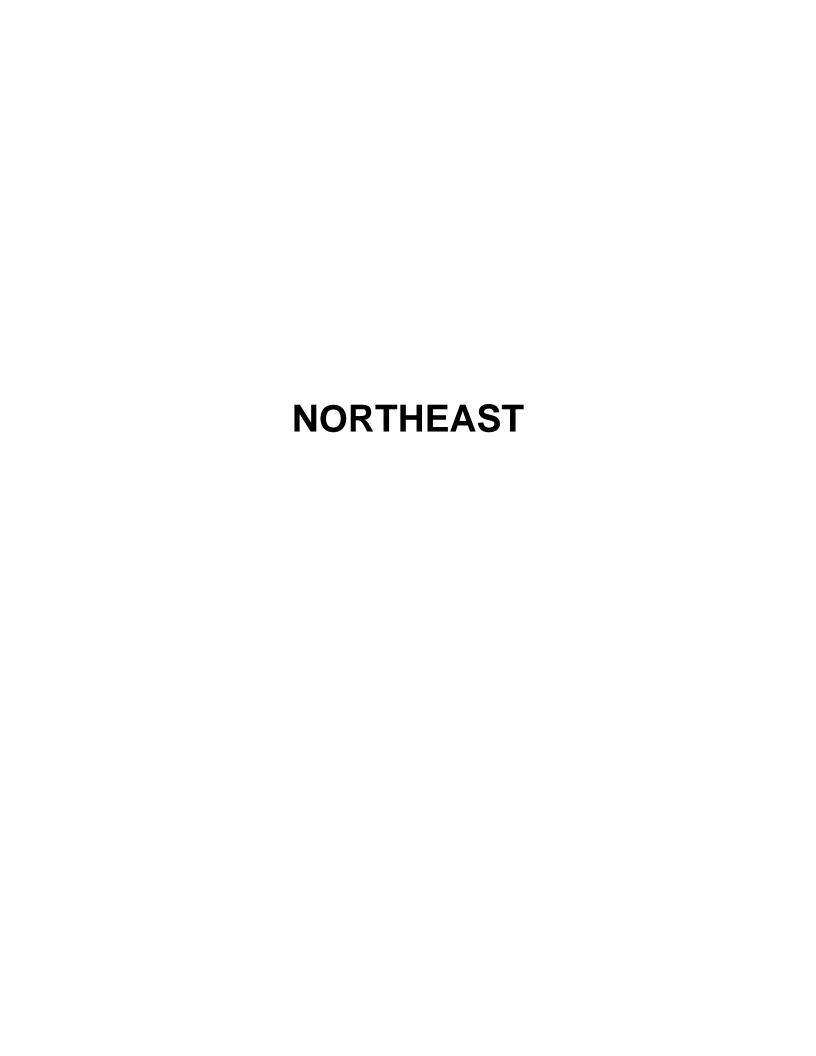
# ICMA student chapters

# 2018-2019 Annual Reports





# **ICMA** student chapter

# The George Washington University

# **Annual Report** 2018-2019

# **ICMA Conference**

#### October 2018

Our first annual conference was just up the road in Baltimore, and we carpooled each day to attend sessions and workshops and meet our fellow student chapters.

# Alexandria, VA

# January 2019

Tapping into our GW and ICMA alumni, we connected with the city of Alexandria for a private site visit and professional development panel at the city offices. We got down to the specifics on the unique challenges of local governance, career changes, and managing a city with one of the highest per capita rate of policy experts in the country.

# **City Planners Panel**

# **April 2019**

We partnered with the Center for Washington Area Studies to bring together the city planning directors from DC and the surrounding area. Open to the community, the event drew faculty and students from across the university along with press and local government enthusiasts.





# Chapter **News**

This year marks the inaugural year for the only ICMA student chapter in the Washington, DC metro area! We collaborated with local policy centers, city governments, and engaged an ICMA professional network excited to get involved. With our official school charter and funding in place, we hope to continue to grow in our second year of programming with new leadership, as the inaugural leadership team has graduated!

# **Chapter Officials**

President: Lora Adams Vice President: Rachel Shank Treasurer: Matthew Pickering Faculty Advisor: Nancy Augustine Mentor: Dennis Enslinger



# Suffolk University ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report 2018-2019



# **Chapter News**

The Suffolk University ICMA Student Chapter was able to take great strides during the 2018-19 academic year; establishing the chapter as a bona-fide organization among the MPA student body, rather than just the fledgling club that the organization had been in recent years. By the end of the 2018-19 academic year the chapter boasted 57 members, up from the 14 members that the chapter had in its inaugural year during the 2016-17 academic year.

In partnership with the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA), the National Center for Public Performance (NCPP), and the Suffolk University Institute for Public Service (IPS), the chapter was able to host two career panels this past academic year; where veteran municipal managers from the Greater Boston region, Maine, and Kansas City, MO were able to share their insights and experiences with chapter members and other interested Suffolk MPA students. Additionally, the chapter was able to send three members to the MMA Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Boston this past January, and one member was able to attend the 2018 ICMA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD.

# **Career Panels (Fall and Spring Semester Events)**

The highlights for our chapter this past year were undoubtedly the career panels; where seasoned municipal executives came to Suffolk to speak to chapter members and MPA students about what attracted them to the profession of municipal management, how they got to where they are today, and why they want to encourage others to pursue a rewarding career in local government. The speakers came from a wide-variety of backgrounds, and their comprehensive testimonies and responses to audience questions provided invaluable insight for attendees.



Acton, MA Town Manager John Mangiaratti fields a question from the audience, while Franklin, MA Town Administrator Jamie Hellen looks on.



# **MMA Annual Meeting and Trade Show**



Every year, the Massachusetts Municipal Association hosts a two-day event featuring educational workshops, nationally recognized speakers, awards programs, a large trade show, and an

opportunity to network with municipal officials from across the state. This event, billed as the largest gathering of local government officials in New England, boasts an impressive slate of keynote speakers, and this past year included Anna Maria Chavez, Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka, Former New England Patriot Matt Light, and Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, among others. The MMA extended conference scholarships to three chapter members in 2019, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the MMA in coordinating future events and opportunities for chapter members.

# **2018 ICMA Annual Conference**

Brendan Sweeney, the chapter's incoming President, was able to attend the 2018 ICMA Annual Conference through the assistance of ICMA's *Young Professional Scholarship*. The conference was an incredible learning and networking experience, and provided a great opportunity for a member of the chapter to network with local government leaders from all over the country. Additionally, the conference was a great forum to interact with ICMA student chapter members and leaders from other universities across the nation. We hope to again send members of the Suffolk University ICMA Chapter to the 2019 Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.



Incoming President Brendan Sweeney (back row, third from the right)

# **Looking Forward**

We hope to continue to build upon the growth that the chapter has experience recently in the coming academic year, and we understand that word-of-mouth among MPA students will be the best way to do so. The career panels, which so far have been excellent forums to showcase the profession of municipal management to those who otherwise would have little exposure to the field, will continue to be staple events offered by the chapter. In addition, we are looking to organize policy discussions regarding some of the most pressing issues facing municipalities in Massachusetts and around the nation, such as the availability of affordable housing and the rising cost of funding public education.

# **Chapter Officials**

**President**: Brendan Sweeney **Vice-President**: Kevin Hardiman **Treasurer**: Sean Donahue

Faculty Advisor: Brenda Bond, PhD

Mentor: Peter Lombardi – Brewster, MA Town Administrator

Click <u>here</u> to view the University of Delaware's 2018-2019 annual report.



# **Chapter News**

The ICMA student chapter at the University of Maryland is only a few months old, but is excited to gain new members and plan more events.

# Getting off the ground

Our chapter has held various interest meetings and has been fortunate to engage with numerous ICMA members, other than our mentor, who want to be involved and help us grow the chapter.

# Good Neighbor Day

Some members participated in this annual day of service in College Park, MD.

# Luncheon with City Administrators

On April 30, 2019 our chapter helped host a luncheon for city administrators from municipalities surrounding the University of Maryland. The luncheon was a great opportunity to engage with over 15 administrators and learn about career opportunities.

# Looking Forward

Over the next academic year our goal is to increase our chapter size and expand beyond government and politics and public policy students.

# **Chapter Officials**

Chapter President: Rachel Vierling
Chapter Treasurer: Jane Lyons
Faculty Advisor: Irwin Morris
ICMA Mentor: Scott Somers



# ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report 2018-2019

# **Chapter News**

This past year the UNH ICMA Student Chapter was busy recruiting students, planning events, and connecting students to local government professionals. This is the second year since the chapter was inaugurated. The group has been actively seeking opportunities to expose and attract MPA/MPP graduate students to local government, despite a growing interest and trend towards non-profit management.

Two students, Katharine Labrecque and Nick Campion, attended the ICMA National Conference in Baltimore where they attended a multitude of sessions and networked with other MPA/MPP and local government professionals.

The UNH ICMA Student Chapter continues to partner with the Municipal Management Association of New Hampshire in order to leverage mentorship, networking, and fellowship opportunities for students interested in local government.

### Behind the Scenes Exeter

In May, the chapter organized a behind the scenes event in the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire. Town Manager Russ Dean led students in a panel discussion with senior management and took students on tour of the Town, which included a new waste water treatment center, the downtown, and the TIF district. This was an engaging event that drew both students from the MPP/MPA program. This was the first time many students were exposed to municipal operations and local government more broadly.





# **City Manager Shadowing Opportunity**

Four students had the opportunity to shadow three different New Hampshire City Managers as part of a pilot program. The opportunity afforded students an in-depth look at the daily activities of a City Manager. Students sat in on meetings, toured municipal facilities, and learned about the challenges and opportunities facing the Manager's community.

# **Chapter Networking Opportunities**

To generate more participation, the chapter held a few networking events at the beginning and end of the school year. In addition, an alumni and student networking event was held in May that provided students the opportunity to connect with MPA alum actively working in local government.

# **Looking Forward**

In the upcoming school year, the chapter will continue to seek opportunities to increase membership. We plan to do this by planning events and activities that may leverage the larger student body, such as volunteer events. Lastly, we look forward to sending off a few students to ICMA National Conference in Nashville!

### **Chapter Officials**

President: Nick Campion
Faculty Advisor: Daniel Bromberg,
Mentor: Carlos Bias, Deputy City Manager,
Community Development Dir., City of Concord, NH



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# **ICMA Villanova University 2018-2019 Annual Report**

# **ICMA National Conference** September 2018

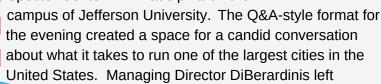


After taking second place in the 2018 Best Chapter Event Contest, four MPA students attended the 2018 ICMA National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, completely free. In addition to attending several keynote and topical sessions, the students also met other students at the student mixer and Pennsylvania-area managers at the annual APMM dinner.

# interest in working for the city, the chapter hosted City of Philadelphia Managing Director Michael DiBerardinis at the historic Arlen Specter Center in Philadelphia on the

In an effort to take advantage of

Villanova University's suburban Philadelphia location and students'



City of Philadelphia Managing

**Director Michael DiBerardinis** 

October 2018

the City of Philadelphia in December to transition to a career in teaching.

Members in 2018-2019





One of the Villanova chapter's goals is to connect students to careers in municipal management. The chapter partnered with the Bucks County and Montgomery County Consortium of Communities for a networking mixer. Nearly two dozen students and area managers discussed internships, issues, and ideas facing the area and the field.

# State of the City with Larry Eichel of Pew Charitable Trusts **April 2019**

On the eve of the release of the State of the City report issued by Pew Charitable Trusts, students were given a preview of the report from Larry Eichel,

Director of the Philadelphia Research Initiative. The event was the inaugural event of the

Frank and Gloria Wolek Speaker Series. Mr. Eichel shared data and insights showing the current state of the City of Philadelphia and surrounding region. The information was a charge to students about how they can take action in the coming years as they enter the field of municipal management. Larry and Mrs. Wolek also shared dinner with several students following the event to continue the conversation.

**ICMA** | student chapter

Villanova University

**Chapter President** 

**Chapter Vice President** 

**Chapter Advisor** Frances Burns, Villanova Adjunct Faculty

**Chapter Mentor** 

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Township Manager of Middletown Township (Bucks)







# **ICMA Student Chapter 2018-2019**

# **Appalachian State University**

The Appalachian State University ICMA Student Chapter had a very eventful year. The chapter had four meetings over the fall and spring semesters. In addition to Student Chapter attendance, members were involved in various local government conferences in North Carolina. Events attended outside the Student Chapter by our members include the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA), North Carolina Local Government Budget Association (NCLGBA), and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association.

#### Fall Semester

Unfortunately, the Appalachian State University Local Government Alumni Association's (ASULGAA) annual fall meeting in Boone, NC was canceled due to inclement weather caused by Hurricane Florence. The conference traditionally coincides with a golf tournament that raises money for the ASULGAA scholarship fund. The ICMA student chapter traditionally helps the alumni association with the event. The decision was made to move the conference to partner with the NCLGBA annual meeting in April.

