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# VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

*Villanova University is in southeast Pennsylvania, about 12 miles outside center city Philadelphia. The Department of Public Administration offers an undergraduate major and minor and a Master of Public Administration, which can be earned both on campus and fully online. The Villanova ICMA chapter was founded in 2010.*



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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Allie Garrett

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Vaswati Chatterjee

**MENTOR:** N/A- We will appoint a new mentor during the next academic year.

## NEWS SUMMARY

This year the Villanova ICMA Student Chapter appointed new chapter officials to the president and vice president roles. These new officials worked collaboratively with the faculty advisor to create a three-year blueprint to outline major goals for the chapter and an events plan for the next few years. A membership drive was conducted in the Fall of 2023, and 14 individuals joined as new members. The Villanova chapter also partnered with Lower Merion Township and collaboratively hosted the Spring 2024 event.

## A LOOK FORWARD

Looking forward, our chapter is very excited about what this next year will bring us. President Allie Garrett and Vice President Mia Badman received the Dan Olpere Scholarship from the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities to attend the Annual Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Managers conference (May 20-22). We look forward to connecting with other ICMA student chapters in the state, our alumni, and other local government professionals.

Beyond that, the chapter is excited to begin planning the Fall 2024 event- A case challenge based on an issue a municipality in our area is facing.

# VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY



MPA Networking Happy Hour, Oct. 1, 2023, Austin, TX



ICMA Student Chapter President, Allie Garrett, and Vice President, Mia Badman, along with Brandon Ford Assistant Township Manager at Lower Merion Township, and the other Dan Olpere Scholarship recipients.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In fall 2023 a membership drive was conducted to advertise the Villanova ICMA Student Chapter. The timing of the membership drive was essential as Villanova recently added a public administration degree for undergraduates. Adding new members allows the chapter to expand its offerings and impact.

On October 1, 2023, the faculty advisor, Dr. Vaswati Chatterjee, hosted an MPA networking happy hour event for the department's alumni at the 2023 ICMA annual conference in Austin, TX. The event was well attended by friends and alumni of the department.

For the Spring 2024 event, the chapter in collaboration with Lower Merion Township, hosted the ICMA event *Leadership in Action: Site Visit to Lower Merion* where the chapter was given a tour, networked, and participated in a Q&A forum with Assistant Township Manager, Brandon Ford. The event was attended by approximately 30 students.

# UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

*The University of Delaware (UD) ICMA Student Chapter is a three-time ICMA Best Student Chapter Event winner formed in 2018 by former Institute of Public Administration (IPA) Senior Fellow, Marcia Scott, along with undergraduate and graduate students of the Joseph R. Biden School of Public Policy and Administration at UD. Our mission is to educate students about career opportunities in local government, network with public administrators, and engage students on community-based projects. By utilizing the state's geographic size and professional networks to our advantage, this chapter has brought experts and students from across various disciplines together to carry out our mission to develop the next generation of local government leaders.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Joshua Koppel

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Alisa Moldavanova

**MENTOR:** Gene Dvornick and Jeffery Martindale

## NEWS SUMMARY

During the fall of 2023, the Biden School, and more importantly, this organization went through many administrative transitions. During the summer leading into the 2023-2024 school year, longtime chapter advisor Marcia Scott stepped down from her duties and president of our student chapter Meghan Lapointe graduated, leaving vacancies in our board. Biden School doctoral student Chelsia Douglas, MPA was appointed president of the UD ICMA Chapter and used the funds we received from our Best Chapter Event last year to attend the ICMA annual conference in Austin, Texas. Through the spring semester the newly elected board has held multiple events including a community tabling opportunity, speed networking night, and a career trek to Rehoboth Beach, which have connected students to local government careers and officials. This year our chapter has been excited to see an increased participation in the undergraduate student population, while overall adding 12 new members to the organization in the spring semester alone! Currently we are in the rebuilding phase as we recruit future public servants and get our name out beyond the Biden School. Nevertheless, this semester has been a success in terms of the students we have come to our programming who left with a new knowledge, connections, and sense of purpose for their future careers across various academic disciplines.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The chapter looks forward to hosting the Food Policy in Delaware Dinner in collaboration with the Biden Institute in 2024 Fall. The policy dinner will bring ICMA members, students, and food security professionals together to discuss approaches local governments are taking to strengthen food security and nutrition at the local level. In early Fall 2024, the chapter will organize a career trek to New Castle County (NCC). The career trek will focus on the county's economic development and environmental justice policies while gaining insight into Route 9 revitalization efforts. Participants will interact with the county officials and learn about the structure of the NCC government. The chapter will be electing new Executive Board members in 2024 fall.



# UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE



A chapter member engaging with one of our speakers from the Rehoboth Beach career trek, while our other guest presenters watch and contribute to the dialogue.



Students on our career trek to Rehoboth Beach on the beach/boardwalk observing coastal resiliency projects and local businesses.

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the semester's start, the Biden School's chapter participated in an involvement fair to engage students and promote the benefits of joining ICMA. They distributed pens and information from the previous conference, showcasing new promotional methods like social media and email campaigns. The fair sparked interest in ICMA's resources, fellowships, and networking opportunities, particularly the Veteran and Local Government Management Fellowships. The event was well-attended, with approximately 60 students and faculty, allowing the chapter to connect with a fresh segment of the student body.

The ICMA UD Student Chapter held a speed networking event on March 8, 2024, at the Biden Institute, University of Delaware. Esteemed local government professionals attended, offering students the chance to engage in 10-minute one-on-one discussions. Approximately 11 students gained valuable insights into local government operations. The event's success was attributed to the opportunities it created for students to explore careers and develop professionally through direct interaction with experienced public administrators.

On April 26, 2024, a career trek to Rehoboth Beach offered eight students a practical look at local government's role in tourism and coastal resiliency. They met with key city officials, including the Mayor and directors of planning and community development. The Mayor outlined the city's structure and task forces, followed by a tour of the city's main areas, providing insights into its operations. A panel discussion with local commerce and environmental officials highlighted coastal resiliency efforts. The visit deepened the students' grasp of public administration, showcasing the council-manager government system and the town meeting governance style, emphasizing the city's strides in achieving economic and environmental sustainability.

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY

*Indiana University's Local Government Management Association, located in Bloomington, Indiana has been in operation for over five years.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Andrew Holland

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Mitchell Berg

**MENTOR:** Dustin Anderson

## NEWS SUMMARY

We attended last year's ICMA conference in Austin, Texas where we met with many Midwest local government officials.

## A LOOK FORWARD

We recently held elections for our Executive Council for next year. As all current members of the Executive Council are graduating and moving on, there will be an entirely new Executive Council next year. We are excited by the promise and energy they are bringing to the role and look forward to the expansion and new ideas the group will bring.

# INDIANA UNIVERSITY



LGMA with Midwest Director for ICMA.



LGMA with International Director for ICMA.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The primary highlight was attending the ICMA conference in late September. Our organization made many connections and appreciated the opportunity to learn from so many individuals.

Our faculty advisor, Mitchell Berg, set up a networking event with IU alumni at the ICMA conference. At this event, we shared food and stories and got to hear from IU alumni about their experiences in local government.

In February, we spoke with a county government official about water quality. Many of the students did not have experience in this subject and the conversation was lively and educational. Many students considered this meeting the best monthly meeting LGMA had this year.



# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

*The Arizona State University's ICMA (ASU-ICMA) Student Chapter, based in the vibrant Phoenix Metropolitan Area, was established in the fall of 2012 to enrich the educational experience of aspiring local government professionals. This dynamic organization orchestrates a diverse array of events, including insightful municipal tours, engaging discussions with seasoned and retired managers, and a multitude of other immersive learning opportunities. The chapter has experienced remarkable growth, attracting a burgeoning membership base comprising both undergraduate and graduate students.*



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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Armando Esparza

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Cynthia Seelhammer

**MENTOR:** Maryjo Douglas Zunk

## NEWS SUMMARY

At the Arizona City/County Management Association Winter Conference, Cynthia Seelhammer was awarded a Lifetime Membership for her significant contributions to local government management. Her career highlights include being the first professional manager for Queen Creek and roles in other Arizona cities, providing a rich resource for student learning. Seelhammer's mentorship is highly valued within the chapter, inspiring the next generation of local government professionals. The ASU School of Public Affairs welcomed Jan Perkins as the new Harrell-Hutchinson Visiting Urban Management Professional, enhancing the school's educational offerings. With over 30 years of experience in local government roles across California and Michigan, Perkins' appointment promises to provide students with valuable real-world insights. Her mentorship aims to prepare students for leadership in public service by imparting a deep understanding of municipal administration challenges and responsibilities. The University of Arizona's collaboration with local government experts, including Marshall Pimentel, Tracy Lopes, and Chavon Woods, provided students with key insights into state and municipal governance interplay. An educational tour of the Arizona Capitol Museum enriched this learning experience. The event strengthened students' knowledge and fostered cross-institutional connections.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The ICMA Student Chapter at ASU is prioritizing community engagement and leadership development for the upcoming semesters, starting with welcoming events to connect members. Martin Moreno leads the new team, aiming to elevate the chapter's impact. Site visits and partnerships with youth councils are planned to extend learning beyond the classroom. These initiatives are designed to inspire public service and prepare students for future leadership roles. The chapter is set to embark on a transformative journey, fostering excellence and innovation in public administration.

# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY



Chapter Members touring the City of Glendale Water Treatment Campuses.



Panelists and screenshot of attendees participating in the Local Government Leadership Roadmap Webinar.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In October 2023, the ASU-ICMA Student Chapter explored the Glendale Water Services Department's Oasis Water Treatment Campus to understand water management challenges. The visit was a success, with students learning about the processes and technologies that ensure a sustainable water supply. Staff provided an in-depth look at local government's role in managing water infrastructure. Students observed water treatment and conservation operations, gaining respect for this essential public service. The tour highlighted the need for proactive measures against climate change and population growth. Participants learned about decision-making, regulations, and teamwork in water resource management. This experience offered practical knowledge crucial for addressing Arizona's water management issues.

In October 2023, ASU-ICMA students interacted with Queen Creek's key municipal departments, gaining insights into their role in the town's development and economic growth. Presentations by department staff offered a deep dive into planning, economic strategies, and community services. The students toured Queen Creek, observing the practical outcomes of the departments' work in commercial and residential areas. This event provided a comprehensive view of local government functions and their impact on community progress. It also equipped students with knowledge and motivation to address urban planning and community engagement challenges.

In April 2024, the Chapter hosted a virtual session to explore the various career paths in city management. A panel of experienced city managers discussed the challenges and rewards of public service. Participants learned about the qualities needed for leadership roles in government. The session provided insights and inspiration for students aspiring to public service careers. It was a fitting conclusion to the semester, leaving students motivated and informed.

# CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

*Creighton University is located in Omaha, Nebraska. We started our ICMA Student Chapter in spring of 2023, in the Department of Political Science and International Relations. We are an undergraduate program, currently with approximately 25 ICMA Student Chapter members.*



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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Mary Said

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Christian Janousek

**MENTOR:** Chris Anderson

## NEWS SUMMARY

This was our first full academic year in operation as an ICMA Student Chapter and campus organization. We held six meetings/events over the fall and spring semesters. We had several opportunities to meet with ICMA members and members of the Nebraska City/County Management Association (NCMA). Three students attended the NCMA summer conference in June 2023, and we held a 'discussion with a city administrator' event on campus September 19, 2023, with a current ICMA/NCMA member. Our spring career panel event also included two ICMA members. Our partnership with NCMA includes an internship program and conference registration for students. We have connected with the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Nebraska at Omaha to invite members from both Chapters to attend organizational events. We have also developed a partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) in Omaha. In April, we elected new Chapter officers for 2024-2025, including three new officials.

## A LOOK FORWARD

We elected new officers for next year at the final meeting of the spring semester on April 19, 2024. Our current president, Mary Said, who did an outstanding job this year, is graduating. Our incoming president, Shannon McFadden, was an officer this last year, and two other officers, Will Harper and Nathaniel Moore, will assume vice-presidential duties. Our officers also include students from a variety of degree programs, such as political science, international relations, health administration and policy, public health, and sustainability. Members will attend the NCMA conference this June in York, Nebraska, and our Chapter will host city administrators from Norway that are visiting Nebraska this summer through the NCMA exchange program. Next fall, we are already planning another event with MAPA on city planning and urban design, and we may have an ICMA member from the Omaha Chamber of Commerce speak at an event.



# CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY



ICMA Student Chapter Career Panel event at Creighton University, March 21.



Members of the ICMA Student Chapter at Creighton University attending a field trip to MAPA.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Master of Public Administration (MPA) meeting, October 23, 2023**

In the fall semester, we held a joint event with the ICMA Student Chapter from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) School of Public Administration. The faculty advisor of the UNO Chapter, who is also the Senior Advisor of the UNO MPA program, came to speak about the MPA degree and curriculum, including degree and career options in the public administration field. We had 20 students in attendance. This was a great opportunity to collaborate with another Chapter and to learn more about graduate education in the profession.

### **Spring Career Panel, March 21, 2024**

In the spring semester, we hosted a career panel, which featured five local government, policy, and nonprofit professionals, including two current ICMA members. The presenters covered a range of public service professions, including areas in community engagement, economic development, law, and city administration. Students learned about career options in the field and had the opportunity to talk individually with presenters after the panel, which led to internship and mentoring opportunities. We had 25 students in attendance, and we recruited several new members.

### **MAPA Field Trip, April 19, 2024**

In the spring semester, we developed a new partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) in Omaha, a council of government organization that serves the greater metropolitan region. Our first event with MAPA was a field trip to the main office, which is located close to Creighton campus. A MAPA representative took students on a 'block talk' to assess pedestrian walkways, greenspace, and urban planning options in areas surrounding campus. We also had a conversation with representatives from the community development department and transit authority. We had 15 students participate in the field trip, and we plan to host continuing events with MAPA through the partnership.



# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

*Texas Tech is located in Lubbock, Texas. The ICMA student chapter at TTU was established in 2022 by former MPA student Colin Ashby. As the MPA program at TTU is online and in-person, some students attend classes solely online and live in different countries.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Virginia Finster

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Sung-Wook Kwon

**MENTOR:** Daniel Scheller

## NEWS SUMMARY

Melinda Brown, John Bosco Boadi-Quaye, and Virginia Finster had the opportunity to meet with ICMA members around the state of Texas at the TCMA annual conference in June 2023 in Allen, Texas. Valorie Duvall served as chapter president for the 2023-24 academic year. Virginia Finster served as chapter vice president for the 2023-24 academic year. John Bosco Boadi-Quaye served as the chapter treasurer for the 2023-24 academic year.

Valorie Duvall resigned as president of the student chapter in February of 2024. Virginia Finster became chapter president in February of 2024.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The ICMA student chapter at TTU plans to recruit and retain additional members throughout the summer and fall. We plan to hold elections at the beginning of the semester to fill vacant officer positions and outline events for the academic year.

# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY



Flyer for the MPA City Speaker event on March 19, 2024.



Professor Rebecca Larsen and ICMA student chapter member, Virginia Finster at a student and alumni reception at the TCMA annual conference, June 9, 2023, in Allen, Texas.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Melinda Brown, John Bosco Boadi-Quaye, and Virginia Finster attended the TCMA annual conference on June 8-10 2023 in Allen, Texas. The three members participated in the Intercollegiate Bowl with 3 other public administration programs in Texas. Even though the ICMA student chapter at Texas Tech University only had three competing members when other universities had 5, the chapter placed 3rd. This was a huge success for the student chapter as it showed public administration professionals across Texas that the student chapter members at TTU can network professionally and contribute to meaningful dialogue around current public administration challenges.

The MPA program at TTU held a City Management Speaker Event on March 19. The ICMA student chapter collaborated with the program to prepare for the event. Students interested in city management were invited to the speaking event. Mr. Erik Rejino, assistant city manager with the City of Lubbock, and Suzette Williams, city administrator with the City of Idalou were speakers at the event. They discussed the significance of city management, experiences, current challenges, and opportunities for students' career development in city management. This event was successful as it aims to inform the next generation of city managers as to what to expect in the field.

Plans for the ICMA student chapter at TTU to attend the 2025 TCMA annual conference are underway. The chapter intends to take 5 members to compete at the Intercollegiate Bowl, which includes a capstone or community development project. As the chapter was newly established in 2022, membership retention and participation have been inconsistent. This is a success as it shows the chapter gearing itself in a strategic direction.

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

*My school is located in Fayetteville, AR. This is my first year as president and my goal is to promote networking between students and public administrators*



## CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Steven Kyle Morgan

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Geoboo Song

**MENTOR:** Phillip Patterson

## NEWS SUMMARY

New president and treasurer, looking to grow the chapter and be more involved on our campus. We recently participated at our state's version of the conference, the Arkansas City Managers Association Spring conference.

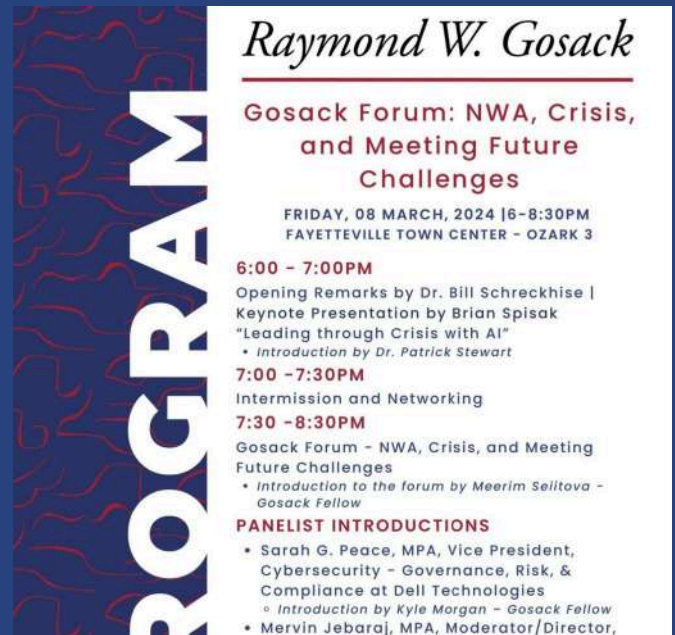
## A LOOK FORWARD

New officers Kyle and Nick are added. We will attend the ACMA conference in next spring and hopefully the regional and national ICMA conferences, alongwith hosting regular networking events in and around Fayetteville, AR.

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS



Chapter attendees at the ACMA conference.



Program from Gosack Forum.

## HIGHLIGHTS

On March 8th, hosted the Gosack Forum this Winter, an event at the U of A where local public administrators were brought to talk about the role of AI in crisis management.

From April 18-19, attended the Arkansas City Management Association Spring conference in Little Rock, AR and heard from various city managers and public administrators from across the state.

Kyle Morgan became the president and Nick Pevato became the treasurer as of March 10. They look to host networking events in the Fayetteville area between students and public officials regularly in the future.



# UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

*The University of Arizona ICMA Student Chapter was founded in 2017 and has survived the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent drop in MPA/MPP enrollment numbers. The initial founder, Chris Cornelison, is now our professional advisor and the Deputy Town Manager for a neighboring municipality, Oro Valley.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Krista Devlin

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Mike Letcher

**MENTOR:** Chris Cornelison

## NEWS SUMMARY

1. Partnered with the City of Tucson for a tour of City Hall and a chance to get to meet with local government leaders.
2. Completed Strategic Planning Process and revamped our mission, vision, and focus areas.
3. 2 board members were able to attend the Annual ICMA conference in Austin.
4. Partnered with local municipalities (Oro Valley, Marana, Sahuarita, and Eloy) to bring HR tips and tricks to recruiting in local government and alumni to discuss their career paths.
5. Collaborated with the ASU Student Chapter to visit the AZ state Capitol, chat with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns about policy process and impacts to local government.

## A LOOK FORWARD

Two board members are graduating - myself (president), and our VP, Sarah Denman. Another board member is moving out of state, so our current Communications chair has stepped out to take on the presidency next year with the main goal to build recruitment numbers and fill board positions. Houston Engelke will continue to provide events for students, but will first focus on recruitment - this is a daunting task especially given the decreasing numbers in current and incoming MPA/MPP cohort. ([houstonengelke@arizona.edu](mailto:houstonengelke@arizona.edu)),

# UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



City of Tucson Group Photo.



AZ Capitol Tour with ASU ICMA Student Chapter.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### September 2023 - City of Tucson City Hall Tour and Leadership Meet and Greet

- Tour of City Hall and the City Manager Office
- Met City Leadership and had a presentation about City Management by City Manager Mike Ortega
- "Speed Coaching" session with ~ 20 city staff from various departments
- ~20 Students in attendance

### February - March 2024 Professional Development Series (2 parts)

Organized and oversaw event coordination and planning for the chapter's Professional Development Series Parts 1 & 2 which included partnerships with 6 Arizona Municipalities and staff from the University of Arizona. **Part 1:** Human Resources Panel and "New" Networking Presentation and **Part 2:** Alumni Networking and Professional Headshots. Overall, the purpose of the UA ICMA Professional Development Series was to ensure that graduating students have polished resumes & cover letters, understand the basics of networking, and have been connected to local government career opportunities in Arizona.

### April 2024 - AZ State Capitol Tour & Legislative Overview

- Partnered with UA ASU Student Chapter to increase turn out! (Plus we love that crew!)
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns provided an overview of the legislative process at their head quarters
- Discussion with State Diversity and Inclusion staff and outlook for municipalities (and universities) on DEIA
- Guided Tour of AZ Capitol Museum building
- Walked through Senate and House Chambers

# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER

The CU Denver International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Student Chapter engages students about the profession of city & county management. Our purpose is to: 1. Introduce and integrate graduate and undergraduate students to the local government management profession; 2. Familiarize students with ICMA, the premier local government management association, its members, resources, and policies; 3. Establish connections between local government management theories, practices, and applications through tangible and actual examples, and 4. Create a foothold at CU Denver for students who aspire to work for local governments through networking events and other professional development opportunities.



