

WOMXN IN GOVERNMENT

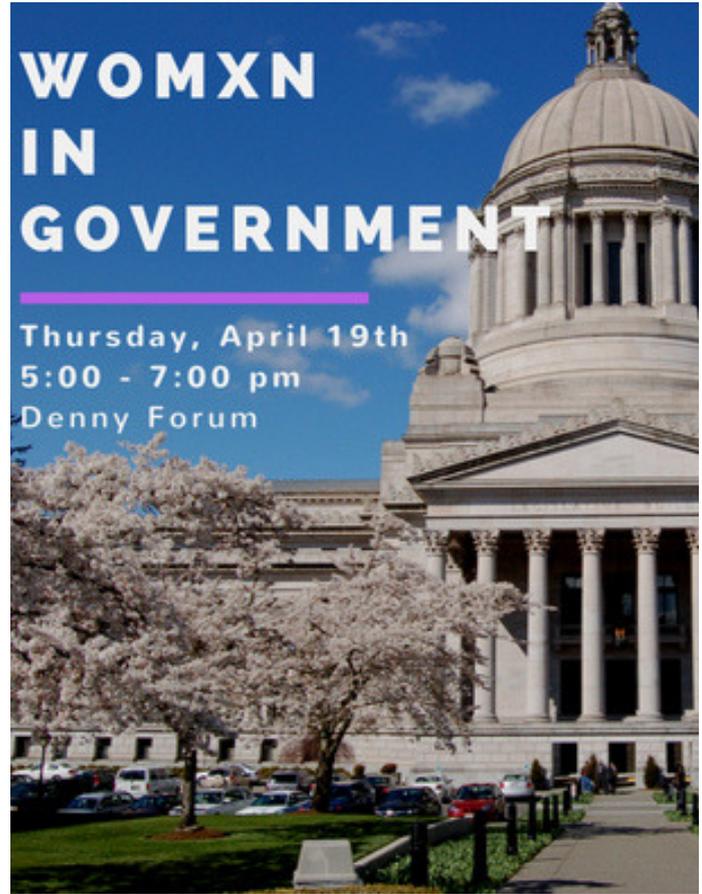


This year, ICMA UW was proud to host its fourth annual Womxn in Government Panel. As a chapter, we strive to organize events that promote diversity and are representative of students' interests. We were thrilled to partner with UW Evans Network of Womxn (NOW) for this event in their inaugural year as a group. NOW's mission is "to create community for womxn, and those who do not identify within the gender binary, to develop a network of leaders and mentors within the field of public policy and service". With their support, we were able to put together an inclusive event for womxn and empower future local government leaders.

The Womxn in Government event creates a space for womxn of all backgrounds to come together and share stories of successes, failures, and personal triumphs. While our chapter had several great events this year (and some that shattered attendance records!) we unanimously chose this event to be our highlight. We understand the importance of supporting womxn in local government and hope to be part of the movement to increase womxn leadership in the profession.

This year's panelists came from diverse backgrounds and were representative of different communities. Our panel included Bothell City Manager Jennifer Phillips, Bellevue City Councilmember Janice Zahn, and WA State Representative Vandana Slatter. Professor Karin Martin of UW Evans moderated the event and spoke with the panelists regarding a variety of topics such as imposter syndrome, mentorship, self-care, and dealing with critics. Students from a variety of concentrations attended the event and engaged with the panelists during our Q&A session.

The energy in the room during the discussion was empowering. The panelists shared their path to leadership and the failures they experienced along the way including going up against the established patriarchy. Students were encouraged to join the local government profession and make meaningful contributions to their communities.



The panel provided a supportive space for professional women and students to connect honestly about women's experience in government. We learned that we aren't alone in our challenges because we can work together. As Representative Slatter said, "We win together or everyone loses."

