The Brigham Young University International City/County Manager’s Association Student Chapter works closely with the Romney Institute of Public Management (RIPM) to prepare leaders of exceptional capability and integrity who are committed to serving their communities and improving public service organizations.

Conferences

In September, eight chapter members participated in the annual ICMA conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Additionally, nine chapter members attended the annual UCMA conference held in St. George, Utah. These conferences proved to be great opportunities for members to connect with local and state professionals from multiple municipalities, and to learn about challenges, solutions, and best practices relative to the profession.

Field projects

Our chapter takes pride in providing opportunities for real-world experience. One way in which we provide these opportunities is through field projects with local cities. This year we worked with the cities of Orem, Springville, Eagle Mountain, and Heber, Utah. Projects included a police department evidence audit, financial estimates, a landlord-utility agreement, and more. Each project required chapter members to collaborate with local government professionals and apply current class curriculum and skills in a real world setting.

Placement

Our chapter members continue to be successful in finding both full-time positions and internships in local government. Of the graduating class, students have been hired in Utah, California, and Texas. Furthermore, first-year students have been successful in finding internships in Utah, Texas, and Alaska.

Leadership

In April, the Chapter Presidency selected the 2015-2016 Presidency. Justin Beckett was selected to serve as Chapter President, and Andrea Cannon was selected to serve as Vice President.

Mission and Goals

For the 2015-2016 school year, the new presidency will be focusing on three main goals:

1. Recruit and retain students who are interested in local government
2. Build relationships with local and national alumni at ICMA, UCMA, and other conferences, and share these relationships with classmates
3. Provide students with meaningful local and national field projects