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# STUDENT CHAPTERS ANNUAL REPORTS 2024–2025

## **ABOUT THE ICMA STUDENT CHAPTERS PROGRAM**

ICMA Student Chapters attract and cultivate an inclusive and talented group of individuals as the next generation of local management leaders. Introducing and integrating students into the local government management profession and familiarizing students with ICMA members, resources, and the Code of Ethics.

For more information about ICMA Student Chapters, please visit [icma.org/student-chapters](https://icma.org/student-chapters).

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# NORTHEAST CHAPTERS

# SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

*The ICMA student Chapter at Seton Hall University is located in South Orange, New Jersey. It was recently relaunched in fall 2024.*



*A meet-and-greet with the Seton Hall ICMA Student Chapter's community mentor Greg Poff.*

## SUMMARY

We are excited to serve as a base of operations for ICMA's growth in New Jersey. We have connected with ICMA leadership and offered our assistance to nearby colleges/universities to help them start an ICMA Student Chapter. Over the past year, the Seton Hall ICMA Student Chapter saw an immediate interest in membership. We are looking to form partnerships with other colleges, as well as communities.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We applied for an Economic Mobility and Opportunity Grant. If awarded, we will lean

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**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Adam Kuczynski

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Gregory Poff

heavily into working with Randolph, New Jersey, on a hands-on project to help increase

civic education in the community to help individuals learn about their local government services. Our current president will remain in her role, with a few new members assuming

positions on the executive committee. We are excited and believe our numbers will grow, especially as we move to welcome undergraduates into the organization.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** On February 2, 2024, the Seton Hall ICMA Student Chapter held a meet-and-greet with our community mentor Greg Poff. It was well-attended, and the students walked away with a new understanding of city management.
- 2** On May 5, 2025, we held a job panel with local government professionals to discuss the application process and current market.



# SUNY BROCKPORT

*The SUNY Brockport ICMA Student Chapter was formed in 2016. Our MPA program is 100% virtual; therefore, meetings are online. However, the students typically can get funding to attend the NYSCMA fall meeting and spring conference.*



ICMA Student Chapter members working NYSCMA registration.

## SUMMARY

The SUNY Brockport ICMA Student Chapter hosted two (virtual) “Meet the Managers” meetings at which three New York ICMA members joined for Q&A regarding careers in the profession and interview tips. A slate of new officers is currently being voted on by the current student chapter members.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Next year the student chapter plans to continue the “Meet the Managers” virtual meetings and to find sponsorships to send students to the NYSCMA meetings.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Elizabeth Green

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Celia Watt

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Ian Coyle



## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Five student chapter members attended the spring NYSCMA conference in Cooperstown, New York, April 30–May 2. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the profession and network with New York managers

# UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

*Our ICMA Student Chapter represents the School of Public Policy at the University of Connecticut. We are based out of the UConn - Hartford satellite campus in Hartford, Connecticut. The student chapter has been operating since 2019.*



*Pints & Policy with students, members, leadership, and UConn School of Public Policy staff.*

## SUMMARY

We have increased our membership from four in 2023-2024 to 14 in 2024-2025. Additionally, we have re-established our relationship with CTCMA (Connecticut Town and City Management Association), and we are planning a networking and social event with them to conclude the semester. We also strengthened our partnership with the UConn School of Public Policy Alumni Council, and we've just voted in our new chapter officials

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Chase Prentiss

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Ryan Baldassario

## LOOKING FORWARD

We are incredibly optimistic for 2025-2026, and our current membership was heavily involved in 2024-2025.

### CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Our “Pints & Policy” social events were the most successful activities over the past academic year. We feel that these were successes, as it is incredibly difficult to get graduate students—specifically, those at a commuter campus—to go out. This series of events brought together students, alumni (including local professionals), and staff.



# UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

*The University of Delaware (UD) ICMA Student Chapter is a two-time ICMA Best Student Chapter Event winner. The chapter, formed in 2018, is affiliated with the Joseph R. Biden School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware. The chapter's mission is to educate students about career opportunities in local government, network with local professionals in the field, and engage students on local government projects.*



*The UD ICMA Student Chapter local government speed networking event on March 4, 2025.*

## SUMMARY

On March 4, 2025, the UD ICMA Student Chapter organized a speed networking event at the Biden Institute with coaches Eugene Dvornick, Georgetown town manager; Antonina Tantillo, New Castle city administrator; Valdesse West, IPA city clerk; and Ann Marie Townsend, Rossi Group & former Lewes city manager. Seventeen students who participated in the event rotated tables every 10 minutes to have a personalized conversation with local government professionals (and coaches),

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Meghan Rydell

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Dr. Alisa Moldavanova

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Eugene Dvornick



gaining insightful tips and tools for navigating the wide range of local government services. The event was judged successful because it provided students with a space for career exploration and professional development through networking and mentorship with such public administrators as a town manager and human resource and procurement professionals.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The UD ICMA Student Chapter is currently working on organizing a field trip to Georgetown, Delaware, to learn about the housing support service and local government-nonprofit collaboration.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The ICMA Student Chapter participated in the Biden School involvement fair in fall 2024. During the event, we shared information with students about ICMA, as a leading association of professional city and county managers that provides professional development opportunities for students interested in public service after graduation. The event allowed us to recruit more students to join the student chapter and share information about the chapter's upcoming events.





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# MIDWEST CHAPTERS



# GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

*The Grand Valley State University ICMA Student Chapter is based out of the downtown Pew Campus of GVSU in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was originally formed in 2011. The goals of the GVSU ICMA Student Chapter are to introduce and integrate students into local government and the management profession and familiarize students with ICMA members, resources, and policies. Through the chapter, we also establish connections between ICMA, schools, students, state associations, and managers.*



*Volunteers at the Michigan Veteran Home Service Event with ICMA members in attendance.*

## SUMMARY

The 2024-2025 academic year has seen several developments for the GVSU ICMA Student Chapter. We have participated in several volunteer service projects with local nonprofit organizations (including the Michigan Veteran Homes, Kids Food Basket, Kent County Parks, and Revive & Thrive), we hosted a luncheon to celebrate the continued partnership between our student chapter and the West Michigan Municipal Executives (WMME) group, and we acquired funding to attend the annual Michigan Municipal League (MML) Capitol Conference in Lansing in March 2025.

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**PRESIDENT**  
Christopher McGuire

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Neal Buckwalter

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Keith Van Beek





Public administration students at the WMME Luncheon hosted by the GVSU ICMA Student Chapter.



GVSU ICMA Student Chapter Executive Board pictured with top management officials from the Grand Rapids, and Michigan Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks (center) at CapCon 2025.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The GVSU ICMA Student Chapter is planning to attend the fall convention hosted by the MML in Grand Rapids, make amendments to our Chapter's Constitution regarding clarity

of certain voting and election procedures for establishing succession of our Chapter's Executive Board, and resume our partnerships with local nonprofit organizations to continue providing community service in the form of volunteer events.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Coordinated by the GVSU School of Community Leadership and Development in Partnership with Michigan Veteran Homes in Grand Rapids, our ICMA Student Chapter helped recruit volunteers from the Public Administration, Nonprofit Administration, and Health Administration programs and participated in a service day with the Grand Rapids Veteran Home on October 15, 2024. Volunteers toured the facility, met resident veterans, and engaged in acts of service like landscaping, painting, washing grave markers, and decorating for a Halloween event. As future stewards of our communities, we believe that the ideals of volunteerism go hand in hand with community-focused public service. Our chapter's participation in this volunteer service event and others showcases our ongoing commitment to community engagement and service-oriented work.

**2** Hosted by GVSU's ICMA Student Chapter, the West Michigan Municipal Executives (WMME) Luncheon, held on January 15, 2025, provided an opportunity for our

members to practice event coordination and networking skills. The WMME is a partner organization of the GVSU ICMA Student Chapter and regularly invites our members to their monthly luncheons and other networking events. Members of the WMME also frequently connect students with internships and other career advancing opportunities, and such events serve as the basis for lasting professional connections.

**3** The GVSU ICMA Student Chapter secured funding from the university's Graduate Student Association to attend the Michigan Municipal League (MML) Capitol Conference, March 18-19, 2025. This event is the largest gathering of municipal leaders in the State of Michigan.

# WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

*The mission of the Wayne State University (WSU) ICMA Student Chapter is to introduce and integrate students into the local government management profession; familiarize students with ICMA, its members, resources, and policies; establish connections between local government management theories, practices, and applications through tangible, actual examples; immerse students in government management issues facing Detroit and the surrounding area; and establish a symbiotic community of students and professionals wherein experiences, knowledge, and advice can be shared, and each can learn from one another.*



WSU ICMA members at the MME winter meeting in Bay City.

## SUMMARY

WSU ICMA Student Chapter members attended the Michigan Municipal Executive (MME) Winter Meeting. MME is the state affiliate organization of ICMA. This is the third year in a row WSU ICMA has had students attend.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Our new board is looking forward to coming up with other great speakers and guests who can help talk through the many opportunities available to folks in city and county management.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Toria Boldware King

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Brady Baybeck

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Mark Wollenweber, Victor Cardenas



*WSU ICMA members at the MME winter meeting in Bay City.*

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Guest speakers Brandon Frye, executive director at the city of Lincoln Park, and Cheryl Baur, senior project manager at Real Estate Services at IFF (both Wayne State MPA alumni) spoke to our members about economic and community development. It was a great conversation and gave our membership insight into what work in those areas looks like from both a city government and a nonprofit perspective.

**2** Guest speakers Hilton Kincaid, deputy director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Detroit, and Chris Jodoin, manager, emergency management, Henry Ford Health, spoke to our membership about handling emergencies in various jurisdictions. This was timely, as it coincided with the LA wildfires and the water main break and subsequent freezing in Detroit.

**3** Guest speaker Marian Reich, president of Global Ties Detroit, spoke to our membership about the Global Ties program and how it brings people from all over the world to learn about Detroit's rich history.



A blue-tinted photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, the backs of several students are visible as they sit at wooden desks. Some papers and a small electronic device are on the desks. In the background, a teacher stands near a whiteboard, and large windows let in natural light, showing trees outside.

# MOUNTAIN PLAINS CHAPTERS

# BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

*Brigham Young University is located in Provo, Utah, and currently has over 35,000 students. The student chapter has been running for over a decade, with most of the members coming from students obtaining their MPA at the Romney Institute of Public Service and Ethics.*



*Students and alumni with the San Antonio assistant city manager at the ICMA conference in Pittsburgh, at the Romney Institute booth.*

## SUMMARY

The popularity of local government is steadily increasing among students in the MPA program, which is reflected in the increased number of students attending events and expressing interest in the ICMA and UCMA conferences. This year we had participants from other tracks in the program attend the conferences as part of our student cohort, due to their appreciation for intergovernmental collaboration and wanting to understand how to better work with local governments.

**20**  **CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
Peter Maughan

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Travis Ruddle

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Wayne Parker





Students from BYU, the University of Utah, and Southern Utah University at the case competition.



Students and alumni at the UCMA conference.

## LOOKING FORWARD

During the 2025-2026 academic year, the student chapter will be hosting more events and providing new opportunities for students to engage with local government. The student

chapter will continue organizing a student cohort to participate in the ICMA and UCMA conferences, and continue hosting the case competition in the coming year. The incoming president of the student chapter is Jackson Berthold.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** We had a cohort of 10 students attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. Prior to the conference, we held a preparatory meeting with Wayne Parker, the Romney Institute's City Manager in Residence, who shared how the students can make the most out of the conference to learn and build their networks.
- 2** The MPA department held a case competition in March 2025 where teams from BYU, University of Utah, and Southern Utah University competed in a local government budget-focused case. The case competition was organized the second time after COVID-19, and this year brought a fifth team with UofU participating as well. The five teams were judged on how well they took into consideration the many different aspects that should have been addressed in the case, as well as the incorporation of the ICMA Code of Ethics.
- 3** A group of five students attended the UCMA 2025 Spring Conference in St. George, Utah, April 14-15. The opportunity to meet with the leaders local to Utah was a valuable experience for students, as many are placed in jobs within the state. The interest and participation have grown steadily among students.

# BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE AT TEXAS A&M

*The Bush School ICMA Chapter was founded in 2018, and for the 2024-2025 academic year, the chapter hosted career panels with local government leaders, organized networking events with Bush School alumni, and partnered with the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) to attend the ICMA Annual Conference. Our chapter emphasized building a strong, inclusive community and promoting the values of public service and ethical leadership.*



2024 Annual TCMA and Intercollegiate Bowl, South Padre Island, Texas.

## SUMMARY

The Bush School ICMA Chapter had an active and impactful year, focusing on professional development, community service, and expanding student engagement.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The Bush School ICMA Student Chapter plans to continue strengthening partnerships with ICMA and TCMA by co-hosting events and offering student-led workshops at the ICMA Annual Conference. We aim to expand our mentorship program by incorporating

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Priscilla Rios

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Dr. Robert Greer, Dr. Brian Nakamura,  
Professor Paul Hofmann

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Hugh Walker





College Station Collaboration Panel, City Hall, College Station, Texas.



Todd Mission and TxRenfest visit.

virtual mentorship with alumni across Texas and beyond. Additionally, we will focus on increasing undergraduate engagement to cultivate the next generation of public service

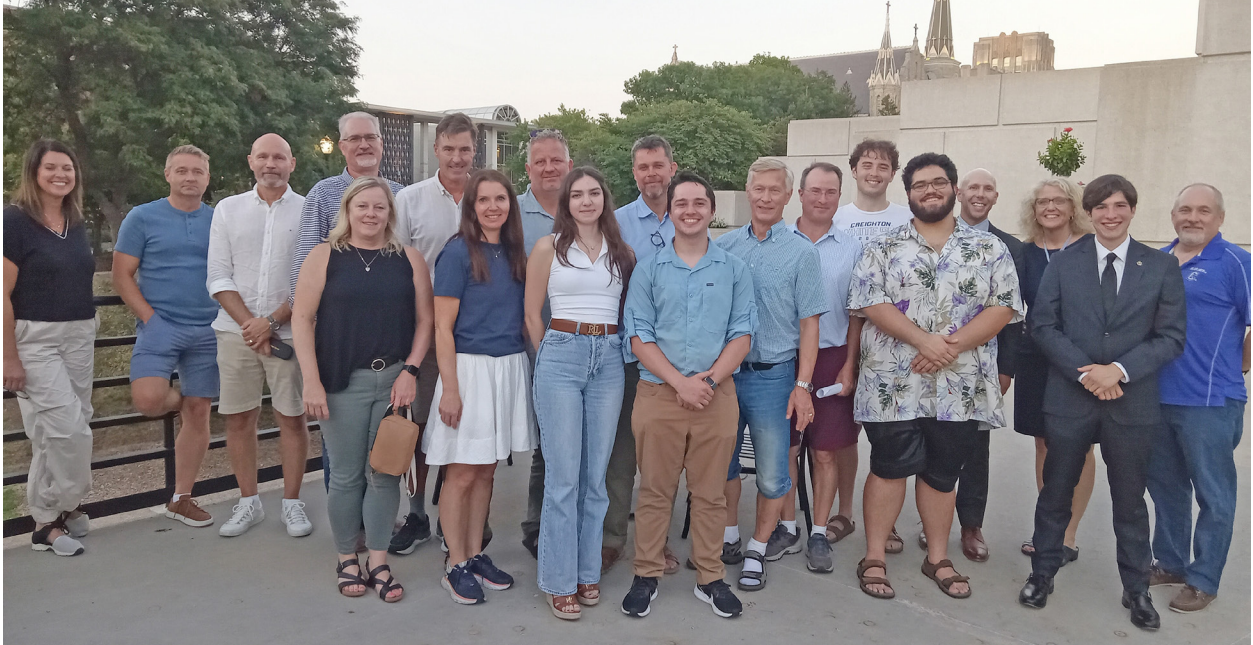
leaders and continue to champion the values of service, leadership, and innovation at the Bush School.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** A group of student members traveled to South Padre, Texas, to attend the TCMA Annual Conference, where they connected with city managers, participated in educational sessions, and competed in the intercollegiate city management competition. This provided invaluable exposure to the field and helped many members secure internships and mentorship connections.
- 2** Members of the student chapter participated in Public Service Week events, which included a Bush Day of Service volunteer event at the Brazos Valley Food Bank.
- 3** The ICMA Student Chapter successfully launched a speed mentoring program pairing MPSA students concentrating in state and local government with alumni and mentors working in local government. This initiative is helping students navigate graduate school, build their professional networks, and prepare for internships and careers in public administration.

# CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

*Creighton University is located in Omaha, Nebraska. We started our ICMA Student Chapter in spring 2023, in the Department of Political Science and International Relations.*



Officers of the ICMA Student Chapter at Creighton University hosting NCMA and Norwegian delegates at Creighton campus, August 26, 2024

## SUMMARY

In our second full year as an ICMA Student Chapter, we held six on-campus events during the fall and spring semesters. In June 2024, we had six students attend the Nebraska City/County Management Association (NCMA) summer conference in York, Nebraska. In August 2024, our chapter hosted a delegation of city administrators from Norway, in coordination with NCMA and the Nebraska-Norway manager exchange program. Our chapter mentor, an ICMA/NCMA member, met with students to discuss internship opportunities; we had three students work in city administration internships this year in Nebraska communities. We also had ICMA

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Milana Rasin

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Dr. Christian Janousek

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Chris Anderson

members speak at multiple on-campus events. Our chapter has established a partnership



ICMA Student Chapter members at Creighton University attending the NCMA summer conference in York, Nebraska, June 2024.



ICMA Student Chapter at Creighton University hosting the Omaha Mayoral Forum as a community partner, April 29, 2025.

with other colleges in the state, including Wayne State College, to promote more ICMA Chapters in Nebraska.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We have an array of majors represented in our organization, such as political science, health administration, international relations, and business. We have four students

registered to attend the NCMA summer conference this year in Wayne, Nebraska. For next academic year, we have several events planned, including a workshop on economic development and an NCMA informational session. We are also working with NCMA to develop an internship program, so more students can gain experience in city administration roles.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Our chapter hosted a delegation of Norwegian city administrators in coordination with NCMA and the Nebraska-Norway manager exchange program, August 25 – 26, 2024. The delegates visited Creighton University to meet with students and discuss comparative city administration in the United States and Norway. Our chapter hosted a dinner reception with the delegates and NCMA members, attended by over 50 students and faculty. The delegates were also provided a campus tour and attended a Creighton Bluejays soccer match.

**2** Creighton University hosted a debate forum for the Omaha, Nebraska, mayoral election on April 29, 2025. Our ICMA Student Chapter was selected to be a community partner of the event, which allowed students to participate in developing



questions to ask the mayoral candidates. The ICMA Chapter was recognized in the promotional materials and at the event. We had 25 students register for the forum. This was an excellent experience for student members to engage with the community and local city government.

**3** Our chapter hosted Omaha by Design, a nonprofit organization that is working with the city of Omaha to develop a new 20-year master plan. The goal of the 'We Make Omaha' campaign is to engage local community organizations and the public to provide input for the plan. A representative from Omaha by Design discussed the campaign, the components of the master plan, and provided opportunities for student input and volunteer roles. The event, held on February 4, 2025, was attended by over 30 students. Participants learned about city government and development, and were able to take an active role in the campaign.



# GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

*Grand Canyon University is located in Phoenix, Arizona, and its ICMA Student Chapter was officially reinstated in October 2024 after being inactive since 2019. The chapter was reestablished through the efforts of student Mireya Ramirez and Professor Evelyn Racette. Since its reinstatement, the chapter has hosted various events, established partnerships with other universities, and received a grant for research on economic mobility in local communities.*



Grand Canyon University

Photo: [www.gcu.edu](http://www.gcu.edu)

## SUMMARY

During the 2024-2025 academic year, our chapter has seen exciting new developments, including a significant increase in membership and the appointment of new chapter officials dedicated to expanding our impact on campus and in the community. We've had the opportunity to connect with ICMA members through panels and virtual events, allowing students to engage directly with professionals in local government. Additionally, we've strengthened our collaboration with the Arizona City/County Management Association

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Samuel Barry

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Evelyn Racette

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Stephen Erno

(ACMA) and deepened our partnerships with ICMA student chapters at ASU, UofA, and NAU, creating a strong statewide network. One of our most exciting collaborations is with local government officials as part of a funded economic mobility pilot study and community garden project, providing real-world research and engagement opportunities for our members.

## LOOKING FORWARD

For the next semester, our chapter is planning a workshop series focused on career development, which will include resume

building, mock interviews, and networking opportunities with local government professionals. These events aim to equip our members with the skills needed to transition from college to the workforce and to further deepen connections with professionals in public administration.

Additionally, we are in the early stages of planning a collaboration with local city managers for a “Day in the Life of a City Manager” event, which will give our members a chance to shadow public officials and gain first-hand experience in local governance.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** One of the highlights of our chapter this year was hosting the City and County Attorney Panel in February 2025, which brought together attorneys from across the Phoenix metro area to speak about public service law careers and the challenges of working in local government. This event provided students with direct insight into the legal aspects of city and county operations and encouraged meaningful dialogue between professionals and students.

**2** March 2025, we organized a Capitol and Court Tour Day, giving members the opportunity to see Arizona’s legislative and judicial processes firsthand while networking with public officials and staff.

**3** At the beginning of 2025, we began our economic mobility pilot study. The project focuses on food deserts in the Maryvale and Alhambra communities, where GCU is located. We partnered with local officials to provide Kroger Boost grocery delivery service to 40–50 families for one year, along with three surveys to evaluate the impact of delivery services on eliminating transportation barriers to food access. Simultaneously, we are planning for a community garden in Maryvale, with the goal of improving long-term access to fresh produce. These initiatives have allowed students to apply research skills directly, network with city professionals, and design real solutions for underserved communities.

# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

*Texas Tech is located in Lubbock, Texas. The ICMA Student Chapter at TTU was established in 2022 by former MPA student Colin Ashby. As the MPA program at TTU is online and in-person, this chapter benefits from operating in a hybrid format.*



*MPA students participating in the upcoming Intercollegiate Bowl pick up donations for the group's "Beat the Heat" community service project.*

## SUMMARY

Virginia Finster served as chapter president for the 2024-2025 academic year. Diego Hernandez served as secretary for the 2024-2025 academic year. The chapter's membership increased by two members in the 2024-25 academic year. The chapter collaborated with the MPA program at TTU to host a City Management Speaker Series event on March 6, 2025.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The ICMA Student Chapter at TTU has much to look forward to in the coming semester.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### PRESIDENT

Virginia Finster

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Sung-Wook Kwon

### COMMUNITY MENTOR

Daniel Scheller



New officers will be selected for the 2025-2026 academic year. New recruitment efforts will be underway. With the Intercollegiate Bowl now a course at TTU, the Student

Chapter and MPA program will grow in visibility, community impact, and professional development.

