MPA E-Blast

February 2016

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I. General Department Announcements

Department Communication

Student email accounts are the official mode of electronic communication between the university and students. Please take a moment to review your Personal Contact information as it appears in MyNIU under SELF SERVICE and update mailing address, email address, telephone numbers.

Each semester we send a test email to all registered MPA and Certificate students to the NIU student email address which is provided through MyNIU. There seem to be glitches which occur each term so it’s important that each of you respond to the test email as requested and work with us to resolve any problems early on in the semester. Known issues are 1) forwarding NIU email to a personal email account 2) students who have ever worked at NIU as a student worker or graduate assistant.

The spring semester advising letter has been emailed to all students. There are important deadlines in there for all students, especially those seeking to graduate this semester. Capstone deadlines, advising instructions and other important deadlines are also in that letter.

PSPA 699A FIRST SESSIONS BEING HELD NEXT WEEK

Unless otherwise advised, all students enrolled in PSPA 699A are required to attend two sessions of the one hour capstone course. Sessions are being held every evening Monday through Thursday next week. If you cannot attend the session for which you registered please contact publicadm@niu.edu.

BOWLING!

Date: Friday, February 19, 2016
Time: 6:00 PM
**Location:** Strike Ten Lanes in Roselle, IL
Join your NIU colleagues to start the semester with a social outing. If you would like to join us, **please RSVP** to ICMA Student Chapter co-president Evan Walter by **February 9**. The cost for bowling, shoe rental, and pizza will be $20, due at the bowling alley.

**Internship Registration Deadline**
Pre-career students serving in an internship must **register their internship** with Career Services by **March 1st**.

**Intern Supervisor Appreciation Luncheon - All student interns are required to attend**
**Date:** Friday, March 11th, 2016  
**Time:** 11:30 am – 2:30 pm  
**Location:** NIU Naperville Campus  
This is a great opportunity to invite your intern supervisor, visit with faculty and other interns for lunch. There will be a motivational speaker and recognition of students and intern supervisors. You are encouraged to nominate your supervisor for “Intern Supervisor of the Year Award”. Lunch for students will be provided by the Department. Cost for intern Supervisor is $25.00.
Details forthcoming and nominations will be e-mailed through the Blackboard PSPA 695 course.

**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

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**II. General University Announcements**

**Tuesday, January 26 - FREE Tax Preparation (thru April 12)**  
**Location:** Holmes Student Center  
**By Appointment:** Available times 11:30 am - 7:00 pm  
**Contact** FinancialCents@niu.edu or (815) 753-4357
Monday, February 1 - Student Immunization Deadline

Monday, February 8 - Last day to waive or enroll in Student Health Insurance

III. Upcoming Professional Development Activities

**IAMMA Night Out**
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2016  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
**Location:** The Pony Inn, Chicago  
**RSVP** to Megan Miles by February 8th. (630) 493-8875  
**Topic:** The event will feature a free pig roast with plenty of sides, vegetarian options, and drinks! This is a great opportunity for interns and MPA students to network with young professionals in the Chicago area and learn more about the profession. We also hope that more seasoned managers will attend to share their wisdom and experiences.

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

**City of Mesa Management Associate Program**  
The City of Mesa, Arizona's Management Associate Program is a multi-year program designed to attract talented professionals in local government. Associates will:

- Spend one to two years in the Office of Management and Budget,
- Work with Performance Excellent team
- Receive broad experience with City operations by rotating through several City departments
- Receive professional development and guidance from senior managers and other City staff

Candidates must possess a MPA and be available to begin employment by June 17, 2016.
For more information and to apply: http://www.mesaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=15930

**CBO 2016 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Washington, D.C.**
The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provides the Congress with the objective, timely, and nonpartisan analyses needed for economic and budgetary decisions. CBO is accepting applications from graduate students **through February 29, 2016** for the 2016 **Summer Internship Program**. Interns contribute to CBO’s work in program areas such as budget and tax policy, health care, national defense, the environment, education, retirement and other income assistance, regulation, and public investment. Students completing the MPA program in May are eligible to apply.
Information about the internship program is available on CBO’s website, https.

**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

**VI. Student Kudos!**
Kudos to Jason Michnick who is working on his **double degree from NIU and Strathmore University** in Nairobi, Kenya. We are looking forward to hearing about Jason’s adventures.
VII. Other Announcements

"Another Word for Beauty" - COLLEGE NIGHT
Join the Goodman for a pre-show party, followed by a performance of Another Word for Beauty—a stirring, music-infused new play about an annual beauty pageant held in a Colombian women's prison.
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 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