# Spring Semester



Figure 1: Student Chapter members and Alumni enjoy a networking event after the North Carolina City and County Managers meeting in Winston Salem, NC

The highlight during the spring semester was the NCCMA Conference, where members attended various sessions that aided in professional development focused on local government administration. Student members in attendance included: our Student Chapter Faculty Advisor Robert Eskridge, Halee Ratcliff, Dylan Powell, Nolan Groce, Colt Jenson, Thomas Studnicky, and Pam Wilson. All students in attendance identified internship and job opportunities as a result of networking efforts. Members were also able to have an additional networking opportunity with alumni at a social hosted by the ASULGAA at Foothill brewery, pictured above. Chapter members were able to attend numerous panels that were focused on emerging issues in local government.

These panels were led by members of our alumni association that have been Town Managers, County Managers, and other roles in local and county government. The best part of these panels was the discussions that arose from the questions that our members asked the group.

The fall conference was actually held during the first week of April in Clemmons, NC. Fewer students from the main Boone campus were able to attend the conference due to the proximity of the location to campus. However, several ICMA students who attend the satellite campus in Winston-Salem were able to attend. Additionally, students who are not members of the IMCA student chapter attended due to an outreach effort made by Halee Ratcliff and Dr. Eskridge. ICMA student chapter members Dylan Powell,

Halee Ratcliff, Jeff Sedlacek, and Sarah Lapish assisted with the scholarship golf tournament that took place at Bermuda Run County Club.

Student chapter meetings involved visits from speakers. The Student Chapter would like to thank alumni for their mentorship. Visiting speakers include: Brian Pahle (City of Hendersonville), Paarth Mehta (Catawba County), John Ward (Town of Boone), Ken Noland (Town of Wilkesboro), Seth Eckart (Town of Valdese), Jerry Church (Town of Granite Falls), Mike Peoples (City of Gastonia), James Inman (Bessemer City), and Lane Bailey (City of Salisbury). The most enjoyable speaker was John Eller from Davie County. Mr. Eller spoke to members about a new performance based budgeting approach Davie County is implementing. Mr. Eller showed members the County's strategic plan and how each budgeting decision made was influenced by the strategic plan the public helped craft.



Figure 2: Several Student Chapter members were recipients of ASULGAA scholarships during the spring semester

# **Summary**

The Appalachian State ICMA Student Chapter is fortunate to have a strong relationship with program alumni. Our members are constantly provided development opportunities in local government. Notable speakers who interacted with the Student Chapter include members of federal, state, and local



Figure 3: ASU IMCA Student Chapter is fortunate to have access to many networking events with those in public administration like the one pictured above

government. Students enjoy frequent communications with our strong alumni base. Our alumni truly add value to our student chapter and help produce a great new generation of local government leaders. However, we are working on different ways to increase membership by reaching out to all of the students in our program, especially students in our satellite cohorts. We also working on potential opportunities that allow our members to attend the ICMA Annual conference and other professional development opportunities. Our chapter strives to continue providing our members with quality professional development opportunities that supplement our public administration education.

**Chapter officials:** 

**President:** Halee Ratcliff

1st Vice President: Dylan Powell

Student Chapter Faculty Advisor: Robert Eskridge

Student Chapter Mentor: Kenneth Noland



To: Kea'erra Wilson From: Jonathan M. Fisk RE: AY 2017-2018

The ICMA-Auburn Student Chapter has successfully completed its third full year. As part of our chapter's agreement with ICMA, this report summarizes our events. I should note that we have deliberately focused on reaching out to MPA students, career/job market preparation, and are recruiting undergraduate political science and public administration students. We are excited to notify ICMA that Auburn University is offering a class on local governments to undergraduate students. I have already been in touch with the instructor and have agreed to speak to the class.

Below we have summarized our events and student participation:

Event & Student Participation		
Kickoff Pizza Party	16	
Economic Development Workshop	10	
City of Opelika Infrastructure Tour	6	
Professional Development Workshop	9	
Christmas Party	8	
ACCMA Conference	3	
Welcome Back Event - Draft House	9	
Regional ICMA Conference	2	
ICMA Fellow Prep/Job Prep	2	
Baseball Tailgate	8	
Ethics Webinar	4	
Ice Cream Social	12	

We also have been fortunate to have received a Chapter Scholarship so that two students could attend ICMA's Southeastern Regional Summit. We also created, edited (with feedback from the practitioner community), and printed a local government career planning guidebook, which is available to all of our members and updated annually.

Throughout this academic year, our students have engaged with practitioners on and off campus. I am proud to summarize their post-Auburn opportunities below:

# Auburn MPA Graduates - Permanent Job Placements (ICMA Chapter Members)

- Tayler Hames for being named the Grant Specialist/Planner at the Coastal Regional Commission in Georgia
- Emily Hale for being named the Budget and Grants Coordinator with the State of Tennessee Economic and Community Development's Administration and Operations Division (was offered a LGMF position in Douglasville GA as well)
- Mary Katherine Pittman for joining Teach for America
- Brian Massey for joining the AL Governor's Policy Team



# ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2018-2019)



Augusta University's MPA program has students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. We have students who just received their bachelor's degrees and students who are professionals with significant experience in public service. We're a small program with around 60 students, but we're projected to grow in the future. We're expanding our program's offerings through innovative curriculum options, networking, and professional organizations. Housing a student chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) increases the opportunities for our students and helps the program network with public servants in the field.

#### ICMA Chapter Mixer and MPA Alumni Reception

In Augusta 2018, we organized a networking reception for our ICMA chapter, MPA students, and alumni. The event included leaders of our Student Association and key university leaders, such as the deans of our Graduate School and our home college, Pamplin College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Department of Social Sciences and MPA Program



# **Recruitment and Networking**

Members of the ICMA student chapter helped the MPA program director with two recruitment events. The members were involved in educating undergraduate students and the general public about the benefits of the Augusta University MPA.

The chapter encouraged students to attend the Georgia City/County Managers Association's Spring 2019 meeting. Two of our MPA students attended the event.

# **Town and Gown Speaker Event**

The ICMA student chapter worked with the MPA program to cosponsor the program's Spring 2019 Town and Gown speaker event. The speaker series offers talks on issues that are relevant to Augusta University and the broader community.

In Spring 2019, our program hosted Dr. Laura Meadows, who is the Executive Director of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia.

# **Future Plans**

Looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year, we hope to grow the Augusta University ICMA Student Chapter.

The leadership of the chapter has waxed and waned. The MPA program director will work with the Student Association to help ensure that there is strong student leadership for the ICMA Student Chapter.

In Fall 2019, the ICMA Student Chapter will cosponsor a talk by Deke Copenhaver, a former mayor of Augusta, Georgia and author of a recent *Forbes* on leadership.

Department of Social Sciences and MPA Program

# Florida Gulf Coast University ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2018-2019)

# **Chapter News**

Florida Gulf Coast University's ICMA Chapter has grown to 14 members. The Chapter hosted two FCCMA Sessions on campus. Student Chapter members attended the FCCMA Conference for a third straight year, one of whom received a \$5,000 scholarship award. The Chapter held eight full meetings, inviting local government managers as guest speakers at two meetings.

# Sept 28: FCCMA Fall Onsite Training Session

The ICMA Student Chapter hosted FCCMA's Fall Training Session at Florida Gulf Coast University. The topic was "Local Government and Nonprofit Collaborations: Innovations in Providing Local Government Services." ICMA Student Chapter members Ashlie Clopein and John Meyer moderated the event. A panel of local government leaders from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, and Sarasota counties, Naples, Arcadia, and Wauchula.



ICMA Student Chapter and City/County Managers at FCCMA Training - 9/28/18

# **Apr 12: FCCMA Spring Onsite Training Session**

The ICMA Student Chapter hosted FCCMA's Spring Onsite Training Session at Florida Gulf Coast University. The topic was "Professional Management: Ethical Challenges in 2019." ICMA Student Chapter members Ashlie Clopein and John Meyer moderated the event. A distinguished panel of local government leaders from Lee, Collier, Charlotte, and Sarasota counties, Naples, Arcadia, and Wauchula.



ICMA Student Chapter and City/County Managers at FCCMA Training - 4/12/19



# Jan 15 Guest: Estero Village Manager, Steven Sarkozy

Village Manager Steven Sarkozy attended a chapter meeting as a guest speaker to discuss his journey in city management.

# Feb 19 Guest: Naples City Manager Charles Chapman

City Manager Charles Chapman attended a chapter meeting as a guest speaker to discuss local government issues and topics.

# 2019 FCCMA Annual Conference in Orlando, FL

Six ICMA Student Chapter Members traveled to Orlando to attend the 2019 FCCMA Annual Conference to join Florida's city and county managers in conference sessions and events.



Naples City Manager. Charles Chapman, John Meyer, Dr. Robert Lee, Eli Lee, Brett McFarlane, Naples Asst. City Manager Roger Reinke at FCCMA Conference - 5/30/19

# **FCCMA Scholarship Winner**

Eli Lee received FCCMA's Raymond C. Sittig Scholarship of \$5,000, all-expense paid trip to the FCCMA Annual Conference, and one-year complimentary membership to FCCMA and ICMA.



FCCMA President Michael Cernech, FGCU Student Eli Lee, Michael Sittig - 5/30/19

# **Chapter Officials**

President: John C. Meyer II Secretary: Kevin Lemos Vice Pres: Charlotte Bingham Treasurer: Alexandra Sao

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert E. Lee, FGCU Professor

Mentor: Charles T. Chapman IV, City Manager of Naples, FL

# ICMA University Annual Report (2018 - 2019)

# **ICM∆** student chapter

Kennesaw State

# **2019 CHAPTER NEWS:**

The ICMA Student Chapter at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA, was officially established on April 9, 2018. We have grown to twenty-two members during our first year!

**LUNCH AND LEARN:** Our chapter mentor, City Manager of Kennesaw, GA, Jeff Drobney, has been an invaluable support in getting our organization off the ground. Mr. Drobney and the City of Kennesaw hosted students for a lunch and learn on August 24, 2018. Students were able to speak with nearly a dozen department heads and discuss how to find meaningful work in local government.





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Georgia City-County Management Association (GCCMA) graciously welcomed KSU members to attend the GCCMA Fall Conference in Athens. GA. at a highly discounted student rate. Student members have also participated in ride alongs with local police, shadowed city and county managers, and found jobs and internships in local government.

CHAPTER LEADERS BECOME LOCAL LEADERS: We would like to congratulate our Director of Communications, Lea Addington, on her promotion to City Clerk of Kennesaw, GA, and Vice President of Finance, Edward Guzman, on his promotion to Assistant City Manager of Cedartown, GA.

**LOOKING FORWARD:** We are excited to now be eligible for university funding of events. The new 2019 officers have discussed public speaking boot camps, field trips, and a variety of events to continue to develop local government leaders at Kennesaw State University.

Chapter Mentor: Jeff Drobney, City Manager of Kennesaw, GA

Chapter Advisor: Ulf Zimmermann, Ph.D., Professor of Public Administration

**President**: Hayley McCloud

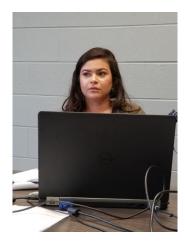
Vice President of Finance: Edward Guzman

**Director of External Affairs**: Socorro Aguila (Fall 2018), Darlene Daly (Spring 2019) **Director of Communications**: Lea Addington (Fall 2018), Mason Mueller (Spring 2019)

# Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2018-2019)

### **Chapter News**

The Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter was established in November of 2018. After a brief period of recruitment, the chapter became active early in the Spring 2019 semester. Soon thereafter, a chapter charter was drafted and approved by the membership. While the chapter is relatively young, we have accomplished much over the past few months and are eagerly looking forward to next year.



2018-2019 Chapter President Chelsea Perera leading a discussion.

# **Chapter Member Wins ICMA Scholarship**

In February, chapter member Elysia Duke was selected to receive a scholarship to attend the 2019 ICMA Regional Conference of her choice. We are very grateful for the support that ICMA provides for students who are pursuing careers in the public service.

### **Research Talk on Trust in the Civil Service**

At the April chapter meeting, Dr. Andrew Morelock, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Murray State University, discussed some of his recent research. In a presentation entitled, "In Bureaucrats We Trust: The Connection between Quality of Government and Trust in Civil Servants," Dr. Morelock shared his findings from a study of survey data drawn from 23 OECD countries in 2016.

# **ICMA** student chapter Murray State University



Dr. Andrew Morelock presenting his research.

# Workshop on "Delivering a Professional Presentation"

Just before final exam week in May, the chapter sponsored a workshop on how to give a professional presentation involving public administration/public policy topics. This exercise was particularly useful for our MPA student members who are required to present the findings of their capstone project prior to graduation.

### **Looking Forward**

Over the course of the last few months, the Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter has grown dramatically, and we hope to continue that trend into next year. In May, MPA students Harrison Fry and Matthew Allen were elected to serve as the chapter's 2019-2020 president and vice president, respectively. We are currently making plans for the Fall 2019 semester, including a guest lecture by Ms. Michelle Smolen, Assistant City Manager of the City of Paducah, KY.