Kim Pearson
MPA 2019

We discussed different strategies in dealing with critics and how womxn can be supportive of one another in the profession. With stories of hardship and setbacks came moments of laughter and connection among the panelists. The event gave students an opportunity to engage with fellow womxn leaders in an intimate setting and gain insight into the local government profession. We believe that this event helped shape future leaders and promoted a diverse and inclusive community.

University of North Texas

Best Chapter Event Entry



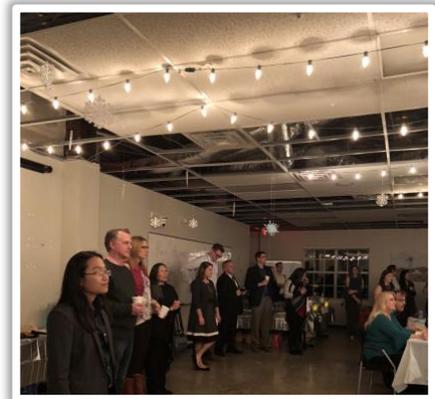
University of North Texas ICMA Student Chapter Winter Wonderland Holiday Party

On December 2, 2017, the University of North Texas ICMA Student Chapter hosted our annual holiday party. The event was held at the Addison Treehouse in Addison, Texas and was attended by UNT Public Administration students, faculty, alumni, and the families and friends of those affiliated with the chapter.

Planning for this event began in September as the chapter's Executive Board, came up with the theme, date, and location of the event. The board was given the opportunity to practice their professionalism when planning the event as they called local restaurants, and our program's alumni to request donations for the event. This allowed us to host as many attendees as possible while keeping the costs low for our student chapter.

On the day of the event, the Executive Board arrived at the venue eight hours ahead of the event to decorate the room and to set up the food and drink stations for our attendees. It was quite a feat to turn a normal conference room into a winter wonderland of snowflakes, icicles, and lights. However, in the end it was definitely worth it as we saw nearly 90 people in attendance!

What made this event unique is that it provided students an opportunity to network with our program's extensive alumni network in a casual environment. While



other networking events we hosted throughout the year were held on campus or during conferences, this event was designed to be a social event away from classrooms, boardrooms, and panels. It also gave the attendees an opportunity to bring their family and loved ones to the event.

This event allowed our loved ones to see the environment we work in and meet the people that we work with on a daily basis. The Holiday Party is the only event we hosted this year that did not focus solely on networking and career development. We believe that this environment allowed students to feel more relaxed while also giving them a hidden networking opportunity.

Providing students, faculty, and alumni an opportunity to socialize outside of normal professional events offered an opportunity for them to get to know each other on a personal basis, on top of a professional one. This strengthens the bonds of our department. Our program prides ourselves on our extensive alumni network, and this event is one that they enjoy attending just as much as our students. It allows our students to connect with each other and our alumni, while also giving our faculty a chance to reconnect with their former students.

Our ICMA student chapter's annual holiday party is an opportunity for us to host those that have made a difference in our education and career development for a night of food, drinks, and companionship while also introducing our loved ones to our lives in the public sector. The opportunity to network and socialize in a casual atmosphere makes this event a favorite one for students, alumni, and faculty. Which, is why we chose our annual holiday party as our favorite event of the 2017-2018 academic year!



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Our very first fundraiser was a Parks&Rec Fundraiser (and percentage night) that was open to the public on our University Campus. Vendors (Smoothie Factory, Gentle Bens, and Fully Promoted) donated in-kind donations for prizes to participants and winners. This served as visibility and education about local government and the ICMA through a pub quiz on a beloved popular tv show (Parks and Recreation). We had about 30 teams sign-up for this event and about 120 people in attendance. The funds that were raised helped support, build community momentum, and, ultimately, accomplish our organization's 2017-2018 strategic plan initiatives: sending 3 students to the Annual ICMA Conference in Texas, building professional events (resume building session, LinkedIn Event, Free Professional Headshots), dispersing surveys to create the foundations of a high school mentorship program, the creation of an alumni committee, and organizing our own day-long conference ("Leave Your Mark"). This event has also since been used by other ICMA Student Chapters across the United States for the purpose of advocacy, fundraising, and education. It was also a really fun way to engage the public, partners, student members, board members, and other local stakeholders.





