

ICMA Student Chapter of UNC-Chapel Hill – Annual Report, 2015-2016

Over the last year, in keeping with the goals established by the founding officers, the leadership team of the UNC ICMA Student Chapter worked to introduce students to local government management as a profession, establish connections between local government management theories and practices, and cultivate a learning community for members to share experiences. As in previous years, membership increased during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Event Highlights

The chapter kicked off the academic year by coordinating members' attendance to the 101st ICMA Annual Conference held in Seattle, WA. In October, the chapter hosted a trick-or-treat event meant to introduce students to the work that School of Government staff carryout on a daily basis. Members were also given the opportunity to assist the Hillsborough Police Department in their annual Police Driver Training. Throughout the year, the Chapter held several brown-bag lunches featuring conversations with local government leaders. Topics discussed during the brown-bag lunches included open data, economic development, and intergovernmental relations.

In the spring semester, the chapter hosted a round table at the North Carolina City and County Management Association Conference. Members also attended two facility tours—one at Hillsborough's water treatment plant and the other at SAS Institute in Cary—to learn about government services and relationships with the private sector. The chapter finished up the year with a fun event called "HR Fire Drills" where students were given scenarios covering personnel issues in the workplace and presented their solutions to be judged by several professors and local government leaders.

Looking to 2016-2017

In the upcoming academic year, the chapter will focus on providing opportunities for members to learn applicable skills and lessons they can bring to their future careers. The chapter will also focus efforts on increasing participation among online students in the program.

Event Photos



Chapter members touring the SAS Institute in Cary, North Carolina.



Chapter members learning about economic development.



Chapter members making a stop by Dr. Rivenbark's office for trick-or-treat