

## 2015 – 2016 Annual Report

The 2015 - 2016 year was very dynamic and evolving for the USF ICMA Chapter. We had a solid attendance of six student chapter members at the ICMA conference in Seattle, and had the opportunity to network with managers from all over the nation (and some international countries!), as well as explore the Emerald City.



Our ICMA attending students (and alumni) pictured here at the Space Needle on one of the last night of the conference.

Outgoing President Ratna Okhai handed off the reigns to Brandon Henry, the President-Elect, and graduated along with several other members. Ratna has been selected as the ICMA Management Fellow for the City of Fort Lauderdale and will begin her two-year fellowship in August 2016. Member Molly Murphy was selected as a Gubernatorial Fellow for the 2015-2016 year and is working for the Division of Consumer Services under the Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee.

As the chapter has strengthened its foundation, the 2015-2016 year brought focus to increasing membership as well as fundraising efforts. Since conferences are an invaluable opportunity for our students to meet, network and learn from

other professionals in the field, we want to ensure that we are able to provide that exposure to our members while assisting with the costs.

In the New Year, our President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer were also elected – Sigma Chawdhury and Zuleyka Castro, both new student members, have stepped into their roles respectively and are working with President Henry to continue our chapter’s work.

Our student chapter has had a very exciting year with the FCCMA as well with our founding mentor Bobby Green’s election as the President of the FCCMA. Additionally, the theme of the 2016 conference was “Preparing the Next Generation”, a topic not only relevant to our student chapters, but one that needs to be addressed even more as the issue becomes more prevalent. The first day of the FCCMA conference was called the “Professional Leadership Institute” and was free to 70 student chapter members and emerging leaders that wished to attend.

## PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION 2016 FCCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Seven members of the student chapter attended the FCCMA conference and were able to benefit from the conversations and keynote speakers about what it means to be the “next generation” in local government, and how seasoned managers can prepare for this shift. For the third year in a row, our chapter had the 50/50 Raffle going on during the conference, and the winner was one of our chapter mentors, John Lewis (City Manager, Northport, FL). He donated his entire winnings back to the chapter, helping the chapter reach almost \$300! 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.