



It's time to recognize and honor the amazing work of our chapters with the AFCEA Chapter Awards!

For more information about the criteria for each award please visit

<https://www.afcea.org/afcea-international-awards-program>

★ **Model Emerging Leader Program Recognition:** This program measures the strength, growth and activities of a chapter's Emerging Leader program over the fiscal year. All chapters must submit their goals online by October 17.

★ **Emerging Leader Chapter of the Year Award:** Given to the top chapter in each size category that has most significantly contributed to the professional development of the Emerging Leaders by providing a forum of programs and initiatives geared to their unique needs.



★ **Distinguished Young Professional:** This award recognizes exceptional performance in four areas: leadership and guidance in the Emerging Leader program, technical achievement in the professional arena, a record of going above and beyond at the chapter or region level and mentoring provided to other Emerging Leaders.

★ **Emerging Leadership:** Given to a previous Distinguished Young Professionals award winner who has demonstrated continuous leadership and exceptional service to AFCEA at the local, chapter and international level.

WELCOME AFCEA INTERNATIONAL'S NEW EMERGING LEADERS COORDINATOR!

Veronica Snell is the newest member of the AFCEA International team, working as the Emerging Leaders coordinator. She will be supporting the Membership team at AFCEA headquarters by overseeing the Emerging Leaders program. She is passionate and dedicated to the growth of the Emerging Leaders and is here to support the young leaders in AFCEA. If you have any questions regarding the Emerging Leaders program, including regional and chapter items, please reach out to her directly at vsnell@afcea.org.




TechNet Augusta

August 15 – 18, 2022 | Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center | Augusta, GA

EMERGING LEADERS PANEL TNA 2023 –Parker Woods



On Tuesday, August 15, during TechNet Augusta, the AFCEA International Emerging Leaders held a Disruptive by Design Panel on beneficial uses for artificial intelligence. Melanie McCarthy (portfolio manager, Maximus) led the panel of industry experts in a conversation addressing data-centric architectures and software tools for best handling sensitive data in theatre, in networks and in the Cloud. Our speakers included Dondre Lawson, CEO, Emerald Technical Solutions; Alec Longarzo, client solutions director, eSimplicity; Justine McDonald senior cybersecurity specialist, AT&T; Mike Williams, cyber engineer, Metronome; and Anthony Zech, director of data and AI, ECS. The panel discussed how to use AI-based cyber solutions responsibly and securely. The session was approved for several continuing education credits.



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CO-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We hope everyone is staying cool! We know we are all ready for the Fall!

First of all, congratulations to Allison Hansard for her recent promotion to AFCEA Inclusion and Diversity Manager. We greatly appreciate all that she has done to help drive growth within the Emerging Leaders over the past year. We are pleased to welcome Veronica Snell as our new Emerging Leaders coordinator. Veronica will be our new POC at AFCEA International headquarters and we look forward to working with her Again, welcome to the team, Veronica!

Regarding the Disruptive by Design Panel at TechNet Augusta conference mentioned above, we want to highlight and thank Parker Woods, Jon Stressing and the EL Events planning committee for coordinating a highly relevant discussion.

It's never too early to start planning for WEST 2024, February 13-15 in San Diego, CA. This year's theme, "Are Acquisition and Readiness on Pace to Meet Global Security Demands?" We will hold our business meetings on Monday, February 12, and will wrap up with a dinner reception to celebrate our award winners. Speaking of award winners, our next awards cycle is approaching quickly and will include two EL-specific awards, the Distinguished Young Professional (DYP) Award and the Emerging Leadership (EL) Award. The nomination period will open on or around September 12th and will close on or around October 16th. Reach out to your local chapter or let us know if you need assistance with your nomination.

The DYP Award recognizes and rewards exceptional performance in four areas: leadership and guidance for the Emerging Leaders program; superior technical achievement in the professional arena; a record of going "above and beyond" at the local AFCEA chapter or region level; and mentoring provided for other Emerging Leaders. As a follow on to DYP, the EL Award is given for exceptional service to AFCEA at the local chapter level and/or AFCEA International level. This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated continuous leadership in Emerging Leader activities since winning the Distinguished Young AFCEAN (DYA) or Distinguished Young Professional (DYP) Award.

If you are interested in getting more involved in Emerging Leaders at the international level, we would love to get you plugged in to one of our committees. We are always looking for motivated volunteers to join our leadership. Also, if you are not plugged in with a local AFCEA chapter, we'd love to help you find a home. If you'd like to learn more about how you can get involved, please reach out to us at justin.newell@lmi.org, stephanie.hutch@makaidefense.com.

-Justin Newell and Stephanie Hutch



EMERGING LEADERS

Upcoming Events

- ★ TechNet Europe:
Oct 3-4, 2023
- ★ Alamo Ace 2023:
Nov 14-17, 2023
- ★ TechNet Indo-Pacific:
Nov 7-9, 2023



Attention

We are looking for outstanding Emerging Leaders to be featured in future issues of the Newsletter! If you know someone in your chapter you think should be highlighted please email vsnell@afcea.org.



If you are interested in learning more or in contributing by authoring an article please reach out to Veronica Snell at AFCEA International at vsnell@afcea.org.

Be sure to check out the September issue of SIGNAL for an amazing article written by an Emerging Leader, Carole Coburn, titled "What Does Work Look Like in 20 Years?"