# **Chapter Officials**

President: Chelsea Perera

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Morelock

Mentor: Michelle Smolen



# 2018-2019 SPC-ICMA Annual Report

In the 2018-2019 academic year, the St. Petersburg College International City/County

Management Association Student Chapter thrived. It began by the graduating leadership electing
a new Executive Board to continue the activity and success of our Student Chapter. Our new
executive board consists of the following members:

President – Rajiv Rambaran

Vice President – Kay Ann Kennedy

Secretary – Jocelyn Anderson

Treasurer – Loretta Statsick

The newly elected E-Board made plans to promote the chapter, as well as be very active within the school. Our members became a part of the Student Government Association to represent our ICMA Student Chapter within the College. In this academic year, our Student Chapter had the privilege to host community meetings with the following incredible guest speakers: Florida State Senator Mr. Ed Hooper, Tarpon Springs Police Sergeant, Taurean Mathis, and City of Clearwater Neighborhood Services Coordinator, Juliahna Green. At these meetings other ICMA members, as well as Public Policy and Administration students were able to attend, ask questions, and interact with the guest speakers. At these meetings, we discussed policy and local governance amongst fellow individuals sharing a common passion for this field.



In addition to hosting successful ICMA Student Chapter meetings, the Executive Board and our members were able to attend a couple conferences. In February 2019, our members traveled by van from Clearwater, Florida to Greenville, South Carolina to attend the ICMA Southeast Regional Conference. At the ICMA Regional Conference, members of our Board gained more insight and information about ICMA's Code of Ethics and best practices for local government management. We attended icebreaker and brainstorming sessions that encouraged members to think outside the box on addressing public issues. The idea was that if you keep doing what you always do, you continue to get the same result. We also learned about the use of artificial intelligence and incorporating the latest technology into "smart city" services and management. In addition to being an excellent professional development and learning experience, it also turned out to be a bonding experience for our members.



(ICMA Southeast Regional Conference, pictured left to right: Kay Ann Kennedy, Loretta Statsick, Elizabeth Van Scoyoc, Adrian West, Ian Ryan)



In May 2019, we traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend a Florida City County

Management Association (FCCMA) workshop entitled, "So You Want to be a City Manager."

At the conference, our members learned about the vast experiences of city managers throughout the State of Florida. We also had the opportunity to mingle and network with other ICMA members, including students and working professionals in the field. We heard their stories, asked questions, and got advice on preparing for, enduring and being successful within the field of local government management.



(FCCMA Workshop, pictured left to right: Adrian West, Jocelyn Anderson, Kay Ann Kennedy, Rajiv Rambaran, Leslie Rhaney)



# **Conference Testimonies**

FCCMA Conference- "It was a great experience to get to see current City Managers tell their stories and share their experiences. Hearing the details of their jobs provided even more insight to the dedication and work that goes into local governance. Getting to see City Managers representing many cities in Florida was a true inspiration." -Rajiv Rambaran (SPC-ICMA Student Chapter President)

ICMA Regional Conference - "I appreciate that the conference gave plenty of insight about what to expect, and how to prepare for a future career in government service. I am glad that I had the opportunity to have this experience, and get to know other ICMA members." - Kay Ann Kennedy (SPC-ICMA Student Chapter Vice-President)

Moving forward, our ICMA Chapter is planning for another year of many activities and heavy involvement. We hope to attend the ICMA National Conference in the Fall. We will continue chapter involvement within our college and with the recruitment of more students interested in the field of public service. Our student chapter is extremely grateful to both ICMA and FCCMA for offering these opportunities to students. We also are very fortunate for the grand support and guidance from our amazing ICMA Faculty Advisors, Professor Jeff Kronschnabl and Professor Elizabeth Van Scoyoc.

# **ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2018-2019)**



# Tennessee State University

# **Chapter News**

During the second full years of existence (founded February 2017), the TSU ICMA Student Chapter leadership has worked diligently to introduce an increasing number of students to local government management as a profession. The student chapter's members continues to grow each year, now totaling approximately 40 students (a 60% year over year increase).

# Student Chapter as a Catalyst for Community

The Student Chapter hosted a Back-to-School Picnic in August 2018 at Jim Warren Park in the City of Franklin. Nearly 40 students, faculty members, and supporters were in attendance for this event. Events like these play an important role in fostering a sense of community between current students, alumni, faculty, and local government practitioners. Given that the MPA program at TSU is primarily filled with students who are working full-time jobs, the student chapter plays a valuable role in cultivating spaces and curating events where students can connect with one another and enjoy a sense of community. Several members have candidly mentioned that the sense of community is what drew them to the student chapter and kept them as members. In the words of Dr. Anthony Campbell (Student Chapter Faculty Advisor), "no matter what brings them to our event, we are focused on ensuring they leave each event with a better understanding of local government."



Student Chapter President (Kelly Baker-Hefley) and Vice President (Reuben Ovbiebo) addressing picnic attendees



# **Leaders Within and Beyond the Student Chapter**

Since the inception of the ICMA Student Chapter, those students elected to official leadership positions (President and Vice President) have quickly ascended to recognizable positions beyond the student chapter. This was most readily apparent during the Fall 2018 semester, when the Student Chapter President and Vice President served as moderators for the College of Public Service's Homecoming event - *Public Service Tigers Come Home*. This visibility of the student chapter's leadership not only serves the leaders individually, it also reflects the chapter's importance for identifying and supporting students who will be the leaders of tomorrow.



Reuben Ovbiebo, Alfred Degrafinreid II (MPA Alumnus), and Kelly Baker-Hefley (pictured left to right)

# **Recognized Greatness**

A central goal of the Student Chapter has been to encourage and support students in pursuing external funding opportunities that align with their intellectual and professional interests related to local government. With each successive year, more students have successfully secured awards, grants, and scholarships. This past academic year, three students received scholarships to aid in their professional development: Keturah Barnett (MPA) and Kelly Baker-Hefley (MPA) both won competitive Ed Young scholarships (\$500) from the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) to attend TCMA Conferences. Reuben Ovbiebo (MPA) was awarded a full scholarship (\$745) by the Municipal Technical Advisory Service to attend the 2019 Tennessee Basic Economic Development Course.



Keturah Barnett at the Fall 2018 TCMA Conference



Eric Stuckey (Student Chapter Mentor) and Kelly Baker-Hefley at the Spring 2019 TCMA Conference



Reuben Ovbiebo with his 2019 TBEDC certificate

# **Celebrating Excellence**

The Public Service Awards are the Student Chapter's premier annual event. The 2019 Public Service Awards were held at the Nashville Entrepreneur Center in downtown Nashville. This event has the central goal of celebrating and recognizing excellence in municipal and nonprofit management. Approximately 50 local government and nonprofit leaders, students, alumni, faculty members, and community leaders attended this year's event. The student chapter awarded a local government administrator of the year and nonprofit administrator of the year. The highlight for many was the keynote speaker - Kevin Townsel (HR Director, City of Franklin) - who delivered an impassioned speech about what drew him to work in local government, and what students should know about the power of public service.



Kevin Townsel, HR Director, City of Franklin

# Looking Forward to 2019-2020

During the next academic year, the student chapter will continue to work on growing membership, securing internships for students interested in careers in local government, and enhancing exposure to ICMA resources in and beyond the classroom. A key opportunity for our chapter is the wonderful fact that the 2019 ICMA Conference is being held a few blocks from Tennessee State University's campus. The chapter's membership is excited to be involved with this important event, as well as get exposure to this world class conference. The chapter will continue to showcase the importance of local government management through various events, and will look for opportunities to connect the rich HBCU heritage of TSU to the future of local government. Most importantly, the student chapter will continue to increase networking opportunities with local government professionals, alumni, and other organizations that have goals aligned with ICMA.

# **Chapter Officials**

President: Kelly Baker-Hefley
Vice President: Reuben Ovbiebo
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Anthony Campbell

Mentor: Eric Stuckey, City Manager, Franklin, Tennessee

# IMCA University Annual Report (Fall 2018 to Spring 2019)

# STUDENT CHAPTER University of Georgia®

# **Chapter News**

The focus of the past year was creating a strong foundation to ensure institutional knowledge was maintained for future Chapter leaders. In addition, the Chapter successfully executed six events and attended Georgia County/City Management Association Conference.



Athens-Clarke Fire Station Tour

# Panel Discussion - Intergovernmental Relations

The Chapter hosted a discussion exploring how different local government entities coordinate and overcome difficulties to ensure the delivery of K-12 education. The panelist included the following positions: School District Superintendent, County Manager, Police Chief, and Juvenile Court Justice. In addition, we partnered with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government in moderating the panel.

# **Use of Force Simulation**

During the fall semester, the Chapter hosted an event with the Clarke County Sheriff's Department to provide students an opportunity to experience a Use of Force Simulation. This provided students a virtual experience of the decision making process behind law enforcement actions. This was followed with a Q&A session with Sheriff Deputies ranging from public perception to administrative costs.

# **Downtown Tour**

During the spring semester, the Chapter hosted an event with the Athens Downtown Development Authority (ADDA) providing students a walking tour of Downtown Athens. This tour consisted of the ADDA Director informing students of the history of the downtown area as well as discussing the role ADDA assumes. He concluded the tour by discussing future projects of the ADDA.



Athens-Clarke Meet & Greet

# **Looking Forward**

The Chapter has elected a new and excited executive board. They not only have plans to continue on the past year's success, but further expand and reach new heights. These new heights include the goal of attending the ICMA Regional and National Conference.

# **Chapter Officials**

President: Zachary Harris

President-Elect: Philippa Hawker Faculty Advisors: Dr. Ted Baggett

Dr. Eric Zeemering

Mentor: Blaine Williams

# **UNCG Student Chapter ICMA Student Chapter**



# 2018-2019 Report

# **Summary**

In our inaugural year as a student chapter, UNCG's ICMA Student Chapter learned through our struggle of founding a new tradition in our program. Our chapter had five members, with no participation from our first-year classmates, although most were nonprofit concentrations the lack of participation was discouraging. This is one of our areas to improve upon next year. Here at UNCG we have had a long-running club called the MPA Alliance that acts as the convening body for any student events in our program and our ICMA Student Chapter has positioned itself as an additional credential for motivated young professionals to get involved with. The traditions of the MPAA were of great use to the Chapter as a structure to work within but the ICMA chapter struggled to make its own mark in its first year at UNCG.

# **Events from 2018-2019**

#### **Attendance at NCCCMA Winter Seminar**

Our program at UNCG attends the North Carolina City and County Manager's Association Winter Session every February and our ICMA encouraged attendance by all Student Chapter and MPAA members. We had an attendance of 12 students at the event and encouraged first-years to network and attend interesting seminars. This event is a highlight of our year and allows many of our younger students to network with City Managers for the first time.

#### **Study Sessions for First-Years**

In conjunction with our MPA Alliance, 3 of our ICMA student members assisted in coordinating study sessions for our first-years for two separate tests in the Fall and one in the Spring. Each test had 3 or 4 study sessions coordinated for them that last 2.5 hours long each at a

minimum. These sessions were well attended with most sessions in the Fall having more than 10 students and the events in the Spring averaging 7 students. This is a recent tradition in the UNCG MPA program and our chapter was happy to be involved.

#### **MPA Picnic**

The culmination of our academic year here at UNCG is capped off with the MPA Picnic. This event is occurring on May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year and this report is being written as the last action of the sitting ICMA President, Blake Moyer, and this event will be organized by the upcoming President, Jordan Paige. This event gets together first and second-year students with the faculty and staff of the Department as a send-off and celebration of the end of the year.

# **Areas to Improve**

#### Goal 1

Continuing student involvement in the ICMA chapter is important in order to begin linking students with professional networks. Our program has a small contingent interested in local government management and we need the involvement of all of those individuals.

#### Goal 2

Expanding the set of events our chapter puts on is essential in order to make our own mark beyond the MPAA. We had hopes to do a Manager Summit this year and attempted to coordinate networking events with other ICMA Student Chapters but both fell through.

#### Goal 3

Creating bonds with Alumni involved in ICMA networks is essential to illustrate the importance of starting networks early and the utility this organization can have to young professionals.



# 2018 - 2019 Annual Report

# **Chapter News and Highlights**

The past year has been a busy one for the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of South Florida. This year, the Chapter has put a new focus on maintaining an active presence in our local communities – starting with our participation in a community cleanup day in Lakeland, FL. Starting in 2019, we also trialed a new speaker format, by focusing presentations and marketing on individual topics – such as commercial redevelopment and local medical marijuana regulation – and plan to continue this format moving forward as a way to broaden interest in the Chapter and local government management. We were also recognized by the Ridge League of Cities (Central Florida) for our commitment to developing future leaders. We have maintained involvement with the Florida City and County Management Association, with Student Chapter representatives serving on their Student Council committee.

Our 2018 President, Sane Haidara, has graduated with his MPA and plans to return to his home country of Mali to continue his commitment to public service. 2019 saw the election of a new President, Brandon Henry – of which is his second term, previously serving as president in 2016 as an undergraduate student, and now is an admitted student of the MPA program while working as a local government Planner. Boniswa Joseph, our newly elected Treasurer, is also a student of USF's MPA program, and works as a Fiscal and Business Specialist with the University administration. Maha Saed, MPA student, remains as Vice President for a second term, while working as an Educator with local government.

