

ICMA KUCIMAT Chapter Report
School of Public Affairs and Administration
University of Kansas
2017-2018

In January, 2017, KU MPA Class of 2016/2018 meet with their Practitioners-in-Residence, Kathy Sexton, City Manager, Derby KS; Jamie Robichaud Assistant City Administrator City of Prairie Village, Practitioner in Residence; and, John Nalbandian, Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas to discuss resumes and job interviews as the students prepared to apply for their full time internships for their second year in the Program. In April, 2017, Kathy Sexton, Ray Hummert and John Nalbandian met with the students to outline the second year of the Program and discuss the highlights of the first year on campus before heading to their full time jobs/internships. They agreed that one of the overall highlights was attending their first ICMA conference in Kansas City where they interviewed and interacted with practitioners; bonded as a class; interacted with alumni; and, enjoyed the conference especially the keynote speakers. In June, students started their full time internships in:

Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe: Bear Tooth National Monument Tribal Coalition, Albuquerque New Mexico

Brian Bickers: - Management Intern Arlington VA

Ian Hutcheson: City Management Intern, City of Wichita KS Chelsea Morton: League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka KS

Jaron Balderes: City of Topeka KS

Logan Masenthin: Unified Government of Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County KS

Chante Mitchell: Edina, MN

Austin Good: Lone Tree CO Jason Rohloff: River Falls WI

Joshua Robinson: Cedar Park TX

Tyesha Ignacio: National Congress of American Indians, Washington D.C

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, the new students of the Chapter, the class of 2017/2019, met at the home of John Nalbandian for a welcoming picnic to meet faculty, area practitioners and alumni to discuss the next two years of the Program. They were introduced to Phil Smith Hanes, County Administrator, Ellis KS and Leslie Herring, Assistant City Manager, Eudora KS the class Practitioners-in Residence. On June 12th, the students began their summer classes and part-time Internships at:

Elizabeth Blythe: WaterOne, Johnson County, KS

Brian Curran: City of Olathe

Daniel Hanover: City of Prairie Village

Nicole Macias: City of Eudora

Lucas Neece: Douglas County

Preston Rutter: City of Olathe

Alicia Salz: Johnson County
Conor Schultz: City of Topeka
Andi Weber: Douglas County
Joseph Wimmer: City of Topeka
Elizabeth Andrews: City of Tonganoxie
Penny Holler: City of Eudora

On September 7 and 8, first year students took a field trip to Dodge City to meet with Southwest Kansas City/County Managers and on to Ellis County to meet with their Practitioner in Residence, Phil Smith Hanes. They toured City of Hays facilities including airport, wastewater treatment plant and the Welcome Center. They toured Ellis County facilities including the solid waste transfer station, EMS building, Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. They participated in a panel discussion with one City Commissioner and one County Commissioner about the value of professional management.

Both first year students and second year students attended the ICMA Conference in San Antonio, October 22-25, 2017. The second year students met in their first Professional Development Seminar conducted by John Nalbandian and Ray Hummert. They also participated in Conference sessions. First year students assisted in the preparation for the conference; assisted the Host Committee during the Conference; interviewed practitioners on their careers; joined the second year students for dinner with their Practitioners in Residence; and, attended Conference sessions.

On October 4, 2017, the Class of 2019 were invited to lunch with Bob Kipp at Hallmark Corporate Offices in Kansas City, MO. Kipp a former City Manager of Kansas City MO and former President of ICMA discussed with the students the importance of good professional local government; the importance of supporting the profession; and, the ICMA conference.

In January 2018, the second year students met for their second Professional Development Seminar led by John Nalbandian and Reggie Robinson which focused on leadership. This seminar explored connections between facilitative political and administrative leadership, professional expertise, and citizen engagement. Politics and the political arena; administrative/technical expertise and the relationship between the arenas of politics and administration were discussed. The students discussed the concepts of citizen engagement and adaptive work. On Wednesday of the week, the on campus first and second year students met for dinner and a bowling competition.

During the year, the on campus students, met in bi-monthly seminars with area practitioners to discuss careers in the public service, their part-time internships, economic development, public/private partnerships and resume writing and interviewing skills.

In April 2018, the second year students met for their final Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence which included a discussion on Dual Career Couples with Mandy and Don Cawby. Mandy is Director of Customer Relations for Water One in Johnson County KS; and, Don Cawby is City Manager in Osawatomi, KS. The seminar focused primarily on competencies developed, where the students have seen the most growth, and what areas were they targeting for development. They also discussed short term and longer term goals. They presented their electronic resumes/portfolios to their classmates, Nalbandian and faculty. Several examples included: <https://brianabickers.wixsite.com/bickersportfolio> and <https://crrmitchell1908.wixsite.com/mysite> .

Both classes of the chapter attended the Annual Kansas City & County Management Conference sponsored by the School of Public Affairs and Administration. The students met with Kirsten Wyatt, Executive Director, Engaging Local Government Leaders, to discuss careers in public administration. On Friday evening of the Conference, the School celebrated the graduation of the 2018 class. On Saturday morning, the second year graduating students, their parents, families, friends and partners gathered at the home of Ray Hummert to celebrate their completion of the MPA program and their graduation before returning to their full time jobs. They were welcomed