



student chapters

Events & Initiatives Guide

EVENT/INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE SCHOOL	ANNUAL REPORT
Discussion Panel	Assemble a group of professionals to discuss a pressing issue in the field or in your community.	Florida Atlantic University	Y
		Cornell University	Y
		Mills College	Y
Social/Mixer	Invite chapter members, MPA students, undergraduates, professors, etc. to socialize. Use this opportunity to do some light recruiting.	Arizona State University	Y
		Cornell University	Y
		Northern Illinois University	Y
Guest Speaker/ "Ted Talk"	Invite academics, authors, and practitioners to give a lecture or talk on a subject in their field of expertise.	Auburn University at Montgomery	Y
		St. Petersburg College	Y
		Pepperdine University	Y
City Manager Shadowing	Recruit city administrators in your area who are willing to allow one or more students to accompany him/her as he/she performs the duties of his/her position.	Ohio State University	Y
Lunch and Learn	See Guest Speakers/"Ted Talks". Provide lunch for guests.	Virginia Tech	Y
Networking Events	Organize opportunities for chapter members to expand their networks. Invite public service workers in your area, alumni, faculty, and even chapter members from other universities. Chapters could also opt to attend networking events that have been organized by other organizations.	Florida International University	Y
		University of Central Florida	Y
Case Challenge	Recruit local governments to submit challenges facing their institutions that might represent an educational opportunity for students. After selecting a case/organization, allow interested students to sign up and form teams to participate. On the day of the event, reveal the case and give the teams a pre-designated amount of time to come up with a solution. Invite local administrators to choose the winner.	University of Southern California	Y
Volunteering w/ Nonprofit Organizations	Volunteer as a group with a nonprofit organization of your choice.	Auburn University	Y
		Central Michigan University	Y

Government Building Tour	Tour local government buildings in your area as a group.	Arizona State University	Y
		University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Y
Group Field Project	Solicit local governments for viable projects for students to complete.	Brigham Young University	Y
Donation Drive	Organize a chapter-, program-, or schoolwide donation drive to benefit victims of recent tragedies or natural disasters.	Florida International University	Y
Career Skills Workshop/Seminar	Collaborate with your school's career services department to organize workshops or seminars geared toward skills like resume writing and interviewing.	University of Idaho	Y
		University of Kansas	Y
		Ohio State University	Y
Speed-Mentoring/Speed-Coaching	Organize an event like speed-dating for mentees (students) and mentors (professors and practitioners) to facilitate quick meetings for career development tips.	San Francisco State University	Y
Local/State/Regional/National Conferences	Attend local, state, regional, and national public service conferences for opportunities for professional development and networking.	Appalachian State University	Y
		Cornell University	Y
Group Webinar Sessions	Gather to watch webinars focused on working in public service.	Virginia Tech	Y