# Fall 2018

For the Fall 2018 semester, the USF ICMA Student Chapter hosted the following events and socials:

- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Speaker Al Braithwaite, City Manager, City of Oldsmar, FL
- October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018: No Speaker, Informational Session
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018: USF vs. Temple Football Watch Party

# **Spring 2019**

For the Spring 2019 semester, the Chapter hosted the following events and socials:

 February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019: Speaker – Matthew Campbell, Town Manager, Town of Kenneth City, FL (Topic: Commercial Redevelopment)





- March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Community Service Neighborhood Cleanup, Lakeland, FL
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019: Speaker Ken Fields, City Manager, City of Lake Wales, FL (Topic: Medical Marijuana in Lake Wales)

# **Conferences**

Members of the Chapter traveled to Baltimore in September 2018 for the 104<sup>th</sup> ICMA Annual Conference. In May 2019, members also attended the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) Conference in Orlando. The Student Chapter was able to fund these trips for students by way of fundraising, donations, or volunteering with the conferences.



# **Looking Forward**

Looking towards the next year, the Chapter hopes to put greater emphasis on cross-school collaboration with St. Petersburg College (SPC) — whom hosts their own ICMA Student Chapter. SPC offers a bachelor's degree in Public Administration, and naturally servers as a feeder into USF's MPA program. In fact, many of our previous members and officers made that very transition. By leveraging our relationship with SPC, we hope to build an engaged membership and greater career opportunities for students' academic career from SPC onto USF. We also plan on engaging undergraduate students in related programs (such as Political Science) to continue to build membership and drive interest into local government as a career. We plan to continue our collaboration with the School of Public Affairs to engage current and incoming USF MPA students.

We are also collaborating with the FCCMA to host future FCCMA programming within the upcoming year.

# 2019-2020 Leadership Team

Brandon Henry, President

Maha Saed, Vice President

Boniswa Joseph, Treasurer

Dr. John Daly, Faculty Advisor

Jeff Tillman, Assistant City Manager, City of Auburndale, Mentor

# ICMA University Annual Report (2018-2019)

# **Chapter News**

Virginia Tech's ICMA Student Chapter had an exciting year, experiencing an increase in membership and collaborating with other student organizations to engage and educate the Virginia Tech and Blacksburg communities. Virginia Tech's student chapter presented multiple webinars featuring local government officials and representatives from nongovernmental organizations in order to provide members with professional development opportunities.

#### **Alliance for Innovation Webinar**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Tech's student chapter hosted a webinar in collaboration with the Alliance for Innovation, an organization dedicated to studying local government and spreading best practices in areas such as sustainability and community development. Sallie Ann Burnett, East Regional Director for the Alliance for Innovation, spoke to chapter members and other students about the organization's work and the resources that it provides to local governments. This was a successful event that opened the door for further collaboration with the Alliance for Innovation, such as workshops and conferences.

# **Chapter Officials**

President – Will Thompson Faculty Advisor – Stephanie Davis

# **Todd Meredith Webinar**

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Tech's student chapter hosted a webinar featuring Pearisburg, Virginia Town Manager Todd Meredith. Todd spoke to chapter members about his experience as a new town manager, as well as the challenges and initiatives that the Town of Pearisburg is focusing on. This was a valuable experience for chapter members, many of whom are looking to further their own careers in local government. Todd provided regional insight into town management outside of the typical classroom setting.

# **Opioid Awareness Day**

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the student chapter participated in Opioid Awareness Day. This program featured roundtable discussions and speakers examining the policy issues surrounding the ongoing opioid crisis, with a particular focus on the Appalachian region that is home to Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus. Chapter President Will Thompson delivered a presentation on how the opioid epidemic has manifested itself in Native American communities. This event included training in the proper administration of naloxone, a medication designed to counter the effects of opioid overdoses.

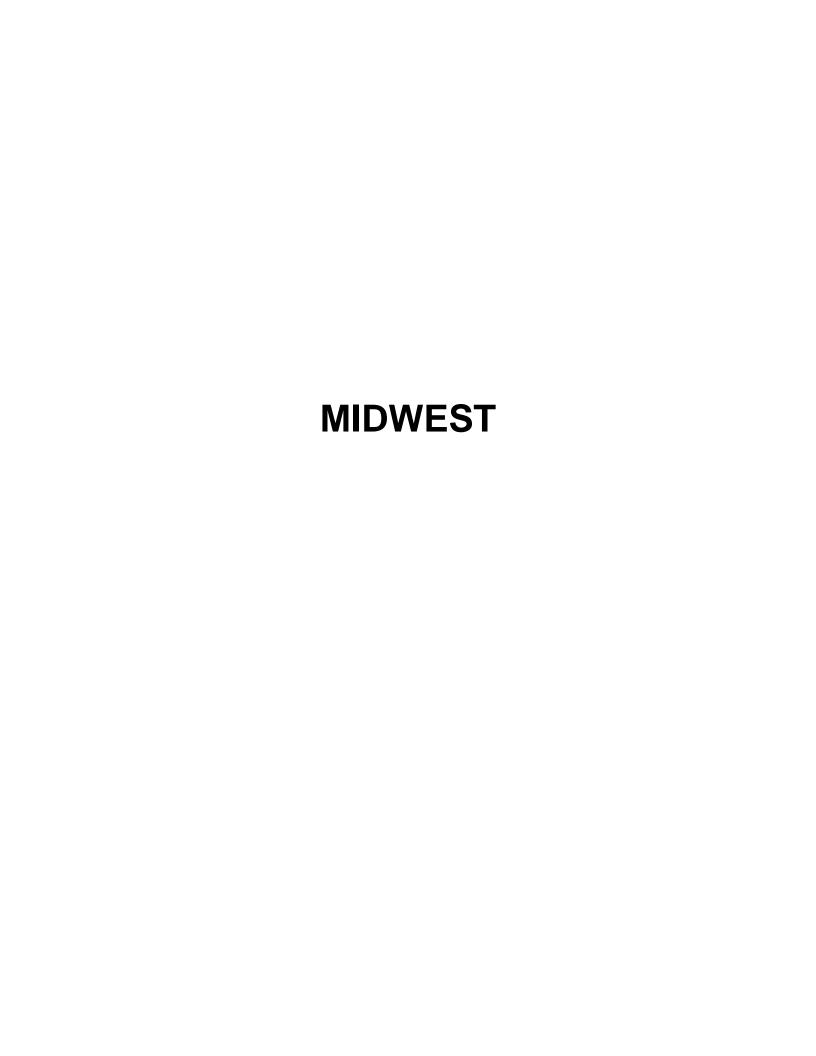


# **GFOA Chapter**

This school year student chapter members and officials worked to establish the first ever student chapter of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) at Virginia Tech, culminating in the chapter kick-off event on March 28<sup>th</sup> (above). This organization, under Chapter President Alberto Jaimes, works with the ICMA student chapter to bring together administrators, planners, and financial officials to encourage best practices and innovative approaches to public administration among the certificate, MPA, and PhD students at Virginia Tech.

# **Looking Forward**

Going into the next school year, Virginia Tech's student chapter looks to expand partnerships with student organizations as well as other organizations in Blacksburg and Virginia.



# Central Michigan University ICMA Student Chapter 2018-2019 Annual Report

The year of 2018-2019 has been a year of transition for the CMU ICMA Student Chapter while continuing to participate in a variety of events on campus and within the mid-Michigan area. The chapter welcomed a new faculty advisor, Dr. So Hee Jeon. Under the new faculty advisor's leadership, the chapter brainstormed and developed new marketing information that it can share with potential new members. The new marketing information include, but are not limited to, reasons students should consider careers in government, more detailed information about ICMA and its student chapter, and benefits to joining the ICMA Student Chapter. These information have been posted on the department website and also have been advertised in various political science and public and nonprofit courses.

While making organized and innovative efforts to disseminate information about the Chapter and to attract more student members to the Chapter, the CMU ICMA Student Chapter has also continued to participate in various events and serve the community. From September 26, 2018 to October 6, 2018, CMU Department of Political Science and Public Administration hosted Open World Delegates from Russia. The delegates were composed of several Russian experts with diverse backgrounds and expertise such as lawyers, researchers, chief accountant, and more. CMU Department of Political Science and Public Administration hosted multiple seminars with the Russian panelists so that students can better understand political aspects of government and operations of public institutions from a comparative perspective. Students in the ICMA Student Chapter attended and actively participated in these seminars by asking questions and exchanging ideas with the Russian delegates.

During the year, students in the ICMA Student Chapter also served citizens and organizations in the mid-Michigan area in collaboration with students in the Nonprofit Leadership Student Alliance (NLSA) in our program. In the fall of 2018, these students worked with Clothing Inc., a local nonprofit organization in Mt. Pleasant, MI that provides free clothing to people in need, and they volunteered service hours to help sort clothes and help customers shop. In the spring of 2019, these students worked with a local Habitat for Humanity and helped with a home restoration in the mid-Michigan area.

In summary, the ICMA Student Chapter at Central Michigan University continues to make progress. During the transition year of 2018-2019, the Chapter developed and disseminated new marketing information as part of its efforts to attract and recruit more members who have passion for working in government. In addition, students in the Chapter examined various government functions from a comparative point of view by being actively engaged in intellectual interactions with the Russian delegates. They have also continued to serve the community by participating in a variety of voluntary activities.

During 2019-2020, the Chapter will continue their efforts to benefit more people and to explore the ways public services are delivered by making efforts to recruit more public service-oriented students to the Chapter, by reaching out to practitioners and learning from their insights and experiences, and by participating in a variety of public service forums and events.

Submitted by: Dr. So Hee Jeon CMU ICMA Chapter Faculty Advisor

# ICMA Annual Report 2018-2019



# **Chapter News**

The second year of operation for the chapter brought several new challenges. This year marked the organizations first major changes in leadership. Those changes have progressed smoothly and new leadership has transitioned well into their roles. The chapter continued to develop ties with the state chapter (OCMA) and participated in several events at Cleveland State's Maxine Goodman Levin School of Urban Affairs, including the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Conference.

# **OCMA Winter Conference 2019**

Cleveland State sent two ICMA members to the OCMA Winter Conference in March of 2019. Members were able to attend several workshops and speaking sessions and were able to network with City Managers and other local government leaders from across Ohio

# Bi Weekly Speaker Series

The chapter continued its Speaker Series from last year, partnering with the CSU APA chapter to bring in speakers from the public sector to share their experience and knowledge with our members and fellow students.

# **ELGL Conference**

The chapter worked with numerous organizations on campus as well as staff from the College of Urban Affairs to put on a conference for ELGL on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, (Engaging Local Government Leaders). The conference allowed several government organizations within Cleveland and the surrounding area to discuss their mission and engage with CSU students and the public.

# **Looking Forward**

Heading into the 2019-2020 School year, the chapter is looking to continue its recruitment, as our numbers have stagnated since last year. Currently we are planning to re-establish our Shadowing Program in Fall 2019 to add more depth to the chapters current offereings. Additionally, the chapter is also looking to expand its recruitment efforts to students in the undergraduate program in addition to the graduate program.



CSU ICMA President Alex Mills (Center) and Member Walli Sharif (Right) making connections with City Managers at the OCMA Winter Conference in Columbus



ELGL provided CSU students a glimpse into the world of Government and the variety of services and organizations that make up local government.

Leadership: Alex Mills- President / Christine Mencini- Vice President / Kirby Suntala-Treasurer/ Clayton Wukich- Faculty Advisor/ Anthony Zampedro- Professional Mentor

# Grand Valley State University ICMA Student Chapter

# 2018-2019 Report

#### Introduction

The Grand Valley State University ICMA Student Chapter began the 2018-2019 academic year on a high note. Recruitment efforts from previous years paid off, as the chapter has enjoyed higher attendance as well as participation. Targeting prospective MPA students and having an active social media presence has been very beneficial for our chapter's long-term growth and sustainability. The growth experienced by the chapter has provided signifi-

cant opportunity to plan, implement, and attend events.

#### **Fall Semester**

Muskegon Tour

In September, for the first event of the academic year, we hit the road and made the trip to Muskegon, Michi-



gan to learn about the fast paced development that the City is undergoing. The beginning of the trip was a walking tour of Muskegon's downtown with City Manager Frank Peterson. The group was able to see many examples of innovative public and private investment. These included incubator pop up shops and kitchens, creative use of public space for sand volleyball courts and fire places, and several integrated mixed use buildings. This was a



great opportunity for the group to ask questions about the development and hear about the process and issues associated firsthand.



# **Grand Valley State University**

Following the tour, the group had the unique opportunity to climb aboard the Aquastar Cruise Line for a beautiful sunset

cruise along the shores of Muskegon lake and Lake Michigan. This provided yet another unique perspective on the new development along the lakeshore.