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Michael Bell

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Todd Ely

**MENTOR:** Charles Ozaki & Gary Sears

## NEWS SUMMARY

President Michael Bell called for the inaugural AY 2023-2024 meeting on September 1, 2023. Student Chapter meetings schedule for AY 2023-2024 was discussed and monthly meetings were scheduled on the first Friday of each month. The graduation of student chapter officials resulted in vacancies in the vice president, treasurer, and secretary positions and officer elections were discussed. Lillie Morgan and Kari Goodnight were elected vice president and secretary, respectively. Student member meeting attendance was low throughout AY 2023-2024.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The coming AY will be a time for opportunity. All four student leadership positions will be available (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Elections will be held in October. Plans for the chapter include continuing recruitment and engagement efforts to encourage student membership and participation. The chapter plans to include opportunities to network and connect with alumni and practitioners. In the fall a Parks & Recreation watch party with alumni and CCCMA members is planned and will be held at a location in the metro-Denver area. The group will watch an episode of the sitcom Parks & Recreation and discuss how closely it aligns with the realities of local government administration. In the spring the chapter has plans to host a Q & A panel with local City/County Managers and alumni. Pizza will be served and alumni and managers from the area will answer students' questions about the profession and public administration.



# UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT DENVER

## AY23-24 Student Chapter Meeting Schedule

of each month at 1pm, in-person & virtual

ber – Meeting: September 1 (Introduction to ICMA, An

er – ICMA Annual Conference: September 30-October 4  
(Community Engagement)

ber – Meeting: November 3 (Skill Building)

ber – Meeting: December 1 (Mentorship)

y – (No meeting)

ary – Meeting: February 2 (Leadership Development)

– Meeting: March 1 (Job Seeking)

Final meeting of the semester: April 5 (AY24-25 Plannin

AY 23-24 Agenda

## Officer Vacancies & Election Notice

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nt – Mike Bell

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er – **Vacant\***

y – Kari Goodnight

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until the next election.

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AY 23-24 Student Leadership

## HIGHLIGHTS

Chapter members had many opportunities to engage with chapter mentors and ICMA members Charles Ozaki and Gary Sears. Messrs. Ozaki and Sears provided in depth presentations of local government service from the perspective of their extensive careers at the September and October meetings.

Throughout the year chapter leadership discussed methods to increase chapter visibility, membership, and meeting attendance. Outreach to students was accomplished by requesting instructors in the MPA program discuss the chapter with their students. Flyers were also developed and provided during student orientation and other events and posted throughout campus. In February 2024, President Michael Bell and Vice President Lillie Morgan recorded a short video to provide to CU Denver Student Life for inclusion in their newsletter and in a social media campaign. The 30 second video provided students and prospective members with information about the organization's mission.

From April 17 through April 19, 2024, student members had the opportunity to attend the Colorado City & County Management Association's (CCCMA) annual conference in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.



# APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

*The ICMA Student Chapter of Appalachian State University is located in Boone, NC. A brand-new executive board was elected in fall 2023 and has been hard at work providing students with informative networking opportunities. The Student Chapter existed previously but was inactive for a number of years. Two years ago the MPA cohort 'invigorated' the chapter and several activities have taken place.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Alston Brown

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Patricia Mitchell

**MENTOR:** Ken Noland

## NEWS SUMMARY

The chapter held three meetings in the fall and spring semesters. Along with these meetings, students were able to attend two professional conferences held in Boone and Winston-Salem, the Appalachian State University Local Government Alumni Association (ASULGAA) Conference in September and the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA) Conference in February. Attending these conferences allowed student chapter members to converse with ICMA credentialed managers throughout the state, and meet the ICMA student chapter leaders from other universities. In the fall, students enrolled in the Appalachian State University Master of Public Administration program elected a new executive board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary).

## A LOOK FORWARD

The Appalachian State University ICMA Student Chapter will be holding executive board elections once again in the fall as the current President will be graduating this year. The chapter has discussed at length about forming an ICMA "advisory committee". The goal of this advisory committee would be to include one student representative from each of the MPA program's three (non-TACCM) concentrations: Administration of Justice, Not-For-Profit Management, and Public Management. The current executive board has discussed that we believe that this diverse representation would help us better serve the interests and needs of all our MPA students, not just Town/City/County Management students and potentially bring more students into the fold. The student chapter wants to potentially move forward with this in the fall. The chapter looks forward to continue to hold events, increase participation, and further the mission of the International City County Management Association to be the world's leading association of professional city and county managers for the next generation of aspiring public servants.

# APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY



The ICMA Student Chapter with Wilkesboro Finance Director and Appalachian State University MPA Alumni Halee Ratcliff.



The ICMA Student Chapter with Caldwell County Economic Development Director Ashley Bolick and Economic Coordinator Charlie Chapman.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In the fall, Wilkesboro Tourism Development Authority Director Thomas Salley spoke to the chapter. Mr. Salley spoke to the group on his role, his passions, and made insightful connection points to local government management. To quote Mr. Salley, he is "passionate about tourism, rural development, and hospitality". This was evident to all ICMA student chapter members in attendance. Students enjoyed hearing from him, and especially enjoyed hearing about the planning that went into the 2023 All-Star Race following the North Wilkesboro Speedway revitalization in 2022-2023. Mr. Salley brought business cards to all in attendance and encouraged students to reach out if he could be of assistance.

On January 26th, the chapter hosted Caldwell County's Economic Development Director, Ashely Bolick and Economic Coordinator Charlie Chapman. The two spoke on their current projects, and were happy to answer students questions. Students were particularly interested hearing from Director Bolick on her path to being CCED director. She told the group that her path was quite unusual, beginning her career with the NC Department of Commerce and then transitioning to a role with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Student particularly found interesting that with her hiring in 2022, the EDC transitioned from a contracted service to a county-operated department for Caldwell County.

On April 5th, the ICMA student chapter hosted the Town of Wilkesboro's Finance Director, Halee Ratcliff. Halee is an Appalachian State MPA Alumni (graduated in 2020) and has been in her role with the Town of Wilkesboro for nearly two years. Halee discussed her job duties with the town and talked about the role that budgeting and financial management has in town governance. Director Ratcliff discussed the Town of Wilkesboro's latest fiscal year budget and provided valuable insights into the town's wastewater treatment plant expansion, which will increase plant capacity from the current 2.4 million gallons of treated water per day to 8 million gallons. Finally, as a young professional, she discussed at length how to maintain a healthy work/life balance and encouraged students to keep their mental health needs top of mind as they navigate their way through the program and into their careers.

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

*Our ICMA student chapter is housed within the Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies at Georgia Southern University. The majority of our members are MPA students in our Public Management concentration, though we do have some undergraduate students from our public administration or public policy minors as members as well.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Zamaria Ball

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Candice Bodkin

**MENTOR:** Charles Penny

## NEWS SUMMARY

This year students had the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities, including the ICMA annual conference and our local state conference, Georgia City-County Managers Association. The chapter continues to grow and we look to develop further opportunities for students and collaborations with local government professionals in our area. The organization had the opportunity to bring in Dr. Jason Grant from ICMA to speak on our panel about news media. We are looking forward to continuing to host events in the upcoming school year. There will be new chapter officials this year, and we are eager to make the most of the organization as a whole.

## A LOOK FORWARD

This upcoming year we're excited to be even more engaged, with new officials bringing new opportunities. We plan to host more panel events as well as smaller events for students to just come out and network.

We would like to host another event similar to career coaching and bring in even more professionals to speak. A goal for this year is to start fundraising for the chapter. Fundraising will give us the opportunity to do more for our members, like hosting more events or sending students to conferences.



# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY



Career Coaching students engaged with local government professionals.