University of New Hampshire

Carsey School of Public Policy

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ICMA Student Chapter
Best Chapter Event Contest 2018

Behind the Scenes with the City of Concord

Overview

On February 7, 2018, The UNH ICMA Student Group visited the City of Concord, New Hampshire's State Capitol, to learn about the functions and day to day work of municipal government in New Hampshire. During our snowy day, we received an overview of city government



from City Manager Thomas Aspell, Assistant City Manager for Development Carlos Baia and Finance Director Brian LeBrun, where we discussed issues such as infrastructure, budgeting and state/local government relations. We were then able to travel to the site of the future Concord City Community Center in the Concord Heights District of the City. This community center is currently under construction and David Gill, Director of Parks & Recreation, gave us a tour of the site and talked about all the different activities it will house from exercise classes, to cooking classes and more. This tour was eye-opening for many of our students as

we learned more about how the city identified the need for this center and the benefits it can bring to the neighborhood.

Following our tour of the recreation center, we had a chance to visit Concord General Services and learn about their work making sure the streets and infrastructure in the city are clean, safe and functioning appropriately. Coincidentally, our visit occurred just as a major snow storm was beginning and we were able to see first-hand how the city responds to major weather events. While the general public will often see plows and other equipment clearing the streets during a storm, it was fascinating to see all the work that must go into maintaining these vehicles in the lead-up to the storm. Finally, we concluded the day by returning to City Hall to have lunch and an informal Q&A with the department heads for the city.

Topic

Our day with the City of Concord gave students a first-hand look at local government management and how to effectively run the day to day operations of a city. Local governments have many diverse functions and having the chance to speak with managers in several different departments gave students a greater appreciation for all the work local governments must do on a daily basis and the array of knowledge town administrators must have to effectively manage their municipalities. As one of the inaugural events of the UNH ICMA Chapter, the major focus of this event was to introduce those with an interest in local government to the management techniques and functions that they will one day use in their own work and the event promoted careers in municipal government work.



Involvement

The event involved the members of the UNH ICMA Student Chapter as well as other students from the Master of Public Administration, Master in Public Policy, and Master in Community Development Policy and Practice programs at the UNH Carsey School of Public Policy. Three of the students who took part in the event were international students who were seeing local government in the United States for the first time. This added an extra layer to the event, as they were able to speak about the vast difference between public and municipal administration in the



United States and their home countries. In addition to the students who participated in the event, several leaders from the City of Concord also joined and hosted us at Concord City Hall. These officials included the Town Manager Thomas Aspell, Assistant City Manager for Development Carlos Baia, Finance Director Brian LeBrun, Parks and Recreation Director David Gill and Concord General Services Manager Chip Chesley. The entirety of the

management team for the City of Concord joined us for the lunch to conclude the day.

Impact

As a chapter in its first year of existence, our goal with this event was to introduce the UNH ICMA Chapter to those students in the Carsey School of Public Policy at UNH. The goal was to reach students who had an interest in public administration and the way governments operate. We were wildly successful in this pursuit as we attracted students from three different programs at the Carsey School (MPA, MPP and Community Development). In addition, the students we attracted were from both of UNH's campuses in Manchester and Durham, New Hampshire.