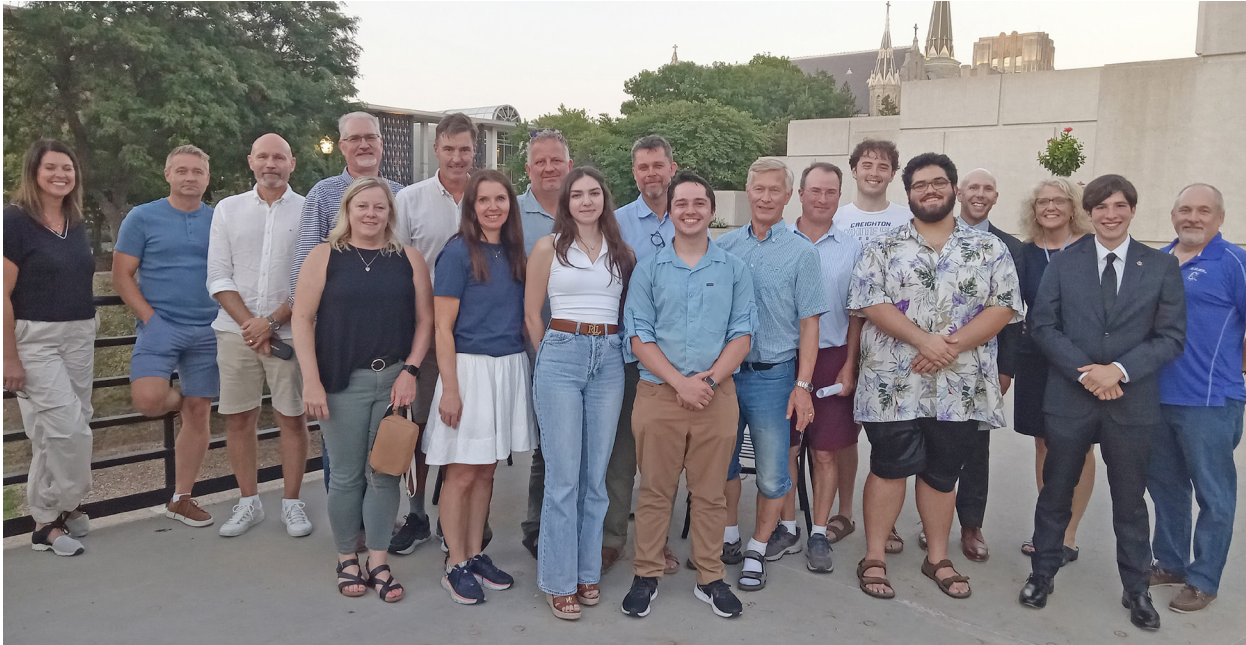
## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Virginia Finster worked with the chapter's advisor and mentor to discuss how to strengthen the chapter for future academic years. In 2023, Melinda Brown, John Bosco Boadi-Quaye, and Virginia Finster attended the TCMA annual conference in June 2023 in Allen, Texas. The three members participated in the Intercollegiate Bowl with three other public administration programs in Texas. To strengthen the professional impact ICMA has on members, the chapter's leadership suggested that an Intercollegiate Bowl course be offered within the MPA program so the participants can produce a capstone and community service project like the other universities competing. This resulted in a course being implemented for the spring 2025 semester. The class has completed a capstone project and will be completing their community service projects over the coming weeks. They will compete at the TCMA annual conference in June 2025, in San Antonio.

**2** On March 6, 2025, ICMA Student Chapter at TTU organized the City Management Speaker Series, a hybrid event where Elizabeth Lara, director of human resources for Lubbock, and Charles Hurst, director of human resources for Odessa, answered questions about their professional roles.

# UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

*The University of Kansas ICMA Student Chapter is an academically and professionally engaged group of developing local government leaders.*



Officers of the ICMA Student Chapter at Creighton University hosting NCMA and Norwegian delegates at Creighton campus, August 26, 2024.

## SUMMARY

The KU ICMA Student Chapter celebrated another year of learning and engagement in the local government profession. Student chapter members worked in part- and full-time internship and full-time employment positions. Some chapter members attended the ICMA conference in Pittsburgh and Kansas Association of City/County Management Conferences in Dodge City and Lawrence, Kansas. The chapter welcomed new practitioners in residence Meredith Hauck of EverStrive Solutions and Clay Pearson of SGR to serve as mentors. Sherilynn Lombos, city manager, Tualatin, Oregon, and Jeff Rhodes, assistant city manager, Parkville, Missouri,

**20**  **CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
Josh Navarro and Elizabeth Blakely

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Cari Ann Kreienhop

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Hannes Zacharias

who served as continuing practitioners in residence, will conclude their service this



*KU ICMA Student Chapter members congratulate Bob Kipp Professor of the Practice, Hannes Zacharias, on his retirement at the Annual KCCM Conference in Lawrence, Kansas.*

year. We enjoyed learning through the school's professional development offerings throughout the year including application material prep, networking skills, mock interviews, alumni panels, and the inaugural programming of the Center for Democratic Governance. Finally, program alumni and current students gathered to celebrate the semi-retirement of the School of Public Affairs & Administration's inaugural Bob Kipp Professor of the Practice, Hannes Zacharias, and joined in the process to select Zacharias's successor, who will join the program in the coming academic year. Zacharias's decades of local government management experience and deep dedication to connecting theory, peer-to-peer learning, reflection, and best practices to the classroom will be missed but his work in public service is far from complete and we will welcome him back in the fall to join us for



*ICMA Chapter members socializing with KU's Kansas Association of Planning Students group.*

the School of Public Affairs & Administration's 75th anniversary at the 2025 ICMA Annual Conference in Tampa.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The student chapter is excited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the KU MPA program at the ICMA conference in Tampa and is looking forward to a great turnout of alumni and local government leaders. While Sherilyn Lombos and Jeff Rhodes are wrapping up a fantastic tenure of world-class mentorship as Class of 2025 Practitioners in Residence, we are thrilled to form a deeper connection with and learn from our incoming Class of 2027 Practitioners in Residence Dylan Feik, city manager of Monrovia, California, and Lori Curtis Luther, city manager of Overland Park, Kansas.



## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** During fall 2024, chapter members traveled to the ICMA conference in Pittsburgh, where they attended keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and deliberative exchanges about the School's Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor Christopher Koliba's session, "Restoring Trust in Democracy Through Narrative Leadership: The Critical Role of City/County Managers." Students had an opportunity to mingle with KUCIMATS, and participate in the program's alumni network, in informational interviews, and at the KUCIMAT reception. The chapter also held a dinner before the conference wrapped up to share tapas, trade stories, celebrate successes, and bolster connections.

**2** KU ICMA Student Chapter Presidents Elizabeth Blakely and Josh Navarro led a collaborative effort to reinvigorate the school's lounge to better promote student achievements in a more welcoming, comfortable environment. We look forward to the conclusion of this project early in the 2025-2026 academic year.

# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

*The ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Omaha promotes excellence in public service and provides networking opportunities for Nebraskans in public and nonprofit organizations.*



*Student chapter members attending a campus conference.*

## SUMMARY

Interested students can learn more about the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Omaha by visiting <https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/public-administration/aspa-nebraska.php>

## LOOKING FORWARD

In October 2025 we will be hosting our annual conference and presenting several awards to public and nonprofit leaders, faculty, and students.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Election Pending

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Craig Maher

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

James Harrold



*Student chapter members networking.*

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** The Student Chapter restarted during the 2024-2025 academic year after being dormant for several years









# SOUTHEAST CHAPTERS

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

*"The ICMA Student Chapter at Georgia Southern University is located within its NASPAA accredited MPA program at the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences."*



Georgia Southern ICMA students host community conversations.

## SUMMARY

The ICMA Student Chapter at Georgia Southern University is constantly growing. Students have been participating in the ICMA Annual Conference, and we continually host events for networking. All students in the MPA program are encouraged to apply to join the student chapter.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Over the next semester, the chapter is looking to grow and be more involved. We are hoping to receive an economic mobility grant to work with the city of Statesboro. We are also continuously partnering with the Institute of Vibrant and

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT**  
Mary Deloach

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Candice Bodkin

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Charles Penny

Engaged Communities. Being more involved in the greater community is a goal of our organization.



## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** We hosted a successful networking event for past alumni and public officials. Students were able to learn directly from officials within the community, strengthening their understanding of professional local government.
- 2** We also hosted a “career connect” with two former alumni who work for the federal government. They discussed in detail the application process and waiting period for federal jobs. This event was a success, and we even had attendees from outside of the MPA program attending.

# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

*The North Carolina Central University ICMA Student Chapter is located within the public administration department and was created during the 2024-2025 academic year.*



*NCCU Student Chapter Meet and Greet.*

## SUMMARY

The North Carolina Central University ICMA Student Chapter is located within the public administration department and was created during the 2024-2025 academic year.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The NCCU ICMA Student Chapter officials have all graduated during the 2024-2025 academic year, and we are excited to usher in completely new chapter officials to carry on the student chapter for the 2025-2026 academic year.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Anisti Barrett

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez-Plesa

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Dr. Evelyn Rodriguez-Plesa



NCCU Student Chapter Meet and Greet.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The ICMA Student Chapter hosted a meet and greet event bringing together students and local public service leaders for engaging discussions, community building, and networking. The event would not have been possible without the hard work of our student chapter leaders (Devin Rouson, Anisti Barrett, Yana Bakhmet, Deiona Stanley, Ciji Garner) and the support of our public service leaders (Javiera Caballero, Durham City Council; Chelsea Cook, Durham City Council; Drew Cummings, Granville County; Bo Ferguson, Durham; Maurice Jones, Durham County; Eric Marsh, Rolesville; and Salima Thomas, U.S. House of Representatives).



# ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

*Located West of Tampa, Florida, St. Petersburg College/SPC (originally St. Petersburg Junior College) was established as the first private two-year college in the State of Florida. The St. Petersburg College Chapter of ICMA is the first undergraduate program to be accepted into the association. We follow ICMA's mission to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide.*

## ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER

**Meet Our Executive Officers!**



President - Michael Ballard  
Major: B.S. PPA



Vice-President - Joshua Contreras  
Major: B.S. PPA



Secretary - Kaitlyn Doukas  
Major: B.S. PPA



SGA Liaison - Alex Chase  
Major: B.S. PPA



Senior Mentor  
Douglas Lewis



Treasurer  
Martin Estrada  
Major: B.S. PPA



Faculty Advisor  
Jeffery Kronschnabl



Faculty Advisor  
Elizabeth Van Scoyoc

## International City/ County Management Association

### OUR CHAPTER GOALS

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management worldwide. The St. Petersburg College Chapter of the ICMA was the first undergraduate program in the country to be accepted into the association.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE FREE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL/SPRING/SUMMER) AND GETS YOU ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES YOU NEED AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER.

*The SPC Student Chapter's membership flyer.*

## SUMMARY

New leaders, same initiative! As we moved into 2025, the St. Petersburg College (SPC) ICMA Student Chapter welcomed our new secretary, Kaitlyn Doukas and President Michael Ballard, both SPC public policy and administration students. In spring 2025, the SPC ICMA Chapter established further connection with the University of South Florida ICMA Chapter, helping graduate

students become involved in local government management. This communication will be the start of many rewarding and beneficial partnerships to help expand ICMA to students and community partners.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The SPC ICMA Student Chapter has plans to help continue expanding our team's membership, our ethical values, education, and community service. Our chapter will be taking part in day one session of the 2025 Annual Florida County Commissioners Management Association (FCCMA) on May 28, 2025. At this event, we will be partnering

**15**  **CHAPTER MEMBERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Michael Ballard

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Professor Jeff Kronschnabl,  
Professor Elizabeth Van Scoyoc

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Doug Lewis

with the University of South Florida's ICMA Chapter in a round table exhibiting ICMA chapters and students studying city planning, public administration, law, and

related programs. Our chapter is excited to be attending the upcoming ICMA Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida, in October.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** On February 13, 2025, during our executive meeting, the SPC Student Chapter had the pleasure of receiving a presentation from Craig Jewesak, administrative services coordinator, Children's Services, Hillsborough County. In this presentation Craig Jewesak spoke about an initiative known as Duffle Bags for Dignity, a program aimed at supporting foster children during times of transition.

**2** The SPC Student Chapter participated in two college campus events, the first one being the SPC Kindness Fair on February 12, 2025. During this event, our ICMA members Alexander Chase and President Michael Ballard tabled and organized a hands-on activity for SPC students to have fun and become engaged as we discussed our chapter's mission to help students understand the message and mission of ICMA.

**3** On April 29, 2025, two of our ICMA Student Chapter executive team members, President Michael Ballard and Secretary Kaitlyn Doukas received the Outstanding Public Policy & Administration award. This award is presented to public policy students who not only achieve outstanding work in their academics but also take their understanding of public policy and apply that source of knowledge to real, tangible results that benefit our community. These students are true ambassadors of government service and will be the future titans of government and community leaders.

# TULANE UNIVERSITY

*Tulane University's ICMA Student Chapter is a concierge for career building that connects students with professionals and opportunities in public service. Since our 2022 launch as ICMA's first Louisiana chapter, we have emerged as a career pipeline that offers educational programming, networking opportunities, and a connection point to local internships and jobs in and adjacent to policy, public administration, and law. In these ways, we are proud to be a bridge that facilitates connections between our university and the world beyond.*



*Juliana Abeid, chief administrative officer, Tulane University ICMA Student Chapter, at the 2024 ICMA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh. Juliana made history as the youngest member of our chapter to attend an ICMA Annual Conference at the age of 17.*

## SUMMARY

This academic year, Tulane University's ICMA Student Chapter achieved significant milestones, including tripling attendance at the ICMA Annual Conference and expanding event programming to weekly sessions during fall 2024. The chapter grew to 50 members, offering opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students, with leadership roles extended to an undergraduate co-president for the first time.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### CO-PRESIDENT

Ayanna Lovelady and Scarlett Seyler

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Brian McNamara

### COMMUNITY MENTOR

Melissa Schigoda

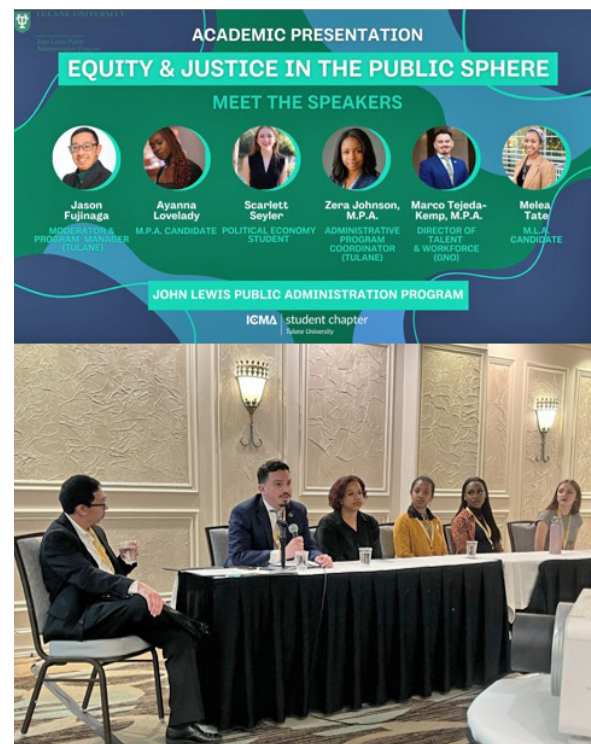




Graphic accompanying the announcement published January 24, 2025, of the election of Ayanna Lovelady (president) and Scarlett Seyler (executive vice president who has since been appointed co-president) to lead the Tulane ICMA Chapter during the 2025–2026 academic year.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Now that we have built a solid foundation both in our university and in our local community, we are excited to open a new chapter that will see growth in our membership and in the opportunities that we offer. We invite our fellow ICMA chapters, who may be interested in collaborating,



Tulane ICMA officers and members from the Fujinaga administration (2023-2025) and the Lovelady administration (2025-present) present a panel at the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) on March 10, 2025.

to reach out to us. They may contact Scarlett Seyler, our chapter co-president, at [sseyler1@tulane.edu](mailto:sseyler1@tulane.edu).

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The Tulane University ICMA Student Chapter tripled attendance at the 2024 ICMA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, with one chapter member gaining notoriety for challenging a city manager’s perspective that questioned the value of stakeholder engagement with marginalized communities.

**2** Tulane University’s ICMA Student Chapter enhanced its programming by introducing weekly sessions in fall 2025 and hosting a successful grant writing workshop in spring 2025. Members gained firsthand experience through field trips to government offices, local courts, and the State Capitol. Notably, the chapter presented a

panel at the prestigious Conference on Minority Public Administrators, networking with distinguished professionals. Additionally, students participated in the GNO Inc Annual Luncheon, connecting with local leaders and stakeholders in New Orleans, including representatives from the governor's office and local chambers of commerce.

**3** We are excited to hit 50 members as we close out our academic year and welcome a fresh cohort of young leaders into our chapter. Tulane ICMA is charting the path forward as a student chapter, offering membership and its benefits not just to graduate MPA students but to all students across our university, including undergraduate students. In fact, this academic year we offered leadership opportunities to students as young as 17 years old, and we elected the first undergraduate co-president of our chapter, who is 18 years old. This has not only brought fresh talent, perspective, and energy into our chapter but has opened a door for the ICMA organization, allowing it to recruit lifelong members in young promising leaders who will be the future generation of city managers and local government professionals.

# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

*The ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Georgia aims to expose students to the diverse work of local government and stoke passion for the local government management career field. Located in Athens, Georgia, the chapter enjoys a strong connection with Athens-Clarke County and surrounding jurisdictions, as well as with the University of Georgia's MPA program.*



Chapter members with David Lynn in the College Square Pedestrian Plaza, a major redevelopment site for Athens DDA slated to occur in the coming months.

