

The ICMA Student Chapter at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) was founded in the Spring Semester of 2017. This Chapter was created to be able to help bridge the gap between the students who want to pursue a career in Government, and the municipalities that are looking for the future leaders to take over those government positions.

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Chapter Event

On April 20, 2017, the Chapter hosted its' first event at FAU. We invited five municipal managers to be on a panel to speak to students, the managers were Bogdan Vitas, Jr., Town of South Palm Beach; Rafael Casals, Town of Cutler Bay; Lori LaVerriere, City of Boynton Beach; Christine Thrower, Village of Golf; and Leondrae Camel, City of South Bay. In addition to the five managers on the panel, there were about a dozen more managers from Palm Beach County, and the FAU School of Public Administration Advisory Board members, that joined us for an hour "Meet and Mingle" with the students from the Masters of Public Administration Capstone Class. The panelist spoke for an hour about the different obstacles that the municipalities are facing, as well as their backgrounds, and how they became managers.

Future Plans

Due to the great response from the managers, students, and faculty, we plan on having an event every year. The Florida City County Managers Association (FCCMA) was excited about the newest chapter in Florida, as well as our event. FCCMA spoke to President De Jesús about expanding the future events to include the Southeast Region (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami Dade), as well as include the Student Chapter at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. The managers associations in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami Dade, as well as the local League of Cities Associations, and FCCMA are interested in combining efforts to make this a wonderful annual event that will bridge the gap between the students in Public Administration, and the local municipalities.