#### Water Filtration Plant Tour

In October, the group organized and toured a Water Filtration plant in the City of Grand Haven. We had the pleasure of touring the facility with the Director, Joe VanderStel. Joe presented the group with endless insight and knowledge (and enthusiasm!) on the water treatment process. We learned about the unique process of water filtration on the lakeshore and how the water is drawn directly from Lake Michigan and cycled through several processes. Group members were able to ask burning questions on chemical regulations, technical processes and oversight, and contaminants such as PFAS.



#### Women in Local Government Panel

In November members of the student chapter were able to participate in an interactive panel event put on by the Michigan Municipal League on the topic of Women in Local Government. This



panel was informative on the general nature of management with ties to overcoming barriers. During the event, members participated in separate groups, each paired with a City Manager, in which they worked through specific scenarios that were actually experienced by the panelists.

#### **Winter Semester**

MML Winter Institute

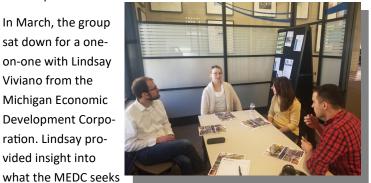


In February our chapter was able to send two representatives to Michigan Municipal Executive's Winter institute. This was a great opportunity for the members to network with managers from all over the state of Michi-

gan and to gain extremely valuable insights on the tools that exist to support managers in their line of work. Different breakout sessions and lectures were on the topics of affordable housing, medical marijuana, succession planning, leadership, and much more.

# **MEDC Speaker**

In March, the group sat down for a oneon-one with Lindsay Viviano from the Michigan Economic **Development Corpo**ration. Lindsay provided insight into



to accomplish and what funding tools they offer units of local government. Being the regional representative, Lindsay was able to connect the dots for group members by bringing in local examples of projects and accomplishments of the MEDC.

#### Small Town Stories Panel

To conclude the semester, the chapter hosted a panel in April on the topic of Small Town Stories, featuring three city managers: Christine Burns (Village of Spring Lake, MI); Frank Peterson (City of Muskegon, MI);



and Sam Janson (City of North Muskegon, MI). Panelists spoke on the reality of public management, sharing stories not likely to be found in our textbooks. The event was well received with around fifty in attendance. At the end of the guided discussion, audience members also had the opportunity to engage in Q&A.



# **Looking Forward**

The 2018-2019 academic year was another success for the chapter. We were able to accomplish a number of organized events, as well as coordinate participation and attendance at others. Our student chapter looks forward to upholding the integrity of the organization and continuing to provide the same level of educational and networking opportunity in the '19-'20 academic year.

# **Chapter Officials**

**President:** Ashley Latsch

Vice-President: Dave Walker

Finance Officer: Julia Sturvist

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Neal Buckwalter



# Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report 2018-2019 Academic Year

#### **Association Overview**

The Local Government Management Association at Indiana University is a graduate and undergraduate student organization and proud student chapter of the International City/County Management Association. We are a community of individuals interested in careers related to local government and participate in a number of formal and informal networking events including professional conferences, exploratory trips, and alumni panels. Our mission is to give those interested in local government the opportunity to expand their understanding and knowledge in a way that will help them be successful in their future careers.

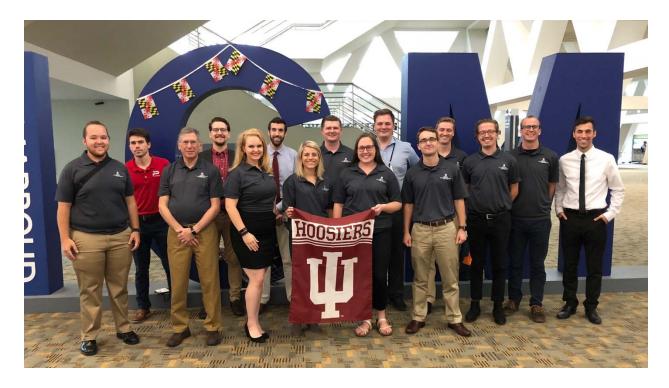
#### **Chapter News**

This year the association recommitted to recruiting undergraduate members. We believe that by involving younger students we will be able to spark interest in local government management in an age group that is generally underrepresented. We also prioritized networking and career development events, which included alumni meetings, LinkedIn and resume workshops, and other social events to supplement the academic programs and services already provided by Indiana University.

#### **Fall Semester Events**

In August, we hit the ground running by recruiting new members at SPEA's Student Engagement Fair. The association had over 20 dues paying members this year and met on a monthly basis.

In September, we sent 14 LGMA members to the ICMA Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Due to generous support from the Neil Neilson Fund, members were able to attend at little to no cost. Additionally, during the conference, members participated in a SPEA sponsored reception and a networking dinner hosted by local government professionals from Accelerate Indiana Municipalities.



In October, we hosted Jerry Abramson, the former Mayor of Louisville, Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Obama Whitehouse. Mr. Abramson spoke to LGMA members at a private reception and several members and non-members at SPEA's weekly Townhall Tuesday event on October 23. He provided invaluable careers advice, while answering questions students had about the local government profession. He also spoke about the challenges of working in the different levels of government and the importance of passion and empathy in government.



#### **Spring Semester Events**

In January, we received funding to offer copies of the Herald Times, a local newspaper, in student lounges throughout SPEA. We hoped this would help students become aware of local issues, events, and opportunities and become more connected within Bloomington.

In February, we hosted the second annual LGMA trivia night. There were an estimated 60 members and non-members present making it our largest event of the year. The theme included trivia from the popular TV shows *Parks and Recreation* and *The Office* to highlight the differences between the public and private sectors.

In March, we hosted several career development sessions including a LinkedIn workshop with SPEA's Director of Alumni Relations and Advancement, Alison Polley. We also hosted informal internship panels and resume and cover letter review sessions.

In April, we ended the year with a dinner at our Faculty Advisor, Mark Levin's home. This was the second year we had held this event and it continues to be a great way to build relationships within the association. We also elected the new Executive Team in early April to allow for better training and transition into the new academic year. An early transition is crucial to the stability of the association.



#### President's Remarks: Looking Back and Ahead

This year reminded me that it is the people, not the meetings and/or events that make our association special. We continued to see significant variances in participation; however, I was consistently amazed at our members' passion for local government and the association.

I look forward to seeing our membership continue to grow and diversify. The 2019-2020 Executive Team has already begun making plans for next year. I am confident that the association is in a strong place and will continue to be successful.

It was an honor to serve as the President of the Local Government Management Association for the 2018-2019 academic year. Just like in our future careers, LGMA is about creating and supporting a community. I cannot thank the other 2018-2019 Executive Team members enough for their help and support throughout the year.

#### **Chapter Officials**

2018-2019 Executive Team

President – Griffin Graham Vice President – Andrew Martin Treasurer – Ryan McCauley Secretary – Trevor Owens Public Relations Coordinator – Lillian Treon Faculty Advisor – Mark Levin 2019-2020 Executive Team

President – Matthew Server Vice President - Open Treasurer – Paul Stahlke Secretary – Hale Crumley Public Relations Coordinator – Lillian Treon Faculty Advisor – Mark Levin



# ICMA ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

Oakland University's (OU) ICMA chapter has made significant strides during the 2018-2019 school year. The OU chapter had a fully functioning executive board which consisted of five members.

- Monthly meetings were held between the executive board to plan events and strategize new ways to promote ICMA on campus.
- Two executive board members traveled to Baltimore, Maryland for the annual ICMA conference in 2018. OU was one of two Michigan schools represented at the conference. Valuable networking took place during the conference as both students interacted with various local government professionals.
- Membership has increased by 35% since the 2017-2018 school year. More students (both undergraduate and graduate) are realizing the endless possibilities when it comes to careers in local government.

Oakland University's ICMA chapter established strong partnerships with various organizations on campus as well as municipalities. For the 2019-2020 School year we hope to partner with our state organization MML (Michigan Municipal League) to grow even more.



**Oakland University** 



# GRIZZFEST STUDENT RECRUITMENT

OU's ICMA Student Chapter members participated in the annual Grizzfest to promote ICMA and gain new members on September 6, 2018.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

During school year 2018-2019 Oakland University's ICMA chapter organized many events, including a fundraiser at CoolYo on November 14, 2018, which resulted raising roughly \$50 and 4 new members.

# 2018 ICMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Two executive board members traveled to Baltimore, Maryland for the annual ICMA conference on September 23-26, 2018.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT PANEL DISCUSSION

On February 26, 2019, the chapter organized a panel discussion between four local government professionals. Various sectors of local government were represented on the panel. All four individuals provided great insight establishing a pathway to local government career success. Over 20 students attended the panel discussion, and this resulted in 5 new members joining the chapter. Another positive result of the panel discussion was the networking between local government professionals and students. Several students gained internship opportunities as a result of attending.







## **PANELIST**

- Dr. Sheryl Miller, City Administrator, City of Lathrup Village
- Nicholas Banda, Deputy City
   Manager/Economic & Community Development
   Director, City of Rochester
- Victor Cardenas, Assistant City Manager, City of Novi
- Joseph Gacioch, Chief Innovation Officer, Assistant City Manager, City of Ferndale





# **SUCCESSION PLANNING**

On April 1, 2019, the ICMA student chapter held elections to vote for the new executive board members. Their term began on May 1, 2019.

# **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President- Adam Owczarzak Vice President- Danicea Woods

Secretary- Kimberly Vicente

Treasurer- Josh Tanghe

Membership Engagement Coordinator: Dylan

Linklater

2017-2019 President: Collin Mays

2017-2019 Vice President: Ciona L. Hall



# ICMA LUNCHEON & RECEPTION

On November 28, 2018, Oakland
University's ICMA chapter hosted ICMA
Executive Director, Mr. Marc Ott and
ICMA President, Ms. Karen Pinkos. Mr.
Ott and Ms. Pinkos are Oakland
University alumni and were a part of
the MPA program. Over 30 students had
a chance to meet and network with Mr.
Ott and Ms. Pinkos. Their presence
allowed students to ask questions and
gain a deeper understanding of local
government careers and ICMA.







# ICMA Ohio State University Annual Report 2018-2019

#### **Chapter News**

The 2018-19 year for the Ohio State student chapter of ICMA went great! The new addition of a Shadowing Program, where members are paired with City Managers around central Ohio in an externship style, was a huge success, seeing several members invited back for additional visits. The continued collaboration with OCMA was beneficial to help the shadowing program and annual OCMA conference. There was a marked increase in undergraduate involvement, a key point for executive leadership coming into the year. The incoming President for 2019-20 is Maggie Walsh, who brings a strong connection with Ohio to the position and real-world experience to help members realize their potential in local government.

#### **Shadowing Program – Fall Semester**

Members had the opportunity to pair with central Ohio City Managers to learn more about what local government work looks like. There was a strong

attendance for this event, capped by an end-ofsemester round table to discuss the experience and what was learned.



#### **Local Government Panel – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Panel was an opportunity for members to listen and engage local government professionals from County and City management. Topics ranged from data accessibility to relationships with elected city officials.



# Ohio State University

#### **Recruitment Efforts**

Broader recruitment efforts to not solely rely on Masters in Public Administration students for

membership. Establishing more campus capital with professors and Ohio State officials to broaden recruitment efforts in the future.



#### **Looking Forward**

The new president plans to continue with the Shadowing Program and continue to grow recruitment efforts through engagement with International Studies, Political Science, and City & Regional Planning studies within the University. Collaboration on events with OCMA, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, and Central Ohio Communities will also be a key initiative.

By starting the fall semester off with an introduction to local government – it's opportunities, careers, and connections – we will surge into a new year centered around key initiatives of economic development, public safety, transportation, technological advancement, community outreach and engagement, parks and recreation, and budget and finance. These topics will be discussed through engagement with city and county managers, local officials, and professors.

#### **Chapter Officials (2018-2019)**

President: Jonathan Weeks Faculty Advisor: Allie Hutchison

Mentor: Ted Staton & Margaret Lombardo

# **MOUNTAIN PLAINS**

#### ICMA-ASU Student Chapter Annual Report for the 2018/19 Academic School Year

#### Narrative:

The ASU chapter of the International City/ County Management Association had a productive year. With the support of the School of Public Affairs staff, a new faculty advisor, and active network of alumni and professionals in local government, the student chapter hosted several immersion excursions and members attended local and state conferences, connecting students and public service professionals.

Team leadership began their work with a planning meeting in summer, developing social-professional and informational programming to attract new members into the organization and encouraging engagement of all members with local government professionals. The Chapter hosted four Immersion Excursions, taking students to visit two Valley of the Sun cities and two nonprofit organizations that support local government. Additionally, the Chapter scheduled three social-professional networking events throughout the year, and assisted the School of Public Affairs in hosting a welcome reception at the state association annual winter conference.

For the first Immersion Excursion in fall 2018, students boarded the lightrail for a trip and introduction to the City of Mesa, Arizona. Students toured the Mesa Arts Center and heard the career story of five alumni, now city employees, followed by a social event, where they networked with additional public service alumni and professionals. In spring, the Chapter arranged for students to meet the heads of seven units of the finance department during an Excursion to the City of Phoenix. The trip also included discussion of internship and employment opportunities with a human resources representative. The Chapter ended the academic year with a day-long Excursion. First stop, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), where they learned about the work and role of the Intergovernmental Relations Manager/Liaison for a city, and attended a Board Meeting with city, county and tribal government representatives. In the afternoon, the group met with the Director of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, reviewed how a bill becomes a law in Arizona, and discussed current legislation being considered and how the League educates legislative members and advocates for cities and towns. These events were made possible through the leadership of Chapter Program Coordinators, John Field and Rodolfo Luevano.