News media panel event.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Career Coaching held February 26, 2024 was an event surrounding gaining insight on the job market as well as best practices for applying. This event was broken down into two parts; resumes and interviewing and professional networking. To start the evening, an advisor from the Office of Career and Professional Development shared resume best practices, interviewing tips, and discussed additional resources available to students as they begin their job search. Our chapter advisor, Dr. Bodkin, shared local government specific job websites to help us in our search. The second half included various local government professionals from the surrounding areas to speak with members one on one. This section was set up speed dating style with members having 8 minutes to converse before engaging with the next professional. This event was really great, and we received a lot of positive feedback from students. They appreciated the opportunity to hear from local government professionals and gain increased understanding on the day to day aspects of various roles.

On Monday, April 1, 2024, we held our Media and Local Government Panel. This event was a huge success. We had the opportunity to bring in professionals from different media outlets and local government officials to speak on the concerns and issues currently plaguing our news in southeast Georgia. This panel focused on local news, specifically the role of media in transparency and accountability in local government. Community members must have accurate and complete information in order to engage effectively with local government and the media plays a huge role in the information individuals receive. The closure of local newspapers and corporatization of tv news means that local topics are not always reported on accurately, if at all. Instead, we receive packaged stories of state and national level stories. Our goal for the panel was to learn about the role of citizens, the new media, and local government staff and elected officials in creating an environment that builds trust and legitimacy for local governing and democracy.

This semester students also had local government management class. Throughout the course of the class students visited various local government departments such as: police, fire, and water treatments plants. Students had the opportunity to engage directly with the professionals in the role. Learning about these public works allowed for students to better understand the work done in local government.



# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

*The ICMA student chapter at North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC) is an extension of the parent organization connecting students to the local government profession by hosting networking, informational, and other exciting events. Participation in the student chapter provides students with a free student membership to ICMA.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Jazmyn Joyner

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Evelyn Rodriguez-Plesa

**MENTOR:** Wanda Page

## NEWS SUMMARY

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## A LOOK FORWARD

We will have an entirely new group of incoming officers in the 2024-2025 academic year. We are recruiting officer now and will hold elections in April. We will aim to host a Fall event.

# NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY



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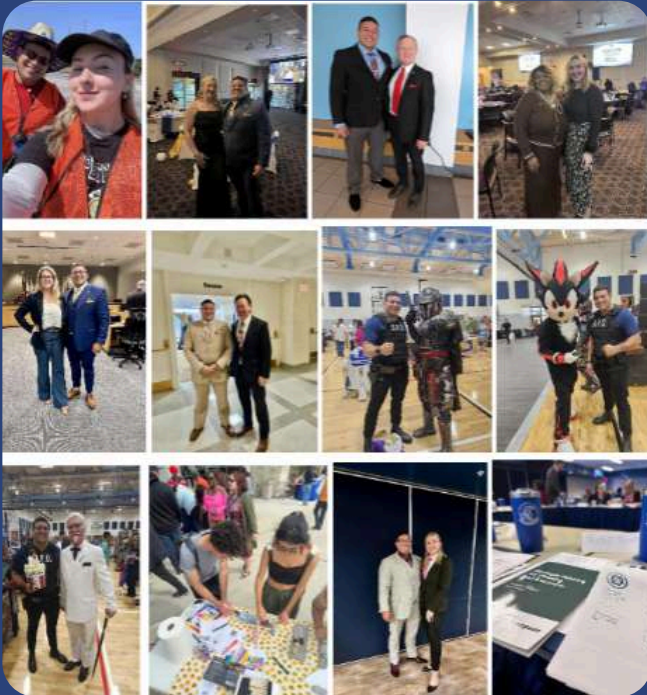
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# ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

*St. Petersburg College is located in Clearwater, FL. We were the first Public Policy and Administration baccalaureate program to have an ICMA Student Chapter. Our ICMA student chapter was started in 2014.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Angel Torres

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Jeff Kronschnabl

**MENTOR:** Douglas Lewis

## NEWS SUMMARY

The highlight of our academic year occurred when our student chapter held a very successful and well-organized Public Policy and Administration/SPC-ICMA Leadership Speakers Series luncheon. Our speakers, Mr. Ken Burke, Clerk of Court and Comptroller for Pinellas County, Florida and Ms. Ashley Lowery, President and CEO of the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) in Clearwater, Florida, spoke about their distinguished public service careers to approximately 100 students, faculty, staff, and community members (photos attached). In addition, executive board members of the USF-ICMA Student Chapter graced us with their presence at this event. Students were able to network with our speakers and other government officials and truly experience the power of engagement and networking with public service professionals first hand.

## A LOOK FORWARD

Our chapter plans to continue collaborating with the USF-ICMA chapter by planning a local government-related event together. This upcoming fall semester, our executive board also hopes to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Steel City, Pennsylvania on September 21-25, 2024. This will allow our new e-board to experience ICMA in action while availing our members of networking opportunities with local government managers. Finally, we would like to thank our incredible chapter's Faculty Advisors, Professor Elizabeth Van Scoyoc and Professor Jeff Kronschnabl.



# ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE



Public Policy and Administration Luncheon.



Student Chapter ICMA Student Involvement.

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the St. Petersburg College International City/County Management Association Student Chapter (SPC-ICMA) had amazing success with student involvement! Our executive board participated in several St. Petersburg College events to include Student Government Association (SGA) activities, the Women on the Way (WOW) program activities, a "Spring into Professionalism" event, a Biology Speed Networking event (photos attached) and a Kindness Fair event (photos attached).

In addition to the aforementioned events, we also focused on spreading the word of our SPC-ICMA student chapter to more students by participating a multitude of events to include the Hispanic Heritage and African Heritage events on campus.

Current President, Don Blake will be stepping down from his position at the conclusion of this Spring 2024 semester. At the start of the Summer 2024 semester, our new executive board members are looking forward to continuing student engagement with new and exciting activities as we plan to bring local government managers to our SPC-ICMA members and our campus. To thank President Don Blake for all of his hard work and dedication to the SPC Student Chapter of ICMA, we will host a luncheon so our upcoming executive board can ask questions and learn from a dedicated ICMA Student Chapter leader.



# TULANE UNIVERSITY

*ICMA's Tulane University Chapter in New Orleans launched in 2022 and was the first ICMA chapter (student or otherwise) in Louisiana. Since then, we have evolved into a career pipeline for students who are interested in local government as well as policy, public administration, and law. We pride ourselves with being a bridge to facilitate connections between the university and the world beyond as well as groups sharing common interests.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Jason Fujinaga

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Brian McNamara

**MENTOR:** Melissa Schigoda

## NEWS SUMMARY

This academic year, we tripled our chapter's size, successfully executed an event series, connected students with local government leaders, developed contacts in New Orleans City Hall, helped students secure internships, and forged relationships with partners including but not limited to city managers, local judges, community leaders, and the ACLU as we launched and led a student coalition spanning multiple universities.

## A LOOK FORWARD

We are very excited for continued growth in the coming year. Tulane ICMA has developed into a connection point between students and professionals that has manifested as both a career pipeline and a coalition-building bridge between individuals and groups of common interest. During the 2023-2024 Academic Year, much of our agenda revolved around projects that involved bringing the professional world into the university world. In the coming year, we see our network and our membership continuing to expand by going directly to the professional community around us - i.e. by engaging and partnering with organizations on collaborative projects. The continued development of the Resiliency Network offers a key platform through which some of this collaboration will occur.