## SUMMARY

A mission that our executive took on this year has been to expand our horizons as a chapter. Local government is an inherently intersectional space that relies on individuals from a variety of backgrounds to make up the workforce. To recognize this, our chapter made two key efforts this year: to expand the reach of our events to outside the MPA program and the School of Public and International Affairs and to extend greater outreach to undergraduate students. We had several undergraduate students attend our

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Whit Buchanan

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Eric Zeemering

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Adam Mestres





*Chapter members with Jessica Cowles, ICMA ethics director, and Erika Cooper, former senior program manager of membership and career advancement, after completing the ethics event.*

events throughout the semester. We also had several chapter members in attendance at the Georgia City and County Management Association conference earlier this spring who were able to connect with local government managers across the State of Georgia. Finally, our chapter selected a new chapter mentor: Adam Mestres, manager of Morgan County. Adam is incredibly excited to serve in this role and will provide a wealth of insight to chapter members over the coming years.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Over the next year, the University of Georgia ICMA Student Chapter plans to continue efforts to expand its reach beyond the

traditional study areas associated with local government. A future event will focus on underground infrastructure, such as sewer lines and utilities, and will be supplemented by the Athens-Clarke County Department of Transportation and Public Works. While chapter leadership is still in the process of being selected, there will be a new era of leadership welcomed to the chapter. Financially speaking, the chapter is in one of the strongest positions in many years and will have plenty of funding to host a variety of events. Overall, the chapter is hopeful that next year will be fruitful with engagement and will usher in a new wave of future local government professionals.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** This past year marked the 100th year anniversary of the ICMA Code of Ethics. To celebrate this milestone, our chapter decided to host an event that focused on the importance of ethics in local government along with scenario exercises that allowed students chapter members to decipher how the ICMA Code of Ethics comes into play in real life. To facilitate the event, on November 19, 2024, our chapter held a Zoom call with Jessica Cowles, ICMA's ethics director. Jessica was able to provide some insight into the Code of Ethics and gave some advice on how to approach situations where ethical breaches may be of concern. Each member in attendance was able to take home a copy of the ICMA Code of Ethics along with other ethics-themed goodies. Attendees walked away with a deeper understanding of the ICMA Code of Ethics and practical knowledge of how to apply the code.

**2** A staple of our chapter has been events that allowed attendees to see local government in the field through facility tours. On October 3, 2024, our chapter hosted a tour of Downtown Athens, Georgia, led by David Lynn, director of planning and outreach for the Athens Downtown Development Authority. The tour allowed chapter members to garner a greater appreciation of the efforts of downtown development authorities and better understand how they shape the character of a downtown core.

**3** Local government can occasionally produce chaotic and robust challenges. On February 13, 2025, our chapter hosted local government fire drills, an event that showcased scenario planning and table-top exercises for challenges that might arise in local government. Exercise scenarios were an oncoming hurricane, an unruly councilmember, a personnel budget dilemma, a cyberattack, and an erroneous contractor. Chapter members formed groups to analyze the facts presented and formulate solutions to the challenges.

# UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

*The University of Memphis' Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration is the hosting body of the ICMA Student Chapter and is located in Memphis, Tennessee. The Department has an MPA and a master of nonprofit management program that serve as the core foundation for chapter membership. The chapter was established in summer 2024 and started recruiting members in the fall 2024 semester.*



Picture of a flyer for a University of Memphis ICMA Student Chapter webinar.

## SUMMARY

This year, we proudly established our ICMA Student Chapter and became a registered student organization (RSO) at the University of Memphis. We elected our inaugural officers—President Emmanuel Agyei and Vice President Tiffany Howlett—with the support of our faculty advisor, Dr. Joseph Hafer, assistant professor at the University of Memphis and chapter mentor, Patrick Lawton, former city administrator of Germantown. This year, the ICMA Student Chapter focused on growing visibility and engagement through various promotional efforts. Chapter leadership created flyers, e-blasts, and other materials to encourage membership and raise awareness about our mission. Additionally, our vice

president represented the chapter at the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA) conference made possible by her 2024 MPA scholarship award.

## LOOKING FORWARD

As our student chapter president and vice president begin their transition into public governance, we're excited to announce our upcoming general election. We will also be seeking funding from the university as a registered student organization to grow our chapter. In addition, we're exploring future activities like a mentor/mentee shadow day, continued promotion at campus events, and a fall webinar series.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### PRESIDENT

Emmanuel Agyei

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Joseph Hafer

### COMMUNITY MENTOR

Patrick Lawton





Attendees at the ICMA Student Chapter leadership co-hosted panel event “Avoiding Burnout in Public Service.”

Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration

## AVOIDING BURNOUT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

### SPEAKERS

**Tracey Harris Branch**  
Senior Director of Security  
Methodist Le Bonheur  
Healthcare

**La Sonya Harris Hall, MPA, Ph.D.**  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Shelby County Government

**Jennifer Preston**  
Public Information Officer  
Town of Collierville

**Asia Diggs Meador, Esq., SPHR, SHRM SCP**  
General Counsel, SVP of Compliance & Human Resources  
Meritas, Inc.

Join the Department of Public & Nonprofit Administration for an engaging discussion:  
“Avoiding Burnout in Public Service”

Hear from public and nonprofit leaders on how to navigate challenges and sustain passion in your work.

Tuesday, April 8  
 6:00 PM at the UC RiverRoom

Refreshments will be provided at the venue.  
See you there!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

Flyer for the ICMA Student Chapter leadership co-hosted panel event “Avoiding Burnout in Public Service.”

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** Chapter leadership hosted a successful ICMA Student Chapter Webinar on February 21, 2025, offering students the opportunity to connect with local government professionals and explore public service career paths. The event included a keynote presentation, leadership insights, and a Q&A session focused on chapter development, networking, and professional growth. The recording was uploaded to the department’s YouTube page, offering a great resource for incoming graduate students.

**2** In collaboration with the Department of Public and Nonprofit Administration, ICMA Student Chapter leadership co-hosted a panel event on “Avoiding Burnout in Public Service” on April 8, 2025. The discussion featured public and nonprofit leaders sharing insights on navigating challenges and sustaining passion in mission-driven careers.

# UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

*The University of Miami ICMA Student Chapter is located in Coral Gables, Florida. The ICMA chapter was started in fall 2024, and it will be a platform to provide students with networking and professional development with local government professionals in South Florida.*



*Students attending the University of Miami ICMA Student Chapter cosponsored “Back-to-School Morning Mixer.”*

## SUMMARY

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the University of Miami ICMA Student Chapter collaborated with the university’s MPA program and the George P. Hanley Democracy Center to offer a welcome back to school morning mixer for students. Students were invited to learn more about ICMA and have an informal welcome back networking experience.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The student chapter is looking to grow its membership and plans to have a welcome mixer for the fall 2025 semester

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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
Haley Weiss

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Dr. Sharon McIntyre

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Roslyn Alic-Batson



*Students attending the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) South Florida Chapter 19th Annual Best Practices Conference on February 7, 2025.*

to encourage students to join the chapter. The chapter will help sponsor a break session between the panel presentation at the Southeastern Conference for Public

Administration (SECoPA). SECoPA will take place September 10-13, 2025, at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel and Convention Center.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The ICMA chapter held a “Back-to-School Morning Mixer” (social gathering) on campus at the Hanley Democracy Center on January 21. The event facilitated informal networking with students, faculty, and the public sector.

**2** The University of Miami ICMA Student Chapter helped to sponsor the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) South Florida Chapter 18th Annual Best Practices Conference on February 7, 2025, at Miami-Dade College – North Campus in Miami, Florida. There was tabling and information for future students, students attended panel presentations on various topics from public sector officials, along with networking and professional development opportunities for the student members.



