



Fire & Emergency Services Update

Special points of interest:

- Enrollment reached 114 students for fall 2014
- Graduated 24 students 2013-2014
- Anderson won the Dr. Booker Juma Award
- Anderson admitted to MS program at National Defense University
- Russo earned Ph.D.
- Earned FESHE Recognition in Spring of 2014.
- Students completed two more mission trips to South America delivering fire equipment and medical supplies.
- Several students received promotions upon earning their B.S. degrees.

FESA Program Reaches Record Enrollment

The Fire & Emergency Services Administration degree program has been awarded FESHE (Fire 7 Emergency Services Higher Education) Recognition effective the Spring of 2014.

Students earn reciprocity from the National Fire Academy for 9 of the program's 13 required courses.

The program has reached new enrollment records with 114 students this fall, a sharp increase from the 22 students enrolled in the Fall of 2012.

In other news, Program Director Barbara R. Russo completed her doctorate at Oklahoma State University after successful defending her dissertation titled *Breaking Down Barriers: Women Firefighters' Strategies for Advancement in*



the Fire Service. She becomes the first firefighter to earn a doctorate from the program.

Russo was also among three Government and History Faculty members to earn a Top 10 Advisor Award for the University. She was joined by colleagues Dr. R. Malhotra and Dr. L. Tomlinson.



Ramsey leads fire equipment mission to Guatemala

FESA student Joe Ramsey is affiliated with TASR Global Gear Initiative which provides countries with used fire and medical equipment. The group has delivered apparatus, turnout gear and medical equipment to countries without the resources to support fire and emergency services. You can read more about the organization on its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tasrglobalgearinitiative>. They are in need of donations of used and serviceable equipment that can be brought down to South America. This is an outstanding demonstration of how our students contribute locally and globally. Way to go guys!