

2014-2015 Annual Report

The 2014-2015 year was filled with exciting things for the USF ICMA Chapter. Our year began in the Fall, and for the first time, nine students from our chapter attended the 100th ICMA Conference in Charlotte.



Our ICMA attending students pictured here with City Manager of Auburndale, Bobby Green, who championed for and brought the USF Chapter to fruition.

Our chapter President-Elect at the time, Ratna Okhai, won at the end of the conference raffle (an iPad Mini 2!) and our very own MPA professor Dr. John L. Daly, was awarded the Stephen B. Sweeney Academic Award for his impact on young professionals in Public Administration.

At the end of the semester, outgoing President Shawn Sherrouse passed on the leadership to incoming President Ratna Okhai, with Brandon Henry as President-Elect and Sea Marshall-Barley as Secretary/Treasurer. The new Board's goal was to make fundraising for the 101st conference in Seattle a priority, as well as build stronger relationships with neighboring cities and counties.

The 2015 year has been great so far in that we have had three speakers: Ms. Melissa Zornitta, Executive Director of the Hillsborough Planning Commission; Dr. Steve Spina, City Manager of Zephyrhills; and Mr. Brad Johnson, Assistant City Manager of Lakeland.

Additionally, Mr. Bobby Green personally pledged \$2,000 to the Chapter this year, along with Auburndale's annual \$1,000 donation (as long as Mr. Green is the City Manager) in order to assist students with the costs of getting to Seattle this September.

Lastly, eight members of the student chapter were in attendance at the FCCMA Annual Conference in Orlando for the "So You Wanna Be A City Manager?" session. Member Gigi Simmons won the Emerging Leaders award and had her registration and hotel stay paid for by the FCCMA as a part of her award. During the conference, the Chapter also had a 50/50 Raffle going on, and at the end of the conference, the winner donated her winnings back to the chapter, raising the fundraised total to \$445! The Robert R. Green ICMA Student Chapter at USF is excited and ready for the next year and new opportunities that will come with it.



The 2015 FCCMA Conference attendees, from left: Shawn Sherrous, Sea Marshall-Barley, Olivia Patch, Ratna Okhai, Brandon Henry, Molly Murphy, and Doug Smith. Not pictured: Gigi Simmons

