



Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College Annual Report (2017-2018)

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Chapter Updates

This year the ICMA student chapter at Heinz College was revived after a year of declining participation in the club. The club is back up to 16 members. The club focused its revival on giving students at exposure on careers and opportunities in local government since many of the extracurricular offerings at Heinz tend to focus on federal positions and consulting. Keeping in line with the curriculum focus of Heinz, the Heinz ICMA Student Chapter also placed particular emphasis on the role that technology, innovation, and analytics can play in local government.

Conferences

Gilbert Resendez from the Heinz ICMA Student Chapter attended the ICMA National Conference in September in San Antonio, TX. The Heinz student chapter was only able to send one student to the annual conference this year. The leadership team did this to learn from other student chapters as the Heinz chapter is revived.

Careers & Internships in Local Government Panel

The Heinz ICMA Student Chapter hosted a local government internship panel consisting of second-year students in the spring semester. This panel allowed second-year students to describe how they found their internships in local government, why they chose that internship path, and how they were able to leverage technology, innovation, and analytics in their positions.

Guest Speaker: Director of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Innovation & Performance

The Heinz ICMA Student Chapter invited the Director of the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Innovation & Performance, Lee Haller, to discuss his time in various levels of local government in Pittsburgh. Mr. Haller focused his discussion on the numerous challenges in modernizing and making changes in governments, the benefits of public-private partnerships, and the state of innovation in Pittsburgh.

Internship & Full-Time Position Communications

The Heinz ICMA student chapter would email chapter members notices of internships and full-time job openings for local government positions throughout the year. This was done to support the chapter's efforts to connect students with opportunities in local government.

Looking Forward

The Heinz ICMA Student Chapter is looking to continue to grow its chapter and emphasize how technology, innovation, and analytics can support local government. The Heinz chapter is looking forward to sending more students next year to the national and regional conferences as interest and club participation has been growing. Given the success of the local government internship panel in the spring, the Heinz ICMA chapter is looking to have a careers in local government panel in the fall to compliment the spring internship panel. Last, the Heinz ICMA Student Chapter is looking to bring in another speaker to talk about how he/she about the future of cities and the role technology, innovation, and analytics plays.