We invite our fellow ICMA chapters who may be interested in collaborating to reach out to us. They may contact Jason Fujinaga, our chapter president at [jfujinaga@tulane.edu](mailto:jfujinaga@tulane.edu)

# TULANE UNIVERSITY



From left to right: Maxtiener Warner, President of ICMA Southern University Chapter; Marco Tejeda-Kemp, Vice President for Career Development, Tulane ICMA; and Alana Lumar, Vice President for External Relations, Tulane ICMA at the Annual Conference in September 2023.



The Tulane ICMA's Criminal Justice Panel on April 4, 2024, introduced hybrid attendance options for better accessibility. Panelists included professionals from the Jesuit Social Research Institute and the legal field, with both in-person and virtual participation from students across several universities. Early attendees had the chance to sit with the panelists, while others joined from the room or via Zoom.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Master of Public Administration (MPA) meeting, October 23, 2023

In the fall semester, we held a joint event with the ICMA Student Chapter from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) School of Public Administration. The faculty advisor of the UNO Chapter, who is also the Senior Advisor of the UNO MPA program, came to speak about the MPA degree and curriculum, including degree and career options in the public administration field. We had 20 students in attendance. This was a great opportunity to collaborate with another Chapter and to learn more about graduate education in the profession.

### Spring Career Panel, March 21, 2024

In the spring semester, we hosted a career panel, which featured five local government, policy, and nonprofit professionals, including two current ICMA members. The presenters covered a range of public service professions, including areas in community engagement, economic development, law, and city administration. Students learned about career options in the field and had the opportunity to talk individually with presenters after the panel, which led to internship and mentoring opportunities. We had 25 students in attendance, and we recruited several new members.

### MAPA Field Trip, April 19, 2024

In the spring semester, we developed a new partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) in Omaha, a council of government organization that serves the greater metropolitan region. Our first event with MAPA was a field trip to the main office, which is located close to Creighton campus. A MAPA representative took students on a 'block talk' to assess pedestrian walkways, greenspace, and urban planning options in areas surrounding campus. We also had a conversation with representatives from the community development department and transit authority. We had 15 students participate in the field trip, and we plan to host continuing events with MAPA through the partnership.

# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

*ICMA at the University of Central Florida is a pre-professional student organization that strives to create excellence in local governance by developing students into public sector professionals. This will be accomplished through professional development, community outreach and teamwork.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Leonardo A. Priore

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** David Mitchell

**MENTOR:** Michael (Mike) Grebosz

## NEWS SUMMARY

This semester has primarily been about a chapter in transition, as our most recent president unfortunately had to resign due to a family emergency. As the current (and now outgoing) president, I have tried to shore up the chapter's existing membership and expand, with mixed results. We did have the opportunity to reach out to our sister chapter at the University of South Florida (USF), as well as reach out to prospective guest speakers for future chapter events.

## A LOOK FORWARD

As the outgoing president, I am currently interested in preparing the existing slate of officers for the future of the chapter, as well as cultivating the next generation of leadership. The main focus of our chapter is on recruitment and drumming up interest not only in ICMA and FCCMA, but also in public service in local government.



# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



The UCF and USF chapters share a meal together at the 2023 FCCMA Conference.



From left to right: outgoing President Leonardo Priore, Treasurer Noradine Thompson, Secretary Daniela Andrade, chapter mentor and FCCMA President Mike Grebosz, former President Ratna Okhai, and former President Rhittney Peeples.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Firstly, we inaugurated a slate of new officers in August of 2023: Daniela Andrade (Secretary), Noradine Thompson (Treasurer), and Emma Mahady (Recruitment Director - Undergraduate). Our officers are committed to fulfilling the mission of ICMA at UCF, and to generating interest in a career in local government.

In the Fall semester, our chapter mentor, Mike Grebosz, gave a talk to the members the current state of local government, the council-management form of government, and the future of public service. Our chapter members had the opportunity to ask questions and to learn firsthand from an experienced city manager and the current president of FCCMA.

We had the opportunity to reach out and start a dialogue with our sister chapter in Tampa, ICMA at USF. There is ongoing interest in the development of further inter-chapter relations, as well as the joint hosting of future recruitment and educational events.



# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

*Founded in 2015, the University of Georgia Chapter of ICMA Student Chapter holds general body meetings with local government practitioner guests, networking events with faculty and local government professionals, volunteer days, field trips to Athens-Clarke County government facilities, and annual ICMA conference attendance.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Kathryn Tanner

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Eric Zeemering

**MENTOR:** Blaine Williams

## NEWS SUMMARY

The University of Georgia ICMA Student Chapter continued to provide our members with numerous opportunities to connect with local government professionals and access various professional development resources. The student chapter leadership team hosted several events in collaboration with other graduate student organizations and expanded its relationships with both graduate and undergraduate career services at the University of Georgia in order to reach more students. In addition, the student chapter began to host more recruitment events, with aims to defeat recent attendance obstacles; the student chapter leadership team also began to incorporate guest speakers and engaging activities in each of our monthly general body meetings to allow our students to better network and expand their knowledge of local government.

## A LOOK FORWARD

In the next academic year, the UGA ICMA Student Chapter is looking forward to introducing students from all studies to ICMA, aiming to expose students to their public service career interests through local government initiatives. In addition, the chapter will be expanding its engagement efforts to more undergraduate students, seeking to draw their interest in local government careers. We hope to focus on increasing recruitment and knowledge of local government opportunities.

# UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



ICMA members enjoy an Athens-Clarke County Parks and Recreation Tour, touring the Dance Center, Heard Park, and the Community Center. (Photo/ Erin Twomey)



ICMA members volunteer at The Athens Area Humane Society. Members cleaned kennel sand fed cats, but most importantly, got to play and cuddle with furry friends. (Photo/ Caleb Bagley)

## HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday November 3, 2023 ICMA had the privilege of hosting a panel discussion with GCCMA in UGA's Baldwin Hall, highlighting the careers of various Georgia City/County managers. Attendees included Sharyn Dickenson, City Manager of the City of Watkinsville, Adam Metres, County Manager of Morgan County and Niki Jones, Assistant Manager of Athens-Clarke County. Chapter members were exposed to priceless advice and networking opportunities for pursuing a career in local government, specifically within the State of Georgia.

On October 14, 2023 ICMA hosted a volunteer event at the Athens Area Humane Society. Members cleaned kennels and fed cats, but most importantly, got to play and cuddle with furry friends. This event bonded chapter members while supporting the health of the local community and learning about the benefits and contributions of such organizations to local government.

On Friday October 20, 2023, ICMA hosted an Athens-Clarke County Parks and Recreation Tour, touring the Dance Center, Heard Park, and the Community Center. Students were able to learn about health and wellness initiatives while forging new relationships with local government practitioners.

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

We, the UNC IMCA Leadership Team, would like to recognize this year's chapter members for their high degree of engagement and activity. During the 2023-2024 school year, the UNC ICMA chapter was well represented at multiple professional conferences and many events hosted by our chapter. These activities were driven by our chapter's goals. 1) Introduce and integrate students to the local government management profession; 2) Familiarize students with ICMA, the premier local government management association, its members, resources, and policies; 3) Establish connections between local government management theories, practices, and applications through tangible and actual examples; 4) Cultivate a learning community wherein members actively share experiences and learn from one another.



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**CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Scott Powell

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Kimberly Nelson

**MENTOR:** Eric Peterson

## NEWS SUMMARY

We are proud to see our chapter grow from 6 members in 2022-2023 to 28 members this year. Our current membership represents about half of all UNC MPA in-person students. Our chapter hosted and attended many events this year, including the highest-attended national conference. These events have broadened our reach, increased membership, and provided value to MPA students and professionals.