The Chapter hosted a Welcome Social at the start of both the Fall and Spring semesters, introducing approximately 80 members to the leadership team, faculty, alumni, and local public service professionals. Additionally, Chapter members joined the School of Public Affairs in welcoming registrants of the Arizona City/County Management Association during a sponsored reception at the 2019 Annual Winter Conference in Sedona, Arizona. Twenty Chapter members attended the conference, with a scholarship provided by the School. The students also hosted members of a new student chapter that was started at the University of Arizona, and attending their first ACMA Conference.

The Chapter maintained its membership of 155 students, increasing new member participation as graduating students departed. The Chapter utilized social media messaging, classroom visits, New Student Orientation and the University's online Student Organization system to survey and inform membership of Chapter activities and other professional development opportunities through out the academic year. Thomas Holland joined the team as Faculty Advisor this year. Tom is an instructor with the School of Public Affairs and previously worked with ICMA in DC. In the spring, membership elected leadership for 2019-20. The 2019-20 leadership team includes three graduates students and Marvin Andrews Fellows, with both undergraduate and graduate representation as Program Coordinators. The incoming leadership team has scheduled a planning meeting in July to consider programming and outreach in the upcoming year.

#### **Chapter Hosted Events - 2018/19 Academic Year:**

Leadership Planning Meeting, 07/18

ASU-ICMA Kick-Off Social, 09/18

Immersion Excursion: City of Mesa, 10/18

ASU-ICMA end of semester Social Networking Event, 12/18

ASU-ICMA Welcome Back Social, 1/19

ACMA 2019 Winter Conference 01-02/19

Immersion Excursion: City of Phoenix, 03/19

Immersion Excursion: Maricopa Association of Governments- Intergovernmental Relations, 04/19

Immersion Excursion: League of Cities and Towns, 04/19

Nominations and Election, 04/19

Leadership Handoff, 05/19

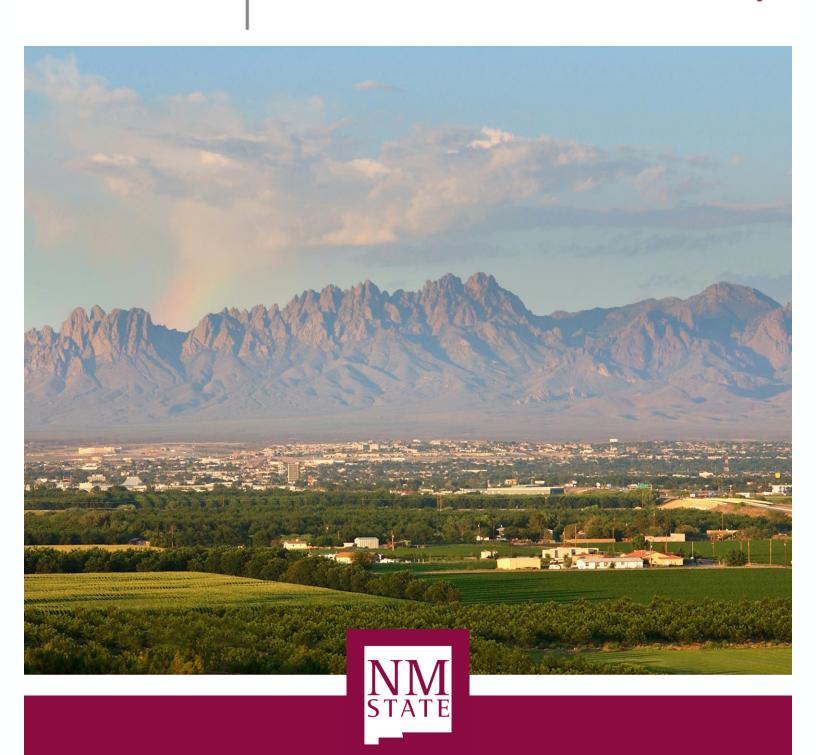
#### **Professional Participants of Note:**

Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager, City of Mesa, and MPA alumni, School of Public Affairs Heather Wilkey, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Town of Queen Creek Charmion Hines, Human Resources Director, City of Phoenix



# student chapter

**New Mexico State University** 



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# ICMA New Mexico State University Annual Report 2018-2019



# **Chapter News**

Newly developed ICMA student chapter seeks to increase the connection between the City of Las Cruces and New Mexico State University's student body.

NMSU ICMA student chapter is off to a strong beginning and a bright future! Five graduate students in the MPA program gained ICMA student membership!

New Mexico True
Talent is partnering
with NMSU and The
City of Las Cruces to
make the connection
from education to
employment for
students.

#### **CHAPTER OFFICIALS**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Christina Medina

Chapter Mentor: City Manager, Stuart Ed

Chapter President: Ricardo Trejo

### Welcome to NMSU and Las Cruces!

New Mexico State University (NMSU) is a land grant university dedicated to serving the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population. Through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education and public service, NMSU's mission is to be a premiere university demonstrated by its excellence in teaching. NMSU's Masters in Public Administration program within the Department of Government also seeks to prepare students in careers in all levels of government and non-profit sector. NMSU's MPA program educates and prepares students with the skills to act ethically in a public services organization. As a land-grant, Hispanic Serving Institution, serving the U.S./Mexico border region, the mission of the New Mexico State University MPA program is "to provide a high quality generalist and practitioner-oriented program that educates and prepares individuals for careers in public service, meets the needs of a diverse student body, and empowers them to serve their community and profession through teaching, research, service, and outreach." –NMSU MPA Program

NMSU is located in Las Cruces, a southern border city in the Mesilla Valley near the Rio Grande. Las Cruces sits at the foot of the Organ Mountains, a national monument of historical, cultural and natural wonders held by the southwest. Both Las Cruces and NMSU share a beautiful ecosystem and community, that help make Las Cruces a city of the future! The City of Las Cruces' government plans to improve community well-being by providing customer-focused services including increasing capital improvements and infrastructure, economic and community involvement and increasing greater access to public services. Las Cruces and New Mexico State University share a common bond, educating and empowering the local community to increase the well being of the border region!

## NMSU ICMA Student Chapter Event

April 31st, 2019

The City of Las Cruces' Human Service Department visited students in the MPA program and ICMA members. The goal of the event was to discuss employment opportunities with the city, opportunities that exist after graduating from the MPA program and internships the City of Las Cruces is working on. Organizational and Career Development Coordinators, Debbie Childress and Noelle Andrade spoke about the dedication of the city to provide professional development within the city's internal organizations. This includes searching for employee opportunities for growth and implementing career objectives that include both the supervisor and employee. It involves an array of trainings including, conflict management, ethics training, leadership programs and customer services trainings. The city is dedicated to having an open door policy, being transparent and approachable is key to a successful city government. These policies encompass all city departments and employees are held at higher standards. Most importantly, Debbie and Noelle spoke on the importance of ethical standards, engaging communities, and being accountable to taxpayer dollars.



Las Cruces City employees talking to MPA students and ICMA members about employment opportunities with the city.



City employees Noelle Andrade and Debbie Childress with ICMA members Toria Kovacs and Ricardo Trejo, accompanied by faculty advisor Dr.

# Chapter Highlights



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2018 - 2019

# **Public Service, GGSO and ICMA**

September 17th, 2018

Government Graduate Student Organization (GGSO) is a service and social organization whose purposes are to promote social interaction within the NMSU Government Graduate Department and to complete community service. The goals of GGSO are to increase community and university involvement among Government Graduate Students and aide students in obtaining funding for research and conferences. (ggso.nmsu.edu) Content and program activities are a partnership between GGSO and ICMA. GGSO and ICMA strives to create program content that engages and excites current MPA students.

GGSO played an important role in developing the NMSU ICMA student chapter. Continued partnership is important for the chapter's existence. In recognition of Constitution Day, GGSO held an event in student union center to engage with the student body of NMSU. The event invoked conversation and education about the Constitution. GGSO and ICMA students were not just passing out information, they were asking thought provoking questions that led to active debate about current issues. Indifference towards the constitution was not an option after interacting with the student body. The manner in which GGSO and ICMA students asked their questions, in a white board debate, identified the reasons behind different opinions regarding the constitution. The event was a success and started creating the building blocks for a successful partnership!

## **Toss No Mas!**

October 13th, 2018

Community service is an integral part to giving back to your local community. The City of Las Cruces Annual Event, Toss No Mas, is a city wide effort to clean up Las Cruces. The annual event held by the city's Parks and Recreation Department recruited over one-thousand volunteers and over fifty groups and organizations. The volunteer efforts covered about 100 square miles and collected over 15 tons of trash. There is nothing more rewarding than keeping your community clean and beautiful!

For GGSO and ICMA members, volunteering is an important part of student involvement. The time and effort to clean a part of the city and NMSU campus, leads students to engage with their city government. The values gained by volunteerism instill positive virtues that may be carried onto the work environment. Not only did GGSO students and ICMA members volunteered, they got to socialize and do some light recruiting for the new NMSU ICMA student chapter.

# **Future Events!**

GGSO and ICMA look forward to continued collaboration to bring engaging events to NMSU students. Partnerships with the City of Las Cruces open the door for more opportunities! In the Fall, the City of Las Cruces will be hosting a Per Circle Event, where students will have the opportunity to interact with city professionals. Opportunities like this provide mentorship to ICMA students and help them decided for a career in city government.





#### A Look Forward!

The NMSU ICMA student chapter is looking forward to growing its membership! The first seed of planting the student chapter in the university is under way, in the next few years, we look forward to bringing more opportunities and connecting NMSU's student body with the City of Las Cruces. Below are some key goals the chapter wishes to accomplish in the future.

- Develop more content, hold regular meetings, engage guest presenters, and engage with other chapters.
- Take advantage of joint research/presentation opportunities and attend the ICMA Annual Conference.
- Attract undergraduate students who are interested in public service, but may not be aware of career possibilities in local government.
- Educate students about the professions of city management in the City of Las Cruces.
- Increase the networking circle with the city to offer a wider range of programs and content.

These initiatives are implemented by the hard work of GGSO members and the MPA faculty. Special thanks goes out to all students involved in creating the NMSU ICMA Student Chapter and the City of Las Cruces for their support and guidance.



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June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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# student chapter

# University of Arizona



UA ICMA members attending Ignite 520, a conference we co-hosted with Tucson Young Professionals

#### **Chapter News**

This year our chapter has 88 members! We have been able to attend multiple conferences and engage with local government professionals from our community. In an effort to improve our chapter, we have also spent significant time refining and updating our charter and streamlining our election process. We are continuing our efforts to recruit new members and raise funds, and look forward to continued engagement with our regional municipal governments. With the help of our faculty advisor, we have been able to secure repeat funding from several generous donors. We are looking forward to continuing to expand and engage with our graduate and undergraduate population!

#### Highlights

- 88 members
- Three members attended 2018
   Annual Conference in Baltimore
- Four members attended ACMA Winter Conference in Sedona
- Updated and modernized chapter charter
- Streamlined election processes
- Engaged with local government professionals on five different occasions
- Four fundraisers and raised approximately \$400
- Established repeat donors

#### A Look Ahead

As we move into a new school year, our chapter is changing its leadership and welcoming fresh faces. We have several projects planned, including a partnership with the City of Tucson, Arizona to establish an internship program for students interested in local government, collaboration with a local young professionals organization to host a spring conference, and multiple fundraisers. Some of our goals include engaging with local government professionals in our community to work with graduate students, and creating a mentorship program with our local high school students and undergraduate students.



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Winners of The Office trivia, a UA ICMA fundraising event in August 2018.



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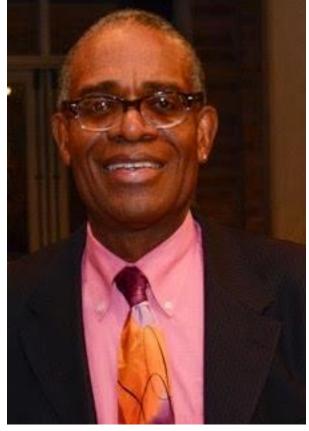
UA ICMA Communications Chair, Melissa, with UA mascots

# Chapter Officials



**Chapter Mentor:** Chris Cornelison
Assistant Town Manager, Town of Oro Valley

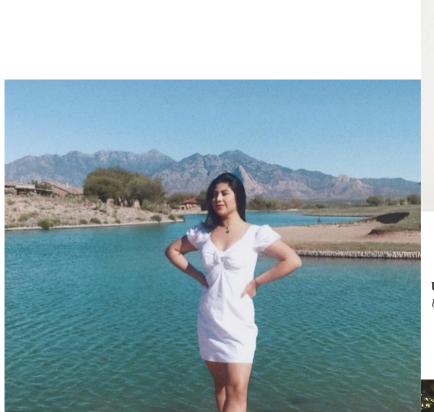






**President:** Heath Vescovi-Chiordi *Economic Development Specialist, Town of Marana* 

**Communications Chair:** Melissa Mata *University of Arizona, Class of 2018* 





**Undergraduate Chair:** Rubyalejandra Najera *University of Arizona, Class of 2019* 



**Keane Scholar:** Mackenzie Letcher *MPA*, *Class of 2020* 

#### **University of Central Oklahoma**

#### **Chapter news:**

Our ICMA affiliated club, the University of Central Oklahoma's Praxis Club was established by Dr. John Wood, assistant professor of public administration in 2014.

