

## **Chapter Formation**

The International City/County Management Association Student Chapter at Oakland University became an official student organization in January of 2017. The chapter was created due to the overwhelming demand from our MPA program members to have an organization focused on creating networking and professional development opportunities for students looking to excel in local government management. The leadership of the chapter includes:

President: Molly Knappenberger

Vice President: Jessica Wawrzynski

Treasurer: Brandon Skopek

Secretary: Meggan Brown

Faculty Advisor: Suzanne Rossi, Oakland University MPA Program Coordinator

We are also happy to announce Tom Tanghe (City Manager of Auburn Hill) and Blaine Wing (City Manager of Rochester) as our Chapter Mentors. Together, we have been establishing the groundwork for the organization and preparing for our membership drive that will begin in the fall.

Thus far our officers have attended multiple university functions aimed at establishing the chapter as a University organization and recruiting new members. Much of our focus has been on deciding the direction of the chapter and determining what our MPA program members would like to see from such an organization.

## **What's Next**

This summer we plan on having a networking event hosted by our Chapter Mentors with the purpose of connecting our members with other young local government professionals in the area. We also plan on holding a Q&A panel with a number of local government leaders and university alumni about what their experiences have been like in their careers and what advice they have for those just starting out in the profession.

Beginning in the fall we will be concentrating on building the chapter's membership and further connecting our members with local government professionals in the area.