East Carolina University ICMA Student Chapter

Annual Report 2014–2015

Life, Well Run Beginnings:

East Carolina University inaugurated its ICMA Student Chapter in August of 2014. The initial funding of the organization was rewarded for placing 3rd in the Life, Well Run annual ICMA Student Chapter video competition. The video clip was submitted by Henry Boyd, who is also the founding president of ECU ICMA Student Chapter. Henry was also able attend the ICMA 100th Annual National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina as part of the 3rd place prize.

News and Events:

Our student chapter members were very busy this year. Our events included networking in Chapel Hill, North Carolina with the UNC ICMA and App. State ICMA chapters. It was great to interact with other North Carolina schools and share ideas and experiences. ECU ICMA members also attended the North Carolina City and County Managers Winter Seminar where there were opportunities for speed coaching, networking and small group interaction that was very engaging.

East Carolina University sent two teams to the <u>2015 Social Entrepreneurship Competition</u> where the students presented their ideas to a panel of judges. One of those teams comprised of members of our own ECU ICMA Student Chapter who presented the idea for <u>ReBound</u>, <u>Ink</u>. A low-cost service close to campus could bind their course notes neatly for study and reference – while collecting those wasted pages, and repurposing them in a beautiful, affordable, upcycled journal.

On March 21st, 2015, ECU ICMA members Kellianne Davis and Sapna Varkey competed in the Georgia Student's for Public Administration annual policy competition at the University of Georgia, the 2nd ranked MPA program in the country, and placed 1st runner-up. Their topic concerned using eminent domain to revitalize historic small downtown communities.

We are very excited to learn that our own Jared Stalling, ECU ICMA Student Chapter Vice President was selected as a 2014-2015 ICMA Fellow and will be working for the City of Aurora, Colorado! ECU ICMA member Ashley Qualls was selected as an ICMA Fellow for the city of Rockingham, North Carolina! Congratulations to of you!

Looking Forward:

ECU ICMA has many exciting events already planned for the fall of 2015 including a student networking event, local government speakers, and the 2015 -2016 ICMA Life, Well Run video contest.