

San Francisco State University founded its first ICMA Student Chapter, bringing amazing resources and opportunities to the students. The chapter was founded by four students from within the Masters of Public Administration (MPA) program within the San Francisco State's Public Affairs & Civic Engagement (PACE) school. The founding board seeks to develop the chapter in the future to serve the undergraduate students as well within PACE.

Fall Semester:

The Board established itself among graduate students in the MPA program through a wonderful Jazz Themed social and discussion groups asking for student input into future activities. The overwhelming support shown by local ICMA members in the Bay Area was a wonderful glimpse into the resources and opportunities that await student members as our chapter continues to grow.

Spring Semester:

The chapter opened the spring semester with a speed mentoring event which was well attended by students and had ten professionals, volunteer to serve as mentors to the students present. The speed mentoring event enabled students to meet mentors from the community to participate in extended individual mentoring. The SF State Chapter hopes to incorporate the mentoring program as an annual event that will benefit both new students as well as community professionals in building a stronger network.

Regional Summit:

In March three officers and two members attended the West Coast Regional Summit in Burlingame, California. The session that was most powerful for a few of our members which attended was a panel discussion on Leadership Strategies to move communities from disruption to connection and renewal. The speakers conveyed the importance of building a strong network to help address professional challenges to better serve the public. Our chapter truly benefited from the networking opportunities and look forward to remaining close to the local ICMA members we met.