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NOVA Young AFCEANS Win Awards from AFCEA Intl

Emerging Leader Award

Chris Cannavaro, Booz Allen Hamilton

Chris Cannavaro a Senior Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton, dedicates an exceptional amount of time and energy in support of the Northern Virginia Chapter. During the 2005-2006 year, Chris served as primary planner for the Mentor-Protégé night, coordinating government and industry executive leaders to speak about their career success to Young AFCEAN members from Northern Virginia, Washington and Bethesda Chapters. Chris was a key planner for the November Chapter Luncheon honoring the U. S. Marine Corps. Chris scheduled and received the Marine Corps Color Guard, managed the process to identify the youngest and oldest Marine present for the traditional cake cutting ceremony, and coordinated the requirements and logistics for the Guest speaker, BG George Allen, USMC. Chris participated in all planning meetings for the Naval IT Day committee.. He scheduled and coordinated the Marine Corps Color Guard, Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps and Chaplin of the Marine Corps for the event, and He was the coordinator for the Government display booths in the networking area, soliciting multiple commands and agencies, identifying technology and space requirements, coordinating logistics with the host hotel, and providing on-site coordination for booth attendants. Chris also served as the Young AFCEAN coordinator for the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament, creating and implementing a new Putting Contest that raised the quality of the entire event and increased revenue for the chapter. In addition, Chris dedicated his personal time to assist other Young AFCEANS in many other chapter events throughout the year, including distribution of marketing materials for Air Force IT Day and Army IT Day, planning networking socials for the Young AFCEANS, and distribution of brochures at all monthly luncheons. Chris represented the NOVA Chapter at AFCEA West where he was awarded the Distinguished Young AFCEAN Award and participated in the Young AFCEAN Advisory Council planning sessions.

Chris serves as Chair of the NOVA Young AFCEANS for 2006-2007. He planned an aggressive calendar of events for the NOVA Young AFCEANS, averaging 3-4 events per month and has successfully recruited many peers to volunteer as leaders and coordinators for each of these events. He participates in Chapter Board meetings where he represents the view of the younger chapter members.. Chris created a detailed budget for YAFCEAN activities for the Chapter's VP of Membership. Chris planned and coordinated all logistics for the NOVA chapter Young AFCEANS Kick-off Mixer where he conducted an introductory presentation on the Young AFCEAN mission, goals, and activities planned throughout the 2006-2007 year. He successfully

Upcoming Events:

January 11, 2007 (Thu) --
[Monthly Luncheon w/ VADM Mark Edwards, Dep. CNO for N6, USN](#)

January 17, 2007 (Tue) --
[Air Force IT Day](#)

Recent Events:

December 8, 2006 (Fri) --
[Monthly Luncheon w/ Hon Jay Cohen \(RADM, USN, Ret\), Undersecretary for Science & Technology, DHS](#)

FY07 Corporate Table Holders:



coordinated two joint events with the Ft. Belvoir Chapter and Washington Chapter Young AFCEANs, building sound, cooperative relationships between Young AFCEAN Organizations.

Chris uses his position as chair to lead the Young AFCEANs in support of many of the chapter's goals including fostering growth of Government personnel among its membership and increasing volunteerism among the chapter's various committees. His leadership, dedication to the AFCEA mission, and selfless devotion of his own time and talent are an invaluable asset to the Northern Virginia Chapter and its Young AFCEAN membership.

Distinguished Young AFCEAN

Sumi Krishnan, K4 Solutions

Sumi is our top Young AFCEAN. Polished and smart, Sumi is the kind of young leader and contributor needed in AFCEA to make it grow.

Already a major contributor to AFCEA NOVA, Sumi volunteered as the Monthly Luncheon Script Manager, the most demanding and time consuming job on the Monthly Luncheon Committee. Each month AFCEA NOVA puts on a luncheon for 350 to 500 guests with a senior DOD official or flag officer as speaker. Our lunch program starts with a patriotic opening sequence, and then presents information to educate our members on AFCEA International programs, scholarships, and regional AFCEA events. As a part of this program, we frequently integrate our community outreach program of educational grants, science teaching tools, and recognitions of Chapter member contributions and new corporate member in order to demonstrate our commitment to the ideals of AFCEA. This program requires extraordinary dedication in collecting data, compiling information, and producing the 20+ page script and corresponding presentation—all by virtual meetings.

