

NIU ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report

Summer 2016

The ICMA Student Chapter at Northern Illinois University is pleased to report on a successful and productive 2015-16 academic year for its members.

Leadership

Evan Walter and Anthony Isom were elected co-presidents of the chapter for the 2015-16 academic year. Evan and Anthony organized professional development and social events, serving ICMA student chapter members and linking NIU MPA students to local government professionals in the Chicago metropolitan region.

Conferences and Events

Several students attended the ICMA Conference in Seattle, WA, after earning fellowships to attend, while others attended selections provided by the ICMA Virtual Conference at their places of work. Students at the NIU Banovetz Student Breakfast, held at the ICMA Conference, were joined by incoming ICMA President Pat Martel who offered excellent advice on career development.

Numerous chapter members attended the Illinois City/County Management Association's Summer and Winter Conferences, with many students receiving scholarships to attend. At 2016 ILCMA Summer Meeting, NIU MPA student Jon Pape was interviewed for an Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) GovLove Podcast, and had the opportunity to discuss the critical links between theory and practice in the NIU MPA program (<http://elgl.org/2016/07/20/podcast-the-professor-and-the-student/>).

The chapter hosted a Spring Bowling Night event, which saw upwards of 20 members attend for an evening of fun and networking with colleagues in the local government profession. Other members of the chapter competed at the NASPAA Student Simulation Competition in Indianapolis; chapter member Maria Azurida's team was named Simulation Winner for their work titled "SustainAbility."

Placement

All members reported working in internships at communities across the Chicagoland region, with several members receiving full-time job offers at their internship sites or in other communities during the academic year. The chapter remains proud of the record of chapter members as they perform valuable work in their roles as municipal interns.



NIU ICMA Student Chapter Co-President Anthony Isom addresses colleagues at the annual internship supervisor luncheon.



Incoming ICMA President Pat Martel joined students at the Banovetz Breakfast at the 2015 ICMA Conference in Seattle, Washington.



NIU MPA students attended the Wisconsin and Illinois City/County Management Association Summer Meeting in Fontana, Wisconsin in June 2016.