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

*The USF ICMA Student Chapter was founded in 2013 and was the first ICMA Student Chapter founded in Florida. USF's main campus is in Tampa, Florida. The student chapter's goal is to connect students with opportunities, education, networking, and careers. Our student chapter meets once per month.*



*The Government Day program.*

## SUMMARY

The USF ICMA Student Chapter had a productive 2024-2025 academic year. Our student chapter hosted three ICMA members as guest speakers: Bobby Green (retired city manager of 30 years), Ryan Leavengood (city manager of Lake Alfred), and Joanna Cheshire (chief of staff for Pasco County). In addition to these guest speakers, we also hosted an alumni lunch attended by ICMA members. Three USF Student Chapter members attended the 2024 ICMA Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Most notably, our Student Chapter President Josh Starr's ethics submission for PM magazine was highlighted in the conference exhibit hall. The new USF

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Josh Starr

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Dr. John Daly

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

City Manager Jeff Tillman

ICMA Student Chapter officers for the 2025-2026 academic year are President Josh Starr,



*The USF Student Chapter's tour of Tampa International Airport.*

Vice President Mario Aguirre, Treasurer Fenil Barot, and Secretary Tony Stillo. Thank you to our chapter officers for the 2024-2025 academic year: President Josh Starr, Vice President Tony Stillo, and Secretary-Treasurer Nicholas Odame, for your dedication.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The USF ICMA Student Chapter will host the Florida ICMA Student Chapter session at the 2025 FCCMA conference in Orlando.



*Three USF ICMA student members attending the 2024 ICMA Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.*

This will be a collaborative and discussion-based session focused on ICMA Student Chapters. We are also excited for the 2025 ICMA Annual Conference in our backyard of Tampa, Florida. As young professionals, we are eager to receive the training and education necessary to lead our communities toward a better tomorrow. It would be impossible to do this without the crucial support from ICMA, seasoned professionals, advisors, and mentors. On behalf of the USF ICMA Student Chapter: thank you.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The city of Temple Terrace and our student chapter collaborated for an extraordinary Government Day program on November 21, 2024. Students filled the roles of mayor, councilmember, city manager, city attorney, and department director for a day. Students partnered with their respective Temple Terrace counterparts to solve a real-world city issue. One of the highlights involved student presentations of their proposed solutions during a mock city council meeting. This event was featured in the Florida City/County Management Association's newsletter, *The Manager*.

**2** The USF ICMA Student Chapter toured Tampa International Airport on April 25, 2025. The tour began with a presentation from Chief Commercial Officer Chris

Minner. We explored the baggage and security system, learned about the firefighter team that serves TPA, and concluded with an airfield tour.

**3** Many public sector professions are utilizing the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence. Dr. John Licato presented during our first meeting of the spring 2025 semester. Dr. Licato is an associate professor in the computer science and engineering department of the University of South Florida, founder/director of the Advancing Machine and Human Reasoning (AMHR) Lab, and owner of the startup company Actualization.AI.



# UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

*The University of West Georgia (UWG) ICMA Student Chapter is part of the MPA program and located in Carrollton, Georgia. Our chapter was established in spring 2020 to offer students in the program additional opportunities for professional career development in local government. Our chapter has members from both the undergraduate and graduate programs.*



University of West Georgia

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## SUMMARY

During the 2024-2025 academic year, we convened numerous meetings with our members, including regional local government leaders. In summer 2024, McKay Kelley assumed the presidency and has been instrumental in leading chapter activities, with a particular focus on professional development in local government careers and strengthening the chapter's networking capacity. The chapter has also worked on a leadership succession plan, training new members, including Chase Williams, who recently

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

McKay Kelley

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

SooHo Lee, Ph.D.

### **COMMUNITY MENTOR**

Hasco W. Craver IV

completed an internship with Woodstock, Georgia. Presently, our ICMA chapter is actively seeking partnerships with other professional public service associations and local government entities, aiming to further enrich the experiences and opportunities available to our members.

## LOOKING FORWARD

In the upcoming year, the chapter will undergo a leadership transition. In addition,

we are excited to welcome several new students to leadership roles. Looking ahead, the chapter has outlined plans to host at least two webinars focused on local government management. While topics have yet to be finalized, we are considering important and timely issues such as the use of AI and ethical considerations in public service, local public health initiatives, intergovernmental relations between state and local governments, and strategies for optimizing service delivery at the local level.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** On April 16, 2025, the student chapter hosted a webinar titled “Career Development in Local Government and Public Service: ICMA Resources and Professional Mentorship.” This event was designed to provide students with an enriching opportunity for both educational and professional development. It explored key aspects of leadership and career advancement in local government, with a special focus on leveraging ICMA resources and building professional mentorship networks. We were honored to feature two distinguished local government leaders: Marcia Hampton, city manager of Douglasville, Georgia, and Chelsea Jackson, deputy city manager of Douglasville, Georgia, and vice president of the Southeast Region of the ICMA Executive Board. The guest speakers’ insights offered invaluable perspectives on navigating careers in public service and strengthening professional networks.

**2** On March 6, 2025, our chapter co-hosted a compelling webinar with the MPA program titled “State of Georgia Budget Process and Careers.” The session explored the complexities of budgeting and legislative activities at the state level, with a particular focus on Georgia. We were honored to feature two distinguished guest speakers: Danielle Fluck, former fiscal analyst for the Georgia Governor’s Office and current budget director for the Georgia Department of Labor, and John Pilgrim, legislative affairs liaison at the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency. Throughout the hour-long webinar, students engaged in a lively Q&A session, fostering an insightful dialogue with the speakers. Both guest speakers generously offered career advice to students interested in becoming fiscal analysts or financial managers within state or local governments, providing a clearer picture of potential career paths.

**3** On October 24, 2024, our chapter hosted an informative webinar titled “Public Safety & Justice Leadership Careers: Experience & Advice.” Recognizing that several students in our MPA program are currently serving in local police departments, county sheriff’s offices, corrections offices, and state and federal law enforcement agencies, we organized this event to provide relevant career guidance. We invited two guest speakers: Michael McDowell, deputy U.S. Marshal and former police officer in Carrollton, Georgia, and Carrie Moore, training specialist at the Georgia Department of Corrections.



# VIRGINIA TECH

*The mission of the Virginia Tech ICMA Student Chapter is to engage members through frequent discussions with leaders in local government throughout the commonwealth and career workshops and networking opportunities via Virginia Local Government Association conferences. Our primary goal in preparing local government leaders of tomorrow is to bridge the gap between local government professionals and students seeking to begin a career in local government. The chapter strongly encourages students to become ICMA members so that they have access to publications, career opportunities, development tools, and registration to conferences.*



Virginia Tech

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## SUMMARY

Over the past year, our chapter has experienced meaningful growth, both in membership and in engagement with the wider public administration community. We saw a significant increase in members this academic year, reflecting the growing interest in local government careers among Virginia Tech students. Our chapter hosted several panel discussions featuring distinguished

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Stephanie Davis

public servants from Montgomery County and Big Stone Gap, Virginia. These events offered students valuable insight into local government operations and current policy challenges, while also facilitating direct interaction with practitioners. Many of our members had the opportunity to network with ICMA members through these panels and at related events.

## LOOKING FORWARD

The Chapter has three events scheduled for the Fall semester that will include sessions

from managers throughout the State of Virginia. Students will be encouraged to attend the Virginia Municipal League conference in Roanoke, Virginia and virtual participation in the 2025 ICMA Annual Conference will be promoted in both undergraduate and graduate classes. The Chapter Advisor will be presenting at the 2025 ICMA Annual Conference in Tampa and providing opportunities for students to participate in promoting this event on-line and in-person. Finally, the Spring 2026 semester will bring the VLGMA annual winter conference and additional events throughout the semester.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** One of the highlights of the year was our panel discussion in October 2024 featuring a Montgomery County local government practitioner. This event saw our largest turnout to date, with at least 20 members in attendance—nearly double our average meeting participation. The speaker shared candid insights into the daily realities of public service, emerging policy issues in Montgomery County, and career advice tailored for students interested in local government. The interactive Q&A session fostered direct engagement between students and practitioners, which many members cited as their favorite part of the semester.







A high-angle, blue-tinted photograph of a man and a woman sitting on mats in a large room with a pillar and a speaker. The man is on the left, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, gesturing with his hands. The woman is on the right, seen from behind, with long blonde hair, wearing a light-colored top and dark pants. They are sitting on dark blue mats on a light-colored tiled floor. A large, textured concrete pillar is in the center, and a black speaker hangs from it. The background shows a large, open space with a high ceiling and a large window on the right.

# WEST COAST CHAPTERS

# CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

CLU's ICMA Student Chapter introduces students to the local government field, offering professional development, networking opportunities, and assistance in starting and advancing their careers. The chapter organizes events and programs to help students explore local government, connects them with industry professionals, and provides access to ICMA's resources.