Further, this event was a success, as it introduced the UNH ICMA Chapter to the outside community. In addition to attracting students to our new chapter, we have also sought to introduce ourselves to community stakeholders and create relationships which can mutually benefit both local government organizations and our students. We believe the connections we made with the City of Concord during this event can be cultivated and can lead to more events and partnerships in the future. Already, we have discussed implementing a shadow program at Concord City Hall so that students in the Carsey School can learn more about municipal government. Concord is eager to help bring this program to fruition and is connecting us with other municipalities who would also be willing to participate in a shadow program.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASE CHALLENGE

FOR BEST STUDENT CHAPTER EVENT

The University of Southern California's ICMA Student Chapter (ICMA@USC) is proud to report that our Annual Local Government Case Challenge continues to be an exceptional event! The aim of the competition is for graduate students to address a real problem faced by a local government, and to gain practical policy writing and presentation experience. Additionally, participating administrators receive fresh insights from a top ranked university and a glimpse at the talents of the next generation of public servants. Now in its sixth iteration, this year's event was the most popular yet, drawing two dozen student participants from across disciplines, including administration, policy, and planning.

In the months leading up to the challenge, the ICMA@USC board worked hard to facilitate a successful case challenge. A Request for Proposals was sent out to local municipalities across Los Angeles County, and chapter alumni were contacted for support. We received several fantastic proposals, but the selected proposal came from the City of South Gate because of its focus on mobility, a salient topic for many municipalities in the region.

The task was to conduct a feasibility study for a rail to trail street conversion to reduce congestion and encourage biking. Because of the location of South Gate within the County, the study required students to think critically about how a small municipality collaborates with larger actors such as the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority to leverage funding and other resources. This case was noteworthy because it encouraged an intersectoral approach from our teams to utilize both administration and planning knowledge to craft an effective policy.





A special kick-off event was held for our seven student teams to receive the case challenge, ask clarifying questions, and coordinate their project deliverables. Each team had one week to craft a 4-6 page written memo and a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation.

After a strenuous few days of research, analysis, writing, and rehearsal, the teams presented to the judging panel. The experienced panel was comprised of seven local administrators and community members, including city managers, planners, and transit experts. They asked thoughtful questions of the teams and provided constructive feedback on their analysis and presentation. Ultimately, the judges decided the top three teams, and first place was awarded \$300.



Despite the competitive nature of the event, a friendly environment was fostered. Friends and family came out to watch the presentations, and everyone in attendance enjoyed the chance to network over both breakfast and lunch. Allison Wilhite, a student participant shared that, “the real benefit of participating in the case challenge was getting to grow my network – the panel, my teammates, and my peers were all very impressive, and I hope to maintain these professional connections throughout my career.”

Additionally, social media was incorporated throughout the day, and everyone in the audience was encouraged to post or tweet with #rail2trail for the chance to win a raffle prize. With the buzz generated, the ICMA@USC anticipates an even bigger turnout next year.



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ICMA VILLANOVA

MACROS MEET METROS

How Innovation and Technology are Shaping the
Future of Local Government

February 21, 2018



Technology is becoming an integral part of local government operations. Cities are built on the industry, yet to many local government administrators it remains a far-off and misunderstood topic. "Macros Meet Metros: How Innovation and Technology are Shaping the Future of Local Government" was a direct response to ICMA Villanova chapter members' recommendations and desire to learn more about it. Our panel featured professionals in various levels of government as well as experts in technology with experience in local and federal government.



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RICK MELLOR (MPA '08)- Rick is currently the Township Manager at Whitemarsh Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. His perspective and years of experience reflected the transformation of local government through technology to its present form.

ROSETTA CARRINGTON LUE- Rosetta is currently the Senior Contact Advisor for the Veterans Administration. Prior to this role, she was the City of Philadelphia's Chief Customer Service Officer and Co-Founding Director of "Philly 311," Philadelphia's smartphone application for reporting issues and violations.



AMANDA SEROCK (MPA '04)- Amanda (right) was appointed Township Manager of Concord Township in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Prior to Concord, she was the Township Manager in Chadds Ford, and worked in Radnor and Swarthmore Townships.