We would like to thank Dr. Carl Stenberg for serving as our chapter's faculty advisor for many years, and we wish him well in his transition into future endeavors. We want to thank Dr. Kimberly Nelson for serving as our new chapter advisor. We appreciated her guidance this year, and we look forward to her continued mentorship as a nationally recognized expert in local government management. The UNC ICMA chapter president now has a permanent position on the MPA Student Leadership Council, providing voice for our chapter among the broader student body. In 2023, our chapter was officially registered with the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill and is now listed on UNC's Heel Life, making our chapter and events more accessible to UNC students beyond the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Additionally, this registration allows our chapter to receive event funding from UNC's Graduate and Professional Student Government.

We are proud of our chapter members' successes this year including the following recognitions: Matthew Begley received the NCCMA Scholarship and Shane Digan received the NCLGBA Judy Ikerd Scholarship. Reilly Stahl, Lauren Wilcox, Mariah Canup, Scott Powell, and Shane Digan all were recognized with the ICMA Local Government Early Career Service Certificate. Lastly, Scott Powell, Mariah Canup, Reilly Stahl, and Shane Digan presented at the ICMA Form of Government Student Symposium.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The chapter is looking forward to an exciting 2024-2025 program year with continued events and a large and active membership. We'll see you in Pittsburgh in September!



# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL



The Orange County Water and Sewer Authority hosted our chapter for tours of their water and wastewater treatment facilities. MPA alumna Mary Tiger and OWASA Director Todd Taylor taught students about how their operation works and about regional water and wastewater management.



Eric Peterson (Hillsborough Town Manager), Katherine Cathey (Person County Manager), and Maurice Jones (Durham County Deputy Manager) provided students with insight into the different paths to management, a manager's day-to-day work, and the challenges and opportunities of this role.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Politics and Practitioners Panel (11/9/2024)**

Chapter members spoke with UNC MPA alum and Albemarle County Executive Jeff Richardson and Board Chair Donna Price about the partnership between elected boards and the local government manager and how to navigate these relationships. We look forward to this becoming an annual event.

### **Women in Public Service Luncheon (2/26/2024)**

The following women working in public service had lunch with our chapter members and shared their careers and the challenges women face in this field. Heidi York, Alamance County Manager, Wanda Page, Durham City Manager, LeeAnn Plumber, Holly Springs Parks Director, Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, NC Housing Coalition Housing Policy Director, Elizabeth Anderson, NC After-school Programs Director OWASA.

### **Department Head Panel (1/24/2024)**


Recognizing the need for managers to understand and build relationships with many departments, our chapter hosted a department head panel. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn from Steven Still (New Hanover County Emergency Management Director), Skye Sullivan (Alamance County Family Justice Center Director), and Nick Aceves (Former City of Salisbury Parks and Recreation Director).



# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

*The Robert R. Green USF ICMA Student Chapter was founded in 2013 and is the first such Student Chapter in Florida. Its namesake is Robert "Bobby" R. Green. The Student Chapter was renamed to honor Mr. Green, who has served as a mentor for countless public administrators and city managers throughout the state and the country. The USF ICMA student chapter provides invaluable networking and professional development for your career in public administration.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Nicholas Odame

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** John Daly

**MENTOR:** Jeff Tillman

## NEWS SUMMARY

We were excited to be present at the recent ICMA conference in Austin, Texas. The chapter had some members that graduated and left and also added 3 new members. We've been able to successfully host several local government officials like Pam Brangaccio the ICMA National Coordinator for Senior Advisors and Chris Rose the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for Pinellas County. We were also in attendance for SPC's Public Policy Leadership Speaker Series XVII Luncheon as we got the chance to meet St. Petersburg College's ICMA organization.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The chapter is looking forward to working on more collaborative events with other similar organizations as well as recruiting new members. With every semester we have some members graduate so we're looking forward to recruiting more undergraduate students and educating people about public administration. We're also eager to be involved in future ICMA conferences.

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA



SPC's Public Policy Leadership Speaker Series XVII Luncheon.



The last chapter meeting of the semester hosting Mr. Rose, Director of the Office of Management and Budget for Pinellas County.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The chapter was able to host 2 local government officials something that had been in the works for a while. We had the pleasure of hosting Pam Brangaccio the ICMA National Coordinator for Senior Advisors and Chris Rose the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for Pinellas County. Both meetings were very insightful and provided a great resource for our members - March 22nd and April 19th, 2024.

We had the pleasure of being in attendance for SPC's Public Policy Leadership Speaker Series XVII Luncheon. This was the first post-COVID Luncheon which was a great success. The student chapter was able to connect with SPC's ICMA chapter and make a great connection for future events. We had guest speakers, Ashley Lowrey (President and CEO of HEP) and Ken Burke (Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller). - April 2nd, 2024

For our first meeting of the semester, we were hosted by Jeff Tillman, City Manager of Auburndale, Florida. He gave us a tour of City Hall and talked about what they do for their residents. - March 8, 2024

# UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

*The UWG ICMA Student Chapter is part of the MPA program at the University of West Georgia, located in Carrollton, GA. Our Chapter was established in the spring of 2020 to offer students in the program additional opportunities for professional career development in local government. Our chapter has members from both the undergraduate and graduate programs.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Peyton Heidman

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Sooho Lee

**MENTOR:** Hasco W Craver IV

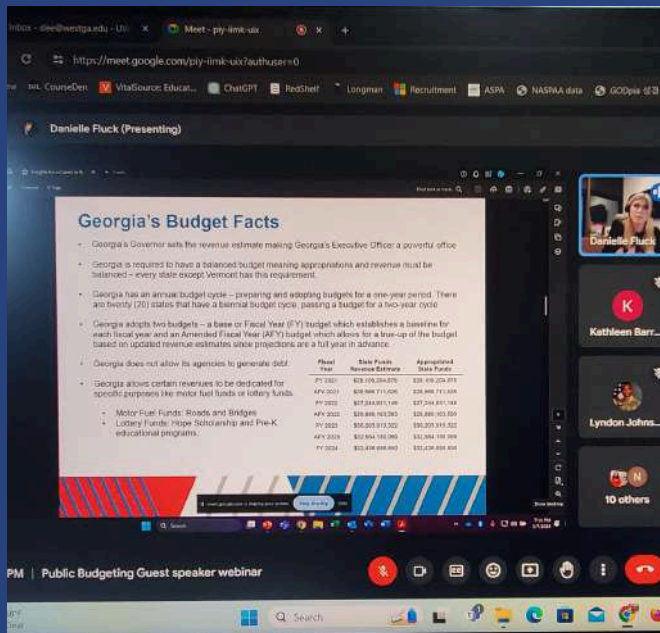
## NEWS SUMMARY

Throughout the year, we convened numerous meetings with our members, including two pivotal annual planning gatherings held both at the City Hall of Newnan and virtually. These sessions brought together all chapter leaders, comprising Dr. Lee (our Faculty Advisor), Mr. Craver (our Professional Mentor), and Mr. Kevin Moody (our founding President), among others. Mr. Craver and Mr. Moody offer indispensable insights drawn from their rich experiences as local government professionals, which play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of our annual chapter events.

## A LOOK FORWARD

In the forthcoming year, McKay Kelley will assume the presidency of the Chapter. Additionally, we welcome several new students to the leadership team. The Chapter has outlined plans to host a minimum of two webinars centered on local government management. While specific topics for the upcoming year have not yet been finalized, we are actively considering pressing issues such as local public health, intergovernmental relations between state and local governments, and optimizing service delivery within a local context. In tandem with these initiatives, we aim to bolster our annual recruitment campaign, seeking to attract fresh faces to the Chapter and ultimately bolster our membership numbers.

# UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA



March 7, 2024, "State of Georgia Budget Process and Careers."



April 18, 2024, "Women Leadership and Career in Local Governments: Challenges and Vision."

## HIGHLIGHTS

The webinar on April 18, 2024, titled "Women's Leadership and Careers in Local Government," featured Peggy Merriss and focused on the advancement of women in local government, offering insights and strategies for overcoming challenges and making an impact. It was a source of inspiration for aspiring female leaders. With her rich background in local government and leadership roles, Peggy Merriss provided valuable insights into the unique challenges and opportunities faced by women in local government. The webinar was not only informative but also served as a motivational platform, offering practical advice and strategies to empower aspiring female leaders to create a positive impact in their communities.

On March 7, 2024, a webinar titled "State of Georgia Budget Process and Careers" was co-hosted by our Chapter and the MPA program, focusing on Georgia's budgeting process and legislative activities. Guest speakers Danielle Fluck and John Pilgrim shared their insights on budget formulation, agency contributions, and legislative impacts. The interactive session allowed attendees to engage in a Q&A with the experts, who also provided career guidance for those interested in fiscal analysis or financial management roles in government. The event was well-received by students, highlighting its educational and professional development value.

On November 15, 2023, a webinar titled "ICMA Resources and Career Opportunities" was hosted by our Chapter. Dr. Sooho Lee, our Faculty Advisor, detailed ICMA's career development resources, emphasizing programs like the Local Government Early Career Service Certificate and Management Fellowship. He also covered scholarships and development opportunities from ICMA and other associations, such as the ICMA Annual Conference Scholarship and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators Scholarship. These resources, often new to students, were showcased as tools for career enhancement. The webinar provided attendees with insights into these resources and a platform to discuss their career ambitions.



# CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

*California Lutheran University ICMA Student Chapter is located in Thousand Oaks, California - just about 30 minutes from Downtown Los Angeles. With a fairly new chapter, this our clubs second academic year.*



## CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Roxanna Reynoso

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** PJ Gagajena

**MENTOR:** PJ Gagajena

## NEWS SUMMARY

This academic year was a transition year for our student chapter as many of our founding members graduated. We had a new Vice President - Jamey Sinardi - be appointed. We also had the opportunity to join a few Zoom calls with other student chapter presidents and faculty advisors on the West Coast to discuss student engagement and recruitment.

## A LOOK FORWARD

Our founding President will be graduating from the MPPA program this summer which will provide for our current Vice-President to step into the role of President effective Fall 2024. This will be the first presidential transition in our student chapter. Our academic advisor has also spoken about the possibility of having an internship available exclusively for ICMA student chapter members, this will help jump start other students on campus see the value of being active officers of the student chapter.

# CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



The School of Management chapter of the **MPPA / ICMA** held a Networking Mixer for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the wider community.

ICMA Student Chapter members/advisors and CLU's School of Management Dean with Ventura County CEO Sevet Johnson.



CLU ICMA Student Chapter hosted a collaborative event featuring the School of Management Accounting Association for a guest speaker panel of professionals in the public and private sector.

## HIGHLIGHTS

In September 2023, we hosted a networking event which included guest speaker, Ventura County CEO Sevet Johnson. She spoke on what her day-to-day work day looked like and in her professional journey leading to her current role. This was a great event for not only our student chapter members but all CLU students in attendance by being able to engage with a county executive to ask questions and be provided tips in achieving their next career and professional steps.

In September 2023, our student chapter participated in its first Graduate Welcome Mixer. This mixer was for all graduated students to be able to learn about the different clubs and associations on campus. It allowed for our club to gain exposure within our MPPA program but with other programs that could relate to government. Also it allowed our club members to interact with other club Presidents and Vice-Presidents to establish starting relationships.

In April 2024, our student chapter hosted a speaker panel event with another club on campus, Accounting Association. Although this event had less to do with the role of a city manager, it did provide background on two departments that are crucial in assisting a city manager to complete their day-to-day operations. The main purpose of this event was to collaboration with another club on campus and bring together the MPPA and MBA program in firsthand seeing the similarities and differences.

# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Celeste Benitez Galicia

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Pooja Di Giovanna

**MENTOR:** N/A

## NEWS SUMMARY

This year, Pepperdine ICMA saw a significant increase in members. We also had the opportunity to collaborate with the Davenport Institute to host events for students.

## A LOOK FORWARD

The Pepperdine SPP ICMA Student Chapter will now be overseen by its new executive board. Nathan Peterson will be serving as president and Mery Bagdyan will be serving as vice president. The new executive board is in the process of planning new events and looks forward to collaborating with the Davenport Institute.



# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY



Discussion with Nolan Gray about Local Housing Policy.



Stand Together Event in Collaboration with the Davenport Institute.

## HIGHLIGHTS

During New Student Orientation in August, our chapter made an effort to increase membership enrollment. We advertised events, worked closely with the Davenport Institute, and built relationships with students. After our interest meeting, we had about 20 people interested in joining our club, which was a significant increase in members.

On October 31, 2023, our chapter hosted Nolan Gray, a research director at California YIMBY to discuss local housing policy. This was a great conversation and an opportunity for students interested in local policy to ask questions. During this conversation, we learned about zoning reform, CEQA, and the role of state and local legislation that aims to address the California housing crisis. This event was very successful and had over 20 students in attendance.

On January 17, our chapter partnered with the Davenport Institute to host Lee Taylor Simmons from Stand Together. This event was meant to serve as a networking opportunity with an organization that strives to solve some of the most pressing policy issues in our communities. During this event, students learned about the different internships, fellowships, and career opportunities available to graduates. It was also a time for students to ask questions about Stand Together's partnerships and their policy interests.

# SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

*San Francisco State University's student chapter of ICMA aims to: 1) Introduce and integrate students to the state and local government management profession. 2) Familiarize students with ICMA, the premier local government management association, its members, resources, and policies. 3) Establish connections between local government management theories, practices, and applications through tangible and actual examples. 4) Provide opportunities for networking and professional development.*



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CHAPTER MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT:** Michael Boyd

**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Ernita Joaquin

**MENTOR:** N/A

## NEWS SUMMARY

This semester, the chapter took the time to revamp the student organization and transition in new board members. We welcomed Michael Boyd as the new president. We are still working on offering more benefits clinics to discuss the ICMA site benefits, mentoring session with San Francisco State University Masters of Public Administration Advisory Board, and increasing membership.

## A LOOK FORWARD

More community-building events and collaboration with the departments and possibly campus recreation to engage MPA students

# SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY



Bipoc Event 4/23/2024.



Speed Mentoring 8/10/2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

Our Fall 2023 events, including speed mentoring sessions (Aug 10, 2024, and Aug 14, 2024), featured esteemed industry professionals and their respective roles:

- Tina Olson, Director of Administrative Services ,City of Livermore Lesley Miller, Economic Development Manager, Meta
- Maria Saquisag-Sid, HR Director, City of Burlingame Regina Neu, Principal, Neu Consulting
- Traci Lester, Experienced Nonprofit Executive, New York
- Kenneth Songco, Director of Student Equity & Success, County of San Mateo Jim Schutz, City Manager, San Rafael

Ten graduate students attended these sessions, gaining unique insights and expanding their professional networks.

ICMA-SFSU event on "Pathways of Inclusion" on April 23, 2024, with Bay Area's local government rock stars Patricia Martel, Jamillah Jordan, and Jim Schutz! What an inspiring set! We even got PJ G. to join us briefly! They shared their stories of advancing the interests of historically underserved communities and telling our students what significant roles await them in local government.



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