The CLU ICMA Student Chapter's panel event co-hosted with the Women in Business Club.

## SUMMARY

We have many graduating students but have gained just as many new members to help keep the club alive. Through in-person networking events, panels, and online Zoom meetings, we have had a full year of club work. Together with the Women in Business club, we hosted a great event to help navigate becoming a parent and starting your career.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We plan to collaborate with Thousand Oaks on a panel with city management examining what each department does, along with hosting a

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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT**  
Jamey Sinardi

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
PJ Gagajena

mini job fair for city management. This will really help boost our club and help students understand what city management is all about.





Assistant city manager of Camarillo, Carmen Nichols, speaking at the CLU's panel co-hosted with the Women in Business Club.



CLU ICMA Student Chapter in-person meet and greet.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** We have a very small club as it is new for our college. We hosted a panel with professionals in the public and private sector along with entrepreneurs to explain how to start your family along with a career.
- 2** We hosted a mixer for our club and got to meet each other's spouses. This was a great team-building event, as we all got to know each other on a more personal level. We learned we have a lot to do to recruit more club members.
- 3** Gaining three new club members will really help when we have four who graduate this year. Our campus is small and our MPPA program is even smaller, so we are trying to recruit from other departments. Our biggest challenge is gaining momentum and keeping it.



# FRESNO STATE

*The ICMA Student Chapter at Fresno State is part of the MPA program in the College of Social Sciences. The program provides a professional degree to individuals seeking to serve the public through the effective and ethical administration of public programs.*



*ICMA Student Chapter members.*

## SUMMARY

The ICMA Student Chapter at Fresno State has had a good year, welcoming in a new president. We met with local community leaders and alumni and a local emergency manager to learn more about how cities prepare for disasters.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Next year, we will welcome a new president and look forward to connecting with more local leaders and alumni.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Issiahs Garcia

### **FACULTY ADVISOR**

Naomi Bick



*ICMA Student Chapter students meet with alumni.*

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** One highlight was meeting with the Fresno emergency manager in October 2024. The chapter learned how cities prepare for emergencies and how individuals should prepare as well.

# MILLS COLLEGE AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

*Mills College merged into Northeastern University in 2022. Now as the Oakland campus of Northeastern, we admitted our first class of MPA students in fall 2024 and are just beginning to reconstitute our ICMA Student Chapter.*



*Guest speaker Sharon Cornu speaking at an event hosted by the Mills College ICMA Student Chapter.*

## SUMMARY

The ICMA Student Chapter at Mills College at Northeastern University is in the process of re-establishing itself in the fall.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We plan to launch a career panel series focused on local government in the 2025-2026 academic year.

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Elizabeth Sheets Orcutt

**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Mark Henderson

**COMMUNITY MENTOR**  
Chantal Gaines



## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** The student chapter hosted an event attended by former Oakland mayor Libby Schaaf, and St. Mary's Center executive director Sharon Cornu.

# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

*The Pepperdine University ICMA Student Chapter is located at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. The chapter was one of the first ICMA Student Chapters in California.*



*Former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer speaking with ICMA Student Chapter members.*

## SUMMARY

This has been a challenging year for the chapter. The original student chapter president for the 2024-2025 school year stepped down. Vice President Mery Bagdyan stepped up to fill the president role, but there was no one else to fill the other roles. Mery has graduated and no leadership roles in the chapter are filled.

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**FACULTY ADVISOR**  
Maureen Tobin

## LOOKING FORWARD

Things are uncertain for fall 2025. At this juncture, the chapter will need to go dark for a semester and hope to find new interest involving undergrad students as well.



*Almis Udrys, senior director of professional services for OpenGov, speaking to ICMA Student Chapter members.*

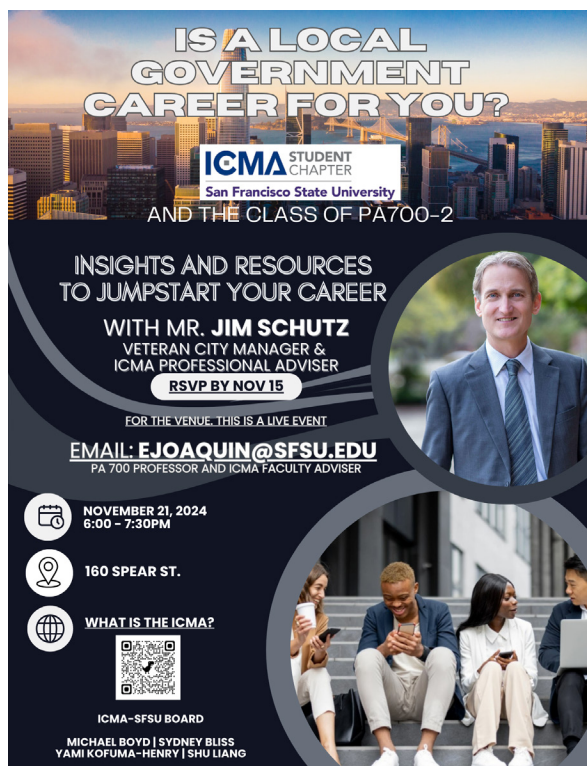
## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1** We have a very small club as it is new for our college. We hosted a panel with professionals in the public and private sector along with entrepreneurs to explain how to start your family along with a career.
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# SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

*The SFSU ICMA Student Chapter aims to inspire and prepare future leaders for local government by fostering education, collaboration, and professional development. Through mentorship, networking, and hands-on learning opportunities, students gain valuable insights into public administration and city management. The chapter encourages civic engagement and innovation, empowering students to address real-world challenges in municipal governance. Its mission is to cultivate the next generation of ethical, effective public servants dedicated to building stronger, more resilient communities.*



SFSU's event flyer for "Is local government for you?"

## SUMMARY

Over the past year, the SFSU ICMA Student Chapter has hosted two events for students in the San Francisco State University MPA program. The first event focused on career development and included our mentor Jim Shutz facilitating an event "Is local

government for you?," where he shared his vast expertise in local government with the MPA cohort. The next event hosted was in partnership with an ICMA faculty member for a Q&A to engage young professionals in the MPA program, showcasing opportunities and the benefits of becoming an ICMA member.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Michael Boyd will be stepping down as president and a new board is elected for next year. The goal for next year is to acquire funding for the student chapter from the

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### PRESIDENT

Michael Boyd

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Ernita Joaquin

### COMMUNITY MENTOR

Jim Shutz



SFSU's Student Chapter recruitment flyer.



SFSU students learn about local government as a viable career path, at a session organized by the SFSU ICMA Student Chapter.

university's student organization programs by applying to be recognized as an official student organization. There is also a plan to coordinate

events that are based on volunteering within the community, as well as a field trip to a housing authority.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** The student chapter events this year were a success because they exposed future MPA graduates to possible future careers, challenges they might face, and what they would be required to do in order to be successful in local or international city management.

# UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

*The University of Oregon ICMA Student Chapter is based in Eugene, Oregon. We began our chapter at the start of the 2024-2025 academic year. While we have not done much to work directly with ICMA, we have connected a few students with some of the opportunities ICMA has to offer, including internship work collecting data.*



*The Civic Impact Coalition hosts students from the University of Oregon at a panel on the Role of Government in Housing, featuring planners from Eugene, Lane County, and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.*

## SUMMARY

Our first year as a club has not had many major developments, but we have been working with Lane County as our primary project partner. This has been a great learning opportunity for our students interested in public service, with research on issues such as housing, deflection, childcare, and county-tribe relations.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Our rising e-board leaders are working on developing more events and engagement

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Sienna Fitzpatrick

### FACULTY ADVISOR

Aniko Drlik-Muehleck

### COMMUNITY MENTOR

Ben Clark



opportunities for students across disciplines at UO. We will likely host another panel event focused on affordable housing development rather than government and plan field trips to utility districts and other local government projects, depending on the interests of

members. Our student chapter members are excited to have a greater emphasis on events that will help all kinds of students understand and get excited about engaging with their community.

## CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

**1** OWe hosted a housing panel on April 14, 2025, where planners from city, county, and state agencies talked about their role in supporting housing development and addressing barriers to housing. This was our biggest event with 25-30 people attending. We felt this was a major success for us and the club will focus on events going forward to continue engaging a wider swath of students and community members.



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