MICHAEL DANIEL- Since 2017, Michael has served as President and CEO of Cyber Threat Alliance, an organization unifying cybersecurity measures of major companies. Prior to this, Michael was the Cyber Security Coordinator of the National Security Council during the Obama Administration.



JEFF FRIEDMAN- Jeff is currently works for North Highland Consulting. Prior to this, he was the Director of Modern Government for Microsoft Corporation, and the Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics for the City of Philadelphia, including the "Philly 311" system.

MODERATOR- NICK VALLA (MPA CANDIDATE EXP. '19)- Nick is a current MPA student and the President of ICMA Villanova (17-19). Nick hails from Central California and is pursuing a career in local government administration. Prior to Villanova, he was the Student Body President at his undergraduate institution, Fresno Pacific University.



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The goal of Macros Meet Metros was to bring together professionals in the local government and technology sectors and discuss how far local government has come in incorporating technology, how far we have to go, and how we can engage innovators in the community to help create solutions. Panelists

delved into topics spanning citizen engagement, cybersecurity, police brutality, and more. They also responded to questions from the audience of undergraduate and graduate students.

All panelists agreed that local government in particular has a reputation of being “behind the times,” but this same slowness also protects the public interest by using public funding more carefully and deliberately.

The Villanova University ICMA Chapter is incredibly grateful to the panelists for taking time away to share their experience with students. Additionally, we would like to thank the Department of Public Administration for hosting a reception prior to the event.



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ICMA VILLANOVA PRESENTS
MACROS MEET METROS
How Innovation and Technology are
Shaping the Future of Local Government

Featured Panelists

Rosetta Carrington Lue, White House Presidential Exec Fellow & VA Senior Contact Center Advisor; Former City of Philadelphia Chief Customer Service Officer and Philly 311 Director

Michael Daniel, President & CEO, Cyber Threat Alliance

Jeff Friedman, Manager, Highland Consulting

Rick Mellor, Township Manager, Whitmarsh Township

Amanda Serock, Township Manager, Concord Township

Moderated by **Nick Valla**, MPA student and ICMA Villanova President, and **Fran Burns**, Professor of Practice in Master of Public Administration Program and ICMA Chapter Advisor

Wednesday, February 21st /// Curley Exchange (Bartley Hall)

Reception 5:00pm-6:00pm /// Panel 6:00pm-7:30pm



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Watch our event at the link below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hvRUFFoHCU&feature=youtu.be>



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International City/ County Management Association at Florida International University (ICMA@FIU)

The International City/ County Management Association at Florida International University (ICMA@FIU) was founded in 2015. Since then our chapter has gained tremendous attention. Our mission, as a student chapter of ICMA, is to introduce students to the local government profession, and through them, move forward ICMA's mission—to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics.

The Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, at Florida International University, hosts a wide range of events for students and the community, which enrich academic knowledge by providing understanding of domestic and international realities. The Department of Public Policy and Administration, at Florida International University offers an internship course, which is designed to broaden the experiential base, and application of, theoretical content to the field of public administration. The purpose is to enable the students to develop a more comprehensive view of the practice of public administration by translating academic training into real world practice.

The International City/ County Management Association at Florida International University (ICMA@FIU) identified the need for students to be introduced to the local government profession, to be able to meet local government officials, and understand how a local agency works. While our student Chapter worked closely with the state chapter association (Florida City/County Management Association, FCCMA), ICMA@ Florida Atlantic University and Pi Alpha Alpha @ Florida International University throughout academic year 2017-2018 to organize outstanding events, one of the most influential was the collaboration with the City of Coral Gables and Pi Alpha Alpha @ Florida International University. Coral Gables is a major employment center, with almost as many people working in the city

ICMA & Pi Alpha Alpha @ FIU NETWORKING EVENT
WITH THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018
6:00PM TO 7:30PM

Visit with City Directors at Fink Studio & chat about Life in Local Government
Enjoy appetizers and conversation then continue the Networking
As you board free trolleys to Coral Gables Gallery Night

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2506 PONCE DE LEON BLVD.
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

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as living there. Their economy is comprised of local and international businesses. The city is very well positioned, close to Miami International Airport, the Port of Miami, and downtown Miami. The City has a strong offering of banking, investment institutions, health care, and professional services (City of Coral Gables, n.d.).