So far this year, AFCEA NOVA's three monthly luncheons have had flawless coordination and transparent script support provided by Sumi. From the September Luncheon where we presented Educational Grants to the local community college to a special luncheon program in honor of the US Marine Corps Birthday and salute to Veterans, each luncheon ran exactly according to schedule and script—all developed and coordinated by Sumi.

She coordinates multiple reviews in the development of the script and presentation with the Luncheon Committee and Board Members, including final review with the Chapter President. The Luncheon Committee Chairman has remarked on several occasions that "we could not get this done without Sumi's support." Remarkably, the Script Manager is usually a more seasoned Chapter member, who from their years of attending the luncheons has an innate understanding of the programs.

Despite her busy schedule as the President of her company, K4 Solutions – 200 people and projected revenues of \$10M, Sumi often takes on additional challenges as part of the Luncheon Committee including volunteering to track down small but important and often elusive information in coordinating all aspects of the audio-visual

presentation. She is active with the Young AFCEANs, consistently volunteering at Army, Navy, and Air Force IT Days and organizing the Young AFCEAN mentor/protégé night.

Her contributions in the Chapter were recently recognized with her being named SuperNOVA for October, a distinction that is given to a different AFCEA NOVA volunteer each month to highlight their support of chapter programs and events. It is not often a Young AFCEAN receives this award, but in Sumi's case it was very well deserved.

Sumi has a great “can-do” attitude with her fellow Lunch Committee teammates and Young AFCEANS; her positive approach and her willingness to help out in any endeavor make her a model volunteer and clearly deserving of the title—Distinguished Young AFCEAN. She exemplifies the AFCEA Core Values of Ethics, Visionary Leadership, Commitment, Quality, Education and Diversity, and is poised to take on additional leadership roles within the Chapter.

Distinguished Young AFCEAN

Stefanie Coburn, World Wide Technology

Stefanie Coburn has been an active member of AFCEA NOVA and the Young AFCEANS since 2001, contributing time and energy in multiple ways. Stefanie is a faithful volunteer for all of the IT Days hosted by the Chapter, participating in preparation of 800+ giveaway bags and helping during the event. Stefanie not only shows up herself, but recruits new volunteers to assist.

Stefanie served as a key contributor to the 2006 AFCEA NOVA Golf Tournament, playing a critical role at the registration desk to promote and register players for the new Putting Contest. This had a direct impact on the participation and quality of the Tournament. Stefanie is a dependable resource for the Chapter's Monthly Luncheons. Stefanie continually helps at the registration table, a laborious and hectic job each month due to the numbers of attendees that arrive within a small window of time. Stefanie handles the job exceptionally well. Additionally, she routinely recruits others to join her.

Stefanie contributes to the NOVA chapter in multiple ways. While employed at Sunset Learning, Stefanie actively promoted the benefits and values of AFCEA Membership to her Executive Leadership and decision authority, resulting in Sunset Learning becoming a Corporate AFCEA member.

She actively volunteered for TechNet 2005 in the AFCEA Promotion Booth to promote membership and articulate the value of the organization.

Stefanie regularly and actively promotes AFCEA activities at her workplace. This has already resulted in greater participation from World Wide Technology. For the Young AFCEAN 2006-2007 Kick-Off Social Event, Stefanie introduced six new World Wide Technology co-workers to the organization which resulted in new Young AFCEA members, who volunteered for several chapter activities throughout the year. She makes a conscious effort to promote the value of the Young AFCEAN program and its activities throughout across her professional and personal networks as evident by her recognition among the Young AFCEANs Membership.

Stefanie was the February 2006 NOVA Young AFCEAN of the Month and in September 2006 was the only YAFCEAN asked to serve on the Education Committee of AFCEA International

Stefanie attended Auburn University. She became involved with AFCEA while working for Albert Spaulding, at ARS, former President of Washington DC Chapter. At ARS, Stefanie was responsible for developing Information Technology Training Programs for the DoD, primarily focused on Cisco Systems technologies. She received the Employee of the Year award for 2003. She left ARS to head the Federal Training Division at Sunset Learning where she was responsible for creating training packages to include IP Communications, Security and Enterprise Networking. She was actively involved in developing Next Generation Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) Training curriculum to meet the federal mandate for transition in support of DISA, SPAWAR, Army CIO-G6 and the Air Force Communications Agency. She received the CEO's Rising Star award for 2005. Currently, Stefanie is the Practice Lead for Training Services at World Wide Technology, where she develops training programs to meet the technology needs of customers such as the JCSE, SOCOM, CENTCOM, DISA and NORTHCOM.

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