#### Three highlights of our year

We had a pretty productive year last year 2018-19

- 1. In the Fall, we hosted the City Managers Association Mixer for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. This mixer has changed somewhat over the course of the years, but students rotate every 10 minutes to maximize the number of city managers and executive staffers in Oklahoma. Last year, we had around 16 managers representing a dozen cities meeting more than 90 undergraduate and graduate students. Students typically meet 7-9 cities. We did this in mid Oct.
- 2. In the fall around October, we also planned for out budget due in February 2019. We successfully defended our budget, but still are awaiting the outcome. We asked for more than \$3000 last year, but have received only \$600 the last three years. It's limited our activities. Students had also put in help with travel to the ICMA Conference last year, but didn't get it. We applied with the same request this year.
- 3. In the spring, we started by replacing the president who could not hold down a full-time job, school and stay president of the club. Another student stepped in. We had a temporary set of officers also step up last fall, but in the spring, I'm glad to find that they want to all stay for the next year in their same positions.
- 4. We held our City Management Association of Oklahoma (CMAO) panel. This time, we brought in 5 UCO alums who were city managers now. It was a great discussion on comparing Oklahoma vs. Texas as two the panelists mange in Texas and three in Oklahoma. We also discussed how tough but worthwhile management can be.
- 5. We are planning a social, possibly at a Topgolf. We are still planning and finding dates that work.

#### At least two photos: See attached

#### A look forward:

We held a job fair mixer with all levels from local to federal and nonprofits in the spring of 2018, but we struggled in finding employers. We ended up with 8, or so, but more than 100 students. We weren't able to pull it off this spring, so we will try again in November so we'll have more lead time. We also have another CMAO mixer in the fall.

We have a two -short term board members, one graduates this semester and the other

in December. The others are here for another year at least.

# List of chapter officials

David Horst, President

Sharon Scott, vice president

Cam Ulloa, Treasurer

Open- Secretary

Member at large -Theresa Booze

Member at large – Jocelyn Gordon

# University of Colorado Denver ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report 2018-2019

June 5, 2019



## **Chapter News**

The Chapter has transitioned to a new leadership team in 2019-2020. In February, Traci McLean was appointed as President of the Chapter, and Gary Sears was appointed as the new Chapter Mentor. Once the new leadership team was in place, the strategic plan for the 2019-2020 year was created, focusing on diversity and inclusion initiatives, and updating our communication infrastructure to include additional social media pages, a newsletter, and increased online presence.





Left: Traci McLean, 2019-2020 Chapter President; Right: Gary Sears, 2019-2020 Chapter Mentor

Gary is a Colorado native that earned his BA from Monmouth College, and MPA from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He has held several positions in the public sector, most notably serving as City Manager of Glendale, CO for 6 years, and City manager of Englewood Colorado from 1986 to 2014. He was the Past President of the Colorado Municipal League, Past President of Colorado City County Management Association (CCCMA), and served 3 terms on the National Association of Schools of Public Administration (NASPAA) to the National Credentialing Commission. Gary has earned numerous key awards and honors, including the ICMA Credential Management Designation, the Leo G. Reithmeyer award UC/SPA program, and was recognized and Honored by the State of Colorado House of Representatives in 2014 for his long-term public service.

Traci is one of the founding members of the UCD ICMA student chapter, and served as Secretary from 2017 to 2018. She is a graduate student at the University of Colorado Denver where she is starting her last year in the MPA program with a specialization in Environmental Policy, Management, and Law. She previously earned a Master's degree in Organizational Development and Leadership, and a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs. She serves as Secretary and founding member of the Colorado American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Chapter, and is completing an internship with the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce.



# **Highlight 1: 2019 CCCMA Conference**

The chapter continued our tradition of having a presence at the annual CCCMA conference in Glenwood, Springs, CO on February 6-8th, 2019. The chapter worked with the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs (SPA), and CCCMA Executive Director, Denise Taylor, to set up hotel and travel accommodations for chapter members, and organize networking opportunities for ICMA member participants. Our Chapter Mentor, Gary Sears, reached out to chapter members that were in attendance to connect them with public officials that aligned with their goals. Areas of interest were collected from attendees prior to the event to maximize time in between events.

The conference was a success, taught our chapter the importance of building a network, and narrowing down your interests so that you can focus your job search and goals. The conference is also very eye opening because it exposes attendees to current information in the field, and innovative approaches to public service.

# **Highlight 2: Diversity and Inclusion**

The Chapter has created a partnership with the University of Colorado Denver Office of Diversity and Inclusion to support the initiatives outlined in the strategic plan for the upcoming year. The first event the chapter co-sponsored was the Auraria Campus 6th Annual Diversity Networking Event that took place on March 13, 2019. The Chapter will continue to work with the office of diversity and inclusion to host events this fall, and reach a broader base of students. The Chapter will work with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to promote future events through our social media pages, and their current newsletter, which reaches both graduate and undergraduate students.

It was a great event that taught the chapter how to network with people outside of their immediate circle, and to expand their network beyond their immediate cohort. Diversity and inclusion are the cornerstones of a fully functional democracy, and contribute greatly to the chapter's overall success.



# **Highlight 3: Career Development Event**

The chapter hosted a career development event on March 23, 2019 on the University of Colorado Denver campus in the School of Public Affairs building. ICMA Chapter members were able to either attend in person, or join the meeting via zoom. The event included presentations from Joan Fishburn, SPA's new Alumni Relations and Career Services Specialist; Lisa VanRaemdonck, Executive Director of the SPA Institute; Demetrius Parker, Jefferson County Talent and Acquisition Manger, and Jeff Bello, Former ICMA Student Chapter President and recent SPA graduate. Each participant provided information on different stages of the career development process for students, including capstone and job searches, SPA career resources, and ongoing development for mid-career and tenured employees.

The event was very successful and informative. The panel discussion was followed by an Q&A session, where best practices were shared, and a great organic conversation followed. It taught attendees the importance of setting yourself apart by being professional and genuine, and the need for ongoing development.



From Left to Right: William Swann, Traci McLean, Joan Fishburn, Lisa VanRaemdonck, Demitrius Parker, Jeff Bello, Gary Sears, and Randy Harrison.

# **Looking Forward**

For the last part of the year, the Chapter will work with the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs to host a women in government event that further supports our diversity and inclusion initiative. The chapter will also work with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to host an event this fall that will educate attendees on Colorado ballot initiatives through a panel discussion. The Chapter is working on our newsletter, and which is planned to be in circulation by the end of the year.

Lastly, we will continue to focus on recruiting first and second year MPA students, and succession planning. The Chapter plans to fill the Treasurer and Secretary roles with first year students in the fall, and create an additional role for a career development specialist to assist students with connecting with the necessary resources to ensure their success.

# **Chapter Officials**

Traci McLean, President, traci.mclean@ucdenver.edu
William Swann, Faculty Advisor, william.swann@ucdenver.edu
Gary Sears, Chapter Mentor, glsears1@gmail.com

# **ICMA University Annual Report (2018-2019)**



## **Chapter News**

The University of Nebraska Omaha Student Chapter is pleased to highlight its increased participation in chapter events and ICMA sponsored events. Several student members attended the ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Conference. Community tours also drew students to the chapter and its mission of connecting students to the profession.

#### Tour of City of Bellevue, Nebraska

On November 10th, the chapter toured the City of Bellevue, Nebraska with City Administrator Joe Mangiamelli. Bellevue City Councilman Thomas Burns joined the

tour and assisted Mangiamelli in explaining the delicate balance that must be maintained between administrators and elected officials. Mangiamelli and Councilman Burns taught that this balance will either expedite growth or stifle it. Throughout the tour, students were shown several projects that are the result of good relations and public-private partnerships.



Photo 2. Students and chapter officers pose in front of monument whose story involves a public-private partnership.

### Tour of City of Blair, Nebraska

Feeding off the success of the Bellevue Tour, the chapter organized another tour, this time Photo 1. Three student chapter in Blair, Nebraska on March 30th. Assistant City Administrator Phil Green led the tour, which took attendance. students to visit a number of



members pose for a photo at the ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Conference. Several students were in

public-private partnerships, including the new Blair Public Library & Technology Center. Students learned about public funding sources, technology in the public sector and emergency management.

# **Looking Forward**

First, the chapter is excited to welcome President-Elect Joe George and Vice President Ryan Christensen to their new positions! Second, the chapter hopes to continue its

great relationship with the Nebraska chapter of ICMA. The fruits of this relationship include city tours, internships, scholarships, and mentoring.

Mentor: Phil Green Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Blair

President: Clayton Keller

President-Elect: Joe George Vice President: Ryan Christensen

# ICMA University Annual Report UT Dallas - 2019

# **Chapter Overview**

Beginning in the Spring Semester of 2019, the Public and Nonprofit Department created a new ICMA chapter at the University of Texas at Dallas. With an initial membership of 13, UTD ICMA hopes to steadily grow membership with expansion and recruitment efforts in the Fall Semester 2019 and onward. Of the initial 13 charter members, elections were held to elect chapter officers.



ICMA Chapter Officers and Faculty Advisor at UTD Public Management and Nonprofit Alumni Conference 2019

# Highlight 1

The first major highlight of the UTD ICMA group was our first meeting held on May 9, 2019. Of our 13 members, 12 attended the meeting. There we discussed the TCMA College Bowl competition requirements and began preparations for our participation in it.

# Highlight 2

The second major highlight was the chapter officers being recognized and introduced to UTD Public and Nonprofit Management alumni at their annual alumni conference event on May 3, 2019.



# Highlight 3

The third major highlight is an ongoing preparation for the TCMA College Bowl competition. Our College Bowl team has been hard at work researching and preparing for the competition. Of one of the contests, we must research then present on an assigned organization. We were tasked with researching the Texas Homeless Network where we will present our research at the 2019 TCMA conference in Fort Worth.



UTD ICMA Officers being recognized at the UT Dallas Public and Nonprofit Management Alumni Conference 2019

## **Looking Forward**

As a brand new organization, there is much room for growth and accomplishment. Looking forward, we hope to grow the organization, network with city and county leadership, and plan community service events.

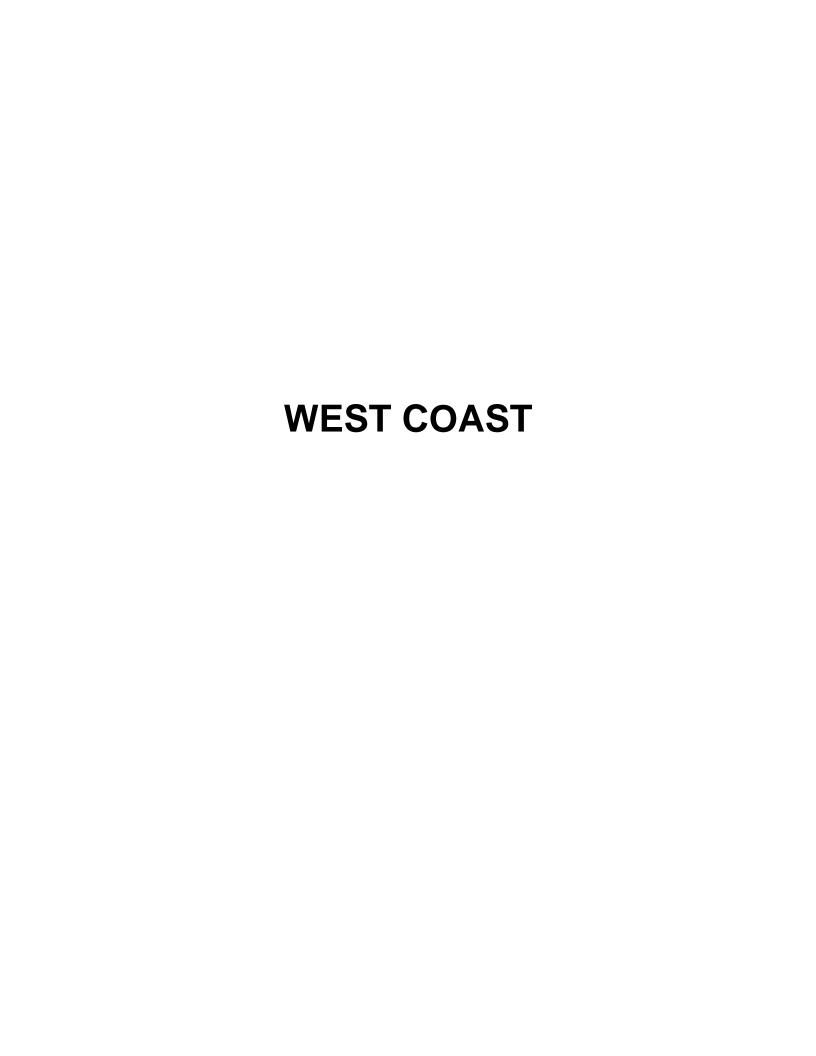
# **Chapter Officials**

President: Clay Mansell

Vice President: Jason Cutrone

Secretary: Rachel Pribble

Faculty Advisor: Dr. John McCaskill



# ICMA Mills College Annual Report (2018-2019)



#### **Chapter News**

For the 2018-2019 academic year, the ICMA Mills College Student Chapter was led by five board members who met weekly to plan a variety of events related to the local government profession. We started the year by conducting a student interest survey to collect data on student interests and needs. Our group held four events this year, and three of our members received the ICMA Local Government Early Career Service Certificate.