The City opened the doors to history for our student chapters, by hosting us in one of their architecture wonders, Fink Studio (see photo #1 below). The event's purpose was to introduce our students to the City's managers and administrators. We transformed a networking event into a beautiful Friday night at the museum. The City Manager and Vice Mayor of the City of Coral Gables were present at the event,

accompanied by all department heads and several employees, amongst them representatives from the department of Economic Development, Police, Human Resources, Parks & Recreation, Information Technology, Planning & Zoning, Historical Resources & Cultural Arts, and many others. They discussed internship and shadowing opportunities with our students. They also shared their day to day experiences introducing our students to the realities of working in a local government in the United States. The event created a tremendous interest among our students to be involved in the local government profession and to be part of our association. Professors from Florida International University attended the event as well and stated that this was one of the best networking event they have ever attended.



Chapter Officials:

President: Rene Lazaro Hernandez

Vice President: Ana Maria Dimand

Treasurer: Evelyn Trammell

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Shaoming Cheng

Local Government Mentor: Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano (Village of Pinecrest)

UNC ICMA Event Submission 2018

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEADERSHIP (PAL) CHALLENGE

EVENT SUMMARY

Teams of 2-5 undergraduate students from a range of disciplines competed in a case study competition.

ICMA Student Chapter members developed the case, a local government policy scenario, in conjunction with Dr. Kim Nelson.

Teams had one week to put together a policy recommendation memo and presentation for a fictional county board of commissioners.

Chapter members scored the first round of submissions, narrowing the field to four teams.

Qualifying teams presented to a panel of local government practitioners, the winning team awarded a cash prize.

The annual PAL Challenge at UNC Chapel Hill exceeded expectations this year, both in terms of the quantity of participating undergraduates, and the quality of their policy solutions. Ten teams including over thirty undergrads threw their hats in the Challenge. The final four teams were of such high quality that our judges deliberated for over 45 minutes on which team won it all. The greatest indicator of the excellence of competition was that the winning team was made of entirely freshman. We have a bright future ahead of us with such talent in the pipeline

The case centered on a now common problem of insufficient youth services for a growing county. Teams were prompted with several policy options, including reinvesting in the current county services, contracting with a national organization, or partnering with local non-profits. Teams addressed concepts of local autonomy and control, equity, effectiveness, and innovation in their proposed solutions. The quality of analysis, presentation, and communication impressed us as current MPA students. Teams produced recommendations and critical thinking that was clearly on the level of graduate work.

Our judges were (pictured from left to right above) were Terri Holmes, Assistant Director of Finance and Planning Administration in Durham Community Development Department, Tyler Mulligan, Director of Development Finance Initiative, and Renée Moye, Community Development Program Manager at Chapel Hill. We were so fortunate to have their wisdom and their time, as they gave precise and considered feedback to all teams. The judges accounted for the team's experience while also treating the

competition like a simulation of a board of commissioner's meeting. Thanks to the judges, the teams learned as much about the environment of decision making in local government as the policy choices.





CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER
2017-2018 Best Chapter Event Application

EVENT:

For the second consecutive year, the Cornell Student ICMA Chapter (cICMA) hosted the annual New York State City/County Management Association's (NYSCMA) conference on our Ithaca campus between May 8th and 10th. The conference was able to involve many local government officials, including city, village, and county managers, but there were also state officials, ICMA representatives, graduate students from various regional colleges, community members, and academics involved in many of the rich discussions. This diverse set of over 75 attendees was one reason this was our most successful event this year, and there were more engaged in the conference this year than in years past.

