I. General Department Announcements

Intern Supervisor Appreciation Luncheon – All student interns are required to attend
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016
Time: 11:30 am until 1:30 pm
Location: NIU Naperville
Remind your supervisor to register for this event and there is still time to nominate your supervisor for “Intern Supervisor of the Year”.
Featured speaker for the event is former City Manager and professional coach, Peter Burchard, who will speak on “Coaching Your Own Self”

Spring Focus Group
Date: Friday, March 11th, 2016
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Room 105, NIU Naperville campus
To sign up for this focus group, please RSVP to zeem@niu.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Zeemering at 815-753-2205 or by e-mail.

PI ALPHA ALPHA
Applications are now being accepted for Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), our national honor society. In order to join, you must have a GPA of 3.7 or above after the completion of 50% of MPA course work and be in the upper 20% of your class. If you are eligible for membership, please complete the Pi Alpha Alpha application and return it to the Public Administration office with a $75.00 check made out to NIU.
Application deadline is March 25, 2016
**BE SURE TO HOLD THESE IMPORTANT DATES OPEN FOR APRIL AND MAY 2016:**

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

The **2016 IAMMA Annual Conference** will be held at the Naperville Campus. The theme for this year's conference is "Working Towards the Future Through Collaboration." The organizer is looking to host several different panels that cover the topic of collaboration. Registration for the event will be open soon, but if you have any questions about the Conference, please feel free to contact Conference Co-Chairs Cheryl Scott (cscott@vrf.us) or Chuck Meyer (cmeyer@lwd.org).

Location: NIU Naperville campus

**Friday, May 20, 2016**

**Legacy Project Annual Conference** at the NIU Naperville, ICMA President Pat Martel will be the keynote speaker.

Location: NIU Naperville campus

**II. General University Announcements**

**Spring Break:** Sunday, March 13 thru Sunday, March 20, 2016

Second Eight Week Sessions begin the week of March 21st

**III. Upcoming Professional Development Activities**

**ILCMA March Professional Development Event**

**Date:** Thursday, March 17  
**Time:** 8:30 am - 11:30 pm  
**Topic:** Transforming Local Government to Attract and Retain a New-Age Workforce  
**Location:** Harry Caray's Lombard, Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL 60148

**Metro Managers March Luncheon**

**Date:** Thursday, March 17  
**Time:** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
**Topic:** Crisis Management in Fox Lake  
**Location:** Harry Caray's Lombard, Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL 60148

**IV. Scholarship and Fellowship Updates**

**David and Catherine Arnold Fellowship - APPLY NOW**

This fellowship supports minority students who wish to attend a professional conference as part of their professional development. Recipient will receive a stipend (in advance) up to $2,000 to help defray the cost of attending the professional conference designated in their application.

**Eligibility:** All minority students enrolled in the NIU MPA program in good academic standing and having completed at least 10 semester credit hours toward their MPA degree.

**Deadline:** March 25, 2016
**James M. & Audrey M. Banovetz Conference Fellowship - APPLY NOW**

This fellowship can be used to attend the ICMA conference or, as appropriate, a conference related to one's planned specialization. Recipient will receive a stipend (in advance) up to $2,000 to help defray the cost of attending the professional conference designated in their application.

**Eligibility:** all full-time students enrolled in the NIU MPA program in good academic standing and having completed at least 10 semester credit hours toward their MPA degree.

**Deadline:** March 25, 2016

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**V. Position Updates**

These are the job boards we use to demonstrate the variety of positions that are available to those who complete the MPA program. We recommend bookmarking them and checking them frequently:

- ICMA JOB BOARD
- ILCMA JOB ADS
- IAMMA JOB ADS
- PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS
- THE BRIDGESPAN GROUP NONPROFIT JOB BOARD
- COUNCIL OF NONPROFITS
- NONPROFIT OPPORTUNITIES
- IDEALIST
- NONPROFIT TALENT MATCH
- WISCONSIN CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT JOBS
- WISCONSIN NONPROFITS

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**VI. Student Kudos!**

*Josephine Shikongo* and *Maria Azurdia* participated in the NASPAA Student Simulation Competition in Indianapolis last weekend. This national and international event brought together MPA students from universities across the world to work on a simulation model, developed by the G-20 Sherpas to explore how policies might help the world in achieving the goals committed by the COP21 Climate Change
Conference of world leaders in France in 2015.

Various teams tested different policy scenarios on the simulator, putting into consideration technical and political feasibility, as well as stakeholder resistance to find the best option with the most impact to limit the global temperature and reduce global warming.

Maria's team came in first and Josephine’s team came in second at the Midwest competition.

Way to go Maria and Josephine!

VII. Other Announcements

**COLLEGE NIGHT** at the Goodman Theatre

Each College Night includes pizza, a discussion with artists from the production and a ticket to that night's performance – all for just $10 per show! Join us for these exciting plays and fun evening out!

**Dates:** "The Matchmaker", Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Goodman Theatre, Chicago, IL
"2666" Wednesday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. at the Goodman Theatre, Chicago, IL

**Code Across DeKalb 2016**

Calling all coders, technologists, engineers, computer and gaming enthusiasts! Join NIU Students, DeKalb community residents, and experts from Code for America to learn and participate in coding and community problem solving. This is a free event, but please RSVP and bring your own device.

To join Tech Bark, NIU Student organization supporting NIU STEAM Works in the use of technology and coding in interdisciplinary solution finding, contact tlrogers@niu.edu

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 10:00 am – 6:00 p.m. at Northern Illinois University’s Founders Memorial Library