaret Gaw*

*Adam Roitman*

*Eden Deng*

*Ryan Sellers*



## Officer Corps Updates

The spring semester is a time of change on squad as we welcome on our new Officer Corps members elected this past fall. The incoming and outgoing officers will be working closely together these next few weeks to ease the transition and develop the new wave of leadership on Duke EMS.

This year there is representation from every class at Duke on our team of officers! This includes members who have been on squad for more than two years and a handful of new members that joined this past semester. Under this new leadership, we are looking forward to the growth that this following semester will bring!

### Officer Corps 2020-2021

Director: John Bokman

Assistant Director: Kayla Roche

Compliance Officer: Jenny Zheng

Training Officer: Alyssa Nelson

Finance Officer: Melanie Holmes

Human Resources Officer: Carolina Sierra

CPR Officer: Coleman Davis

Operations Officer: Claire Parker

Personnel Officer: Kendall Likosar

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## Member of the Issue: Ralph Lawton

*As DUEMS assistant director, Ralph has been a key figure in restructuring our squad after recent changes. He has been a great leader as a field training officer and always a voice of encouragement to everyone on this team.*

*Why did you originally join Duke EMS?*

I initially joined because I was trying to figure out if I enjoyed patient care and EMS is one of the only ways that you can experience having a patient in front of you. You don't really get to do this in other types of medical volunteering. I also really love just being there for someone in a time of need.

*What is your favorite part about being on squad?*

I have gotten to work with a lot of cool, passionate and interesting people! It has been amazing to see how squad has grown over the years and how I am now able to serve the younger members in the way that I learned from the people that came before me.

*What are your goals as assistant director?*

My goal has been trying to formalize everything, trying to put everything on paper and get everything standardized and structured on squad. It's important to make everything sustainable so we can grow into our new relationship with Life Flight.

*What was your most memorable Duke EMS moment?*

When we were doing 911 calls, before our night shifts, we would get dinner with our squad. I remember my first shift; I was a pre-cadet. Seeing how much the members cared about the organization was amazing, then getting to watch them in action was great. I saw these people that were not much older than me take medical care so seriously.

*What are your plans after graduation?*

I have been working on health economics and aging research with a team based in Indonesia for the past 2 years. I will be going back into the field after I graduate while getting my PhD. I'm pretty excited!



### **Majors:**

Economics

### **Minors:**

Chemistry

### **Hobbies:**

Archery, Hiking +  
Backpacking

### **Favorite Book:**

Lord of the Rings

### **Favorite Artist:**

Cage The Elephant

# Alumni Resources

## Alumni Spreadsheet:

We have created a spreadsheet containing information of our alumni with hopes that it will enable you all to easily contact each other and stay connected with Duke EMS. Please fill out updated information for yourself and blanks for people you may know in similar graduation years. Additionally, please fill out the last column asking whether you would be willing to have a Duke EMS member intern or shadow under you (especially if you are in the Durham area)!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GgcyK0tkSu8Fc\\_xr8Y3-xeDyygHPh-CjrQVmZe8iIPQ/edit](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GgcyK0tkSu8Fc_xr8Y3-xeDyygHPh-CjrQVmZe8iIPQ/edit)

## Facebook Group:

A Facebook group exclusively for Duke EMS alumni was created for easy access to the Duke EMS alumni network. Feel free to post interesting articles, job offers, let everyone know if you are moving to a new city, etc. This can be a very open and interactive space for communication or whatever you all want to make out of it!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dukeemsalumni/>

## Website:

Please refer to our webpage for more resources and information about services we currently offer.

<http://www.dukeems.org/>

## Donations:

Donations to Duke EMS are not tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation to Duke EMS, checks should be made out to Duke University and mailed to:

301 Swift Ave. Apt 3  
Durham, NC 27705

## ALUMNI WEEKEND 2020

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Duke EMS!

This spring, we would like to celebrate 25 years of Duke EMS with as many alumni as possible. Please let us know if you might be planning to visit Duke during Alumni Weekend (April 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>) using the form below:

<https://forms.gle/4Rt7bm8skTkiGo9A8>

### Let us know if you are in town!

Current Duke EMS members would be happy to show you everything new on campus or grab a coffee/meal and chat about your experiences, life after Duke, and more! Email [diana.sierra@duke.edu](mailto:diana.sierra@duke.edu) to organize your visit.

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