TOPICS:

The three-day intensive conference included many topics of the utmost importance to professional management at the local government level. Sessions ranged from certain federal policies and procedures that have ramifications at the local level, such as the new reduction in the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction for citizens and the road to the 2020 Census. State policy and its effect on local government management was also illustrated by student presentations. Furthermore, student chapter members presented a variety of tools for local government managers to use to address fiscal challenges while keeping equity in mind. Students also broadened the scope of content to bring in lessons local managers in NYS can learn from other states. Many of the panels were organized and conducted by students in the cICMA chapter.

INVOLVEMENT:

Student members in attendance included: Austin Aldag, Mark Cassidy, Alfie Rayner, Natassia Bravo, Yuashuo Xu, Christine Wen, Allison Tse, Pilar Delphino, Bailey Gathany, Cory Mann, Charvi Gupta, Rhea Lopes, and Prakriti Shukla. Many students from the College at Brockport, SUNY were also in attendance. In addition, we kicked off the conference with a local comedian that brought levity to many local government issues ranging from underfunded infrastructure to police response times.

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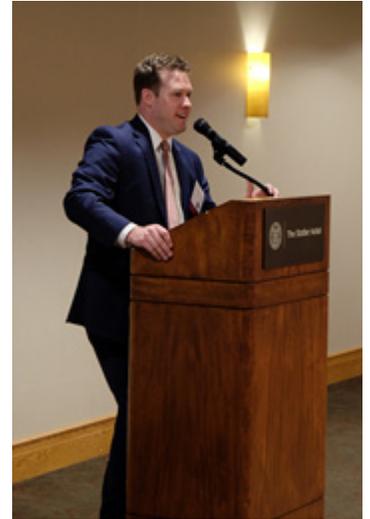
Patti Dwyer, the Executive Director of NYSCMA, noted, "the Cornell University student chapter of ICMA, led by Austin Aldag, was engaged and involved in all aspects of NYSCMA's annual conference. Cornell student chapter members developed and presented programs and actively participated in all of our educational sessions. The participation by our student members is simply exceptional! Our members benefit from unique and informed perspectives this emerging generation of leaders brings to our collective consciousness. We look forward to their civic engagement and future service to the profession."

As a result of the sessions in this conference, cICMA is now helping organize a legislative briefing in the state capital of Albany to share our research with state legislators. We hope to help state policy makers understand the many unique problems faced by local government managers in New York State, and further inform policy making.

EVENT PICTURES:



(Left) Austin Aldag, President of cICMA, and Professor Mildred Warner, faculty advisor, arrive at the conference and greet NYSCMA members.



(Right) Bryan White, NYSCMA President and Village Manger of the Village of Fairport NY, opens the conference.

(Below) cICMA student members Prakriti Shukla and Rhea Lopes sit on a panel on the new reduced State and Local tax (SALT) deductions.



(Below) NYSCMA conference attendees enjoying dinner in Ithaca, NY.





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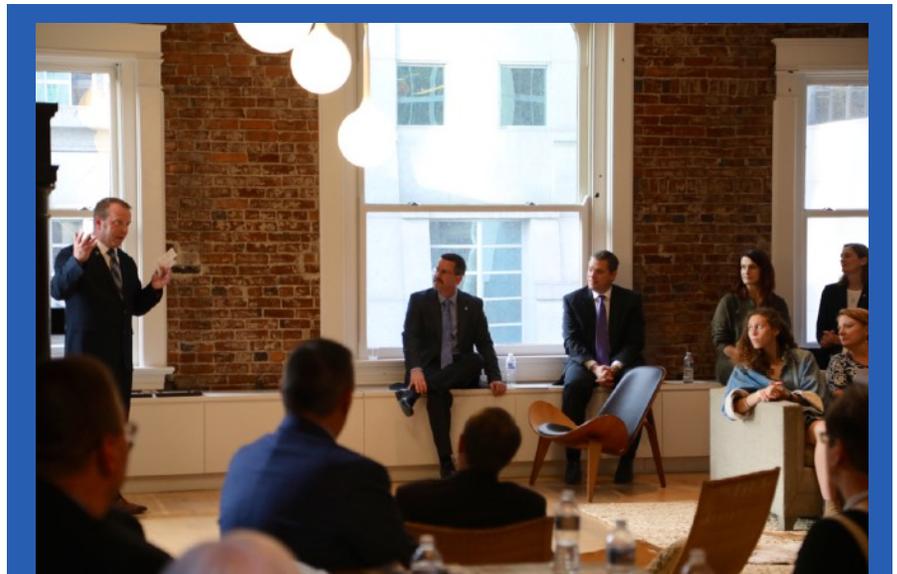
Tennessee State University

