NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

MPA NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

In looking back on the past few months, it's been very exciting to see our MPA faculty, alumni, and students earning recognition for their excellent and influential work. We have highlighted a number of these accomplishments throughout this e-newsletter.

We're happy to announce that Bob Schrage has agreed to serve as a full-time lecturer in the MPA program during the Spring 2018 semester. Bob brings 30 years of experience in the public and nonprofit sectors to his classes, which is wonderful for our students. He has led and managed organizations such as the Executive Service Corps of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky Area Development District, and the City of Ludlow, Kentucky.

Much progress continues on the Founders Hall renovation, and we're scheduled to move back in early May 2018. The 5th floor has some amazing new space including classrooms, offices, and a rooftop terrace. We can't wait to share it with all of you!

You can stay current on developments in the MPA program by following our Facebook page and joining our LinkedIn group. As always, we appreciate if/when you can “talk up” our MPA program to others who may be interested in a master’s degree, graduate certificates, and/or the (new!) micro-credentials.

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What's New in the MPA Program

New Micro-credentials At NKU

Spring 2018, NKU will launch a micro-credential program to help people achieve professional development milestones. Micro-credentials are mini-certificates in a specific topic area, such as Disaster Preparedness, that demonstrate an achievement in a particular skill or set of skills.

Read more & see what else is new in MPA »

MPA Event

2017 Fall Reception

The 2017 Fall Reception was held on Thursday, October 12 in the Rieveschl Digitorium, which is housed in Griffin Hall at NKU. About 50 MPA students, alumni, faculty and prospective students were in attendance to hear the guest speaker's presentations.

Read more & view pictures from the event »

Faculty Spotlight

Honoring Dr. Shamima Ahmed

Dr. Shamima Ahmed has been selected for the Fulbright Specialist Program! This is a huge honor for Dr. Ahmed, our MPA program, and Northern Kentucky University.

Read more about the Fulbright Program »

Regional Awards

Forty Under 40

Two MPA alumni, John Scott (2013) and Ryan Adcock (2006), are part of this year's *Business Courier's* Forty Under 40. Other alumni being recognized in the region are Elishia Chamberlain (2008) and Shawn Freeman (2017).

Read more about these awards »

Student Highlights

Afterschool Ambassador

Congratulations to MPA student Tom Haggard for being selected to serve as a 2017-2018 Afterschool Ambassador with the Afterschool Alliance. He is one of only 15 leaders from across the nation chosen for the honor this year.

Read more & see other student highlights »

Alumni Highlights

Grads Using Their Degrees

Elissa Dixon-Bates finished her MPA degree in May 2017, shortly after she was promoted to a new position in Cincinnati Public Schools. Elissa became Coordinator of the Aspire Program, which provides adult basic and literacy education.

Read more about Elissa & other alumni»

New Jobs and Promotions

- Frank Bednar (2013) is now the Safety Manager at Anderson Rifles.
- Sherry Cucchiara (2014) is serving as Interim Director of NKU's Grant County Center.
- Whitney Hacker (2014) was promoted to Supervisor of Trust and Foundation Administration at Disabled American Veterans (DAV).
- Thomas Jacobs (2015) is now a Customer Relationship Advocate at Fidelity Investments.
- Marcus McGhee (2012) has become a Staff Attorney for the Indiana Supreme Court.
- James McManus (MPA student) is the new Director of International Programs at the World Affairs Council of Greater Cincinnati.
- Jennifer Patrick (2013) is the new Community Relations Director at Healthsource of Ohio.
- David Plummer (2012) was recently selected as the City Administrator of Union, KY.
- Stephanie Powell (MPA 2007) is the Assistant to the General Counsel at Xavier University.
- Jeremy Roberts (2012) has become the Network Administrator at Apex Systems in Columbia, TN.
- Amy Schildmeyer-Humphrey (MPA student) was promoted to Assistant Director of Administration in the Hamilton County Auditor's office.
- Nicholas Tilley (2015) is the new Policy Manager at UC Health.
- Charles Powell (2017) has become the new Fulfillment Specialist at Needzo, Inc.

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