

## Kay C. Goss Innovation & Technology Award

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### Award Overview

The Kay C. Goss Innovation & Technology Award recognizes exceptional innovation and contributions to advancing emergency management education and practice through the use of technology. Sponsored by Arkansas Tech University, this prestigious annual award honors educators and practitioners who embody the pioneering spirit of Kay C. Goss by integrating emerging technologies into teaching, inspiring professional growth, and promoting the development of emergency management programs.

This award is named after Kay C. Goss, whose distinguished career in emergency management includes her leadership role as Associate Director of FEMA under James Lee Witt. Following the 1994 Oklahoma City Bombing, Goss launched the FEMA Higher Education Program, which laid the foundation for the development of degree programs in emergency management nationwide. Arkansas Tech University, the first institution to offer a degree as part of this initiative, presented the inaugural Kay C. Goss Innovation & Technology Award in 2018.

### Award Criteria

The Effective Candidate Should Demonstrate the Following Qualities:

- A record of regular participation in the Annual FEMA Higher Education Symposium.
- Outstanding teaching effectiveness both within and outside the classroom, utilizing emerging technologies.
- The ability to inspire, promote, and develop emergency management programs, professors, and students through innovative methods.
- Professional contributions to the field of emergency management.

### Nominations

To Make A Nomination: Send a letter addressing how the nominee meets the award criteria listed above. The nomination can be written by a dean, director, chair, or colleague; self-nominations are also accepted.

### Submission Details

The submission deadline is May 1. Self-nominations are welcome. Submit the application packet to

[EM.AWARDS@ATU.EDU](mailto:EM.AWARDS@ATU.EDU).

### Past Award Recipients:

2018	Kay Goss
2019	DeeDee Bennet
2020	none-COVID
2021	Carol Cwiak
2022	Claire Knox
2023	Steve Jensen
2024	Keven Kupietz
2025	Dave McEntire