2018 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

Celebration

Established in the Spring of 2017, Tennessee State University's ICMA Student Chapter is committed to celebrating, showcasing, and supporting excellence in local government management. As the only ICMA Student Chapter in Middle Tennessee, an area with a strong culture of professional local government management and a large number of ICMA members, the student chapter embraces its important role in the area.

Therefore, the student chapter's leadership and members decided a Public Service Awards event would be optimal for celebrating and raising awareness of public service excellent in Middle Tennessee.



Brian Collins, Chapter President, welcomes attendees

The 2018 Public Service Awards were held on April 18 at the historic Cohen Loft in downtown Nashville. The student chapter solicited nominations from across the region, and awarded a Local Government Administrator of the Year and a Nonprofit Administrator of the Year. The latter award was included because of the role nonprofits play in delivering services at the local level, and as a way



*Margaret Norris, Executive Director, MTAS
Keynote Speaker*



*Tony Massey, City Manager, Columbia, TN
Local Government Administrator of the Year*



*Corey Gephart, CEO, St. Luke's Community House
Nonprofit Administrator of the Year*

to heighten awareness about public-nonprofit partnerships. In addition to these two awards, the student chapter secured Margaret Norris as the keynote speaker for the event. Margaret has a lengthy and successful career in local government, and currently serves as the Executive Director for the Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS). She offered powerful thoughts about the current state of local government management in Tennessee, and what practitioners and students should be preparing for in the future.

Community

In an era when public service cannot be celebrated enough, the student chapter felt it wise to partner with other organizations whose values are aligned with those of ICMA. Therefore, the student chapter partnered with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (TN-ASPA) to recognize a State Government of the Year. Furthermore, the student chapter partnered with Tennessee State University's Department of Public Administration to recognize MPA and Doctoral Alumni of the Year, one of which is a local government administrator.

Awareness

The future of local government administration resides in classrooms around the country, and the student chapter is devoted to doing its part to recruit and support the next generation of local government

managers. Therefore, the decision was made to conclude the Public Service Awards ceremony with the induction of TSU's 2017-2018 Pi Alpha Alpha public administration honor society members.

Recognizing that public service needs to be celebrated as much as possible, the student chapter's leadership worked diligently to promote the event across the region. This work resulted in the Cohen Loft being filled with over 50 practitioners, students, and scholars who are united in their passion for public service. Many proclaimed the event a success, perhaps best captured by student chapter member Reuben Ovbiebo, who shared

**“tonight let me know
that public
administration is my
home, and working in
local government
is my future.”**

Benefit

As the first major event of our Student Chapter, the 2018 Public Service Awards was a success. The chapter's visibility has been enhanced, as well as our commitment to celebrating professional local government management. The student chapter's members are excited by how this successful event can be leveraged to develop new partnerships, grow the chapter, and expand our agenda for next year.



*Emily Gregg, Tennessee Dept. of Human Services
State Government Administrator of the Year*



*Andy King, Fire Marshall, City of Franklin, TN
Outstanding MPA Alumnus of the Year*



2017-2018 Pi Alpha Alpha Inductees