#### Highlight 1: "Experiences in Government Mixer"

Our first event of the year celebrated current students at Mills College who had already demonstrated success in local government. Eight students participated in a networking session that aimed to connect first-year students to their peers.





Highlight 2: "Civic Dinners - National Debt 101"

Our second event of the year brought students together for a discussion on the National Debt. This event was part of the Civic Dinners organization, and aimed to educate students about the National Debt, and spark dialogue about potential solutions.

## Highlight 3: "Getting Hired in Local Government"

For this event, our group invited three local government Human Resources representatives to speak to our members about the job application process in the public sector. They covered topics including: how to search for job postings, tips for answering supplemental questions, the civil service interview, and more.



Highlight 4: "ELGL Inspire"





For our final event of the year, Mills College partnered with Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) to host an event on campus that inspires young people to pursue a career in public service. The event featured speakers from cities and counties across the Bay Area to speak on a variety of different career paths within local government. Attendees networked with government professionals and learned about employment opportunities.

#### A Look Forward

In future years, the ICMA Mills College Student Chapter hopes to continue engaging our student body and raising awareness around the local government profession. Specifically, we would like to organize more trips for our members to attend ICMA's many conferences and regional events throughout the year.

# **Chapter Officials**

President: Laurel Poeton Faculty Advisor: Mark Henderson

Mentor: Chantal Gaines Treasurer: Jenifer Logia Vice President: Mika Weissbuch Communications: Michael Canning Event Coordinator: Brandon Baranco

#### Portland State University – ICMA Student Chapter

#### **Chapter News/updates:**

The PSU ICMA Student Chapter seeks to connect PSU students with local government professionals so students can begin building professional networks and engage with local leaders about the prevailing challenges and successes in Oregon. Additionally, the Chapter acts as a medium for students to share academic and professional opportunities and experiences. Over the academic year, the Chapter organized three well-attended events that facilitated opportunities for students to engage with professionals and learn more about exciting topics in their communities. The Chapter also coordinated some end-of-quarter social events so students could get to know each other in a less formal setting.

#### ICMA Baltimore Conference Viewing and Roundtable Discussion - October 2018

The Chapter hosted a viewing party of the 2018 ICMA Baltimore conference panel titled, *Building Capacity for Collaborative Community Engagement*. A dozen MPA local government students enjoyed light refreshments and snacks, while gaining exposure to conversations taking place within ICMA at the national level. Afterwards, the Chapter led a discussion, which allowed students to engage their peers about the issues raised during the presentation. This thought-provoking exercise included student's personal accounts, as well as theoretical discussion on the application of meaningful community engagement at the local level in Oregon.

#### **Lake Oswego Communications Center Tour - November 2018**

Thanks to the exceptional staff of the City of Lake Oswego, the Chapter organized a tour for a large group of PSU graduate students to take a tour of Lake Oswego's Communications Center (LOCOM). We learned that LOCOM is a unique facility rarely found in medium sized local governments. It functions as a 911 emergency dispatch center for the City and several neighboring jurisdictions and ascertains funding through a cooperative intergovernmental agreement. Students learned about the challenges that public safety departments face in receiving and responding to emergency calls. The Lake Oswego Police Department and Public Safety staff gave attendees a valuable inside-look of how the center operates to provide around the clock service to tens of thousands of residents.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rural Cities - February 2019

The former City of Independence City Manager David Clyne joined MPA students to discuss how thoughtful governance and engagement can foster revitalization in a rural setting. Mr. Clyne presented the challenges that small, diverse cities face in Oregon, and gave examples of how local governments can aid in the facilitation of unity. Independence began funding an internship position to support its diverse community and found this role to be so valuable that they chose to fund it as a full-time staff position. However, city staff are not the lone party responsible for the success enjoyed by Independence. The City also helped to establish a network of citizen volunteers and non-profits, whose work to build cohesion has been recognized at the State and national level. The fourteen event attendees composed of a good mix of PSU MPA students and practitioners working in local government in the Portland Metropolitan area.

#### The Road Ahead

Currently, the Chapter is facilitating attendance to an annual event geared towards current and aspiring local government leaders. The local ICMA Chapter known as Oregon City/County Managers Association (OCCMA) Annual Conference will be well attended by Portland State University's MPA students this year taking place on the beautiful Oregon coast. The conference is a three-day long engaging event complete with workshops and seminars where students have the opportunity to network and learn alongside experienced local government professionals who currently work in Oregon. This event provides the opportunity to plan engaging events for the 2019 - 2020 academic year and will allow students to help leadership plan for the 2021 Annual ICMA Conference.

As the academic year comes to a close, students will graduate and transition to government service, leaving space for new students to gear up for the coming year. Current Chapter officials are seeking to find their replacements in order to facilitate future participation, intrigue, and professional leadership.



\*2018 OCCMA Summer Conference attendees.

#### **Chapter officials:**

Emma Hiatt, Huell White, Jordan Parente, Rosie McGown



# San Francisco State University

# **Annual Report 2018-2019**

# **Chapter News**

SFSU's ICMA student chapter had a productive and eventful year. Sixteen new members joined the chapter and four new board members acquired leadership positions. Relationships were developed with Cal-ICMA mentors, student chapter members, and campus-wide departments through events, partnerships, and conference attendance.





# St. Anthony's Service Day

ICMA held their first volunteering event in December, with six MPA students serving food at St. Anthony's dining hall - an excellent way to exemplify ICMA and SFSU values while supporting the local community!

# **Chapter Officials**

#### Fall 2018

President- Chris Pflaumer Secretary- Chelsea McNutt Treasurer- Richard Cheney **Spring 2019** 

President- Patrick Pacleb Vice President- Melissa Plageman Secretary- Spencer Andrews Treasurer- Richard Cheney

# Emotional Intelligence Workshop

ICMA mentor, Joan Kling, hosted a workshop on understanding your emotional strengths and values and how they can apply to working in teams. Participants learned methods of identifying the emotional needs of their colleagues and how to best support them as leaders.



# LinkedIn Workshop

In the Spring, SFSU ICMA partnered with SFSU Career Services & Leadership Development (CSLD) to host an informative LinkedIn Workshop. This professional development workshop was facilitated by career consultant, Kyle Elliot. Kyle gave insight into how LinkedIn can be used as a self-marketing and networking tool for landing your dream job, while highlighting your strengths and experience.



# **Looking Forward**

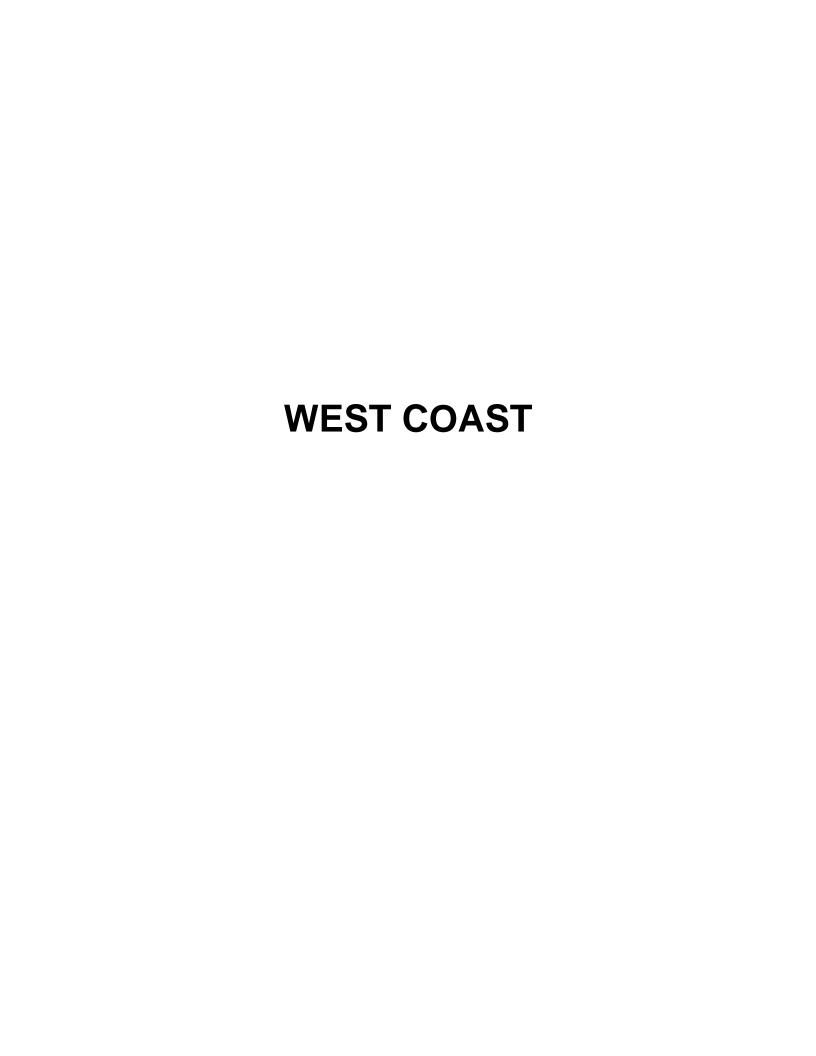
SFSU ICMA has elected new officers for the Fall 2019 semester. The current board members have initiated the planning process for several events to transfer to the new officers, such as a first-time homebuyer workshop, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships with SFSU campus organizations and local ICMA student chapters.











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# **Chapter Officials**

- Md. Saidur Rahman, Faculty Advisor
- Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, PhD, Chapter
- Ajbinur Islam, President
- Sangita Akter, Vice President
- Md. Saif Ahammed, General Secretary
- Md Mehedi Hasan Siam, Joint Secretary, Creative Section
- Md. Abdul Rasel, Treasurer

Chapter News: ICMA North South University (NSU) Student Chapter is organizing various events, seminars, conference and competitions. It has been working with about 550 members whilst it started its journey in 2017 with only 110 members. Now, it has been formalized under Department of Political Science and Sociology, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. It has been now working directly with South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance. ICMA NSU Student Chapter has collaborated with Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and 7 ICMA NSU members have agreed to work with MAB by the assistance of with Mr. S M Abdur Rauf, Coordinator of MAB. ICMA NSU conducts 3 recruitments (Fall, Summer and Spring) every year and ICMA NSU recruits 250 members in each recruitment.

Student Simulation Competition organized by South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance along with ICMA NSU Student Chapter. Participants from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan participated in this event. Certificates, Medals, goodies (Bags, Pens, Diaries and ID cards) were provided to the participants. Graduate and Undergraduate students from both Public and Private Universities of Bangladesh joined this simulation program by ICMA NSU Student Chapter. Vice Chancellor of our University, Dean of the department and other faculty members were invited in this program. We learned that good management of time is the key to success of every event. We believe that our time efficiency made this event successful and glorious.

On the day of visit by International Advisory Board of North South University; With Executive Leaders (VC Sir, Pro VC Sir, Treasurer Sir, Dean Sir, Director Sir and International Advisory Board) of North South University, ICMA NSU Student Chapter held an event on research exhibition at North South University. There were several research abstract, research journals and articles were displayed. All 16 Departments of North South University participated in this event to display the research. We captured knowledge on how researches are done and how projects on researches are implemented.

This recruitment was the most popular recruitment in North South University History. We arranged a petition at the back of our recruitment booth and faculty members and students wrote problems and possible solutions of Bangladesh. Later on, we come up with an idea of a competition based on the written problems of this petition. The National City Management Competition is going to be held on August 2019.

Highlight 01: NASPAA Batten (Student Simulation Competition)-2019



Highlight 02: Research exhibition for International Advisory Board of North South University, March 09, 2019



Highlight 03: Fall Recruitment at North South University, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018

#### **Looking Forward**

#### **Upcoming Events and activity:**

- 1. International Conference on the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions (27th July, 2019-28th July, 2019)
- 2. National City Management Challenge 1.0 (10th August-20th August, 2019)
- 3. ICMA NSU Smart City Expo, 2019(4th October, 2019- 5th October, 2019)
- 4. ICMA NSU City Conference-2019(13th December, 2019)
- 5. Launching plan of Regional committee of ICMA NSU Student Chapter at Bangladesh

