Send a Welcome to the Class of 2018

With the help of alumni and friends, we had a stellar recruitment season! The incoming class of 25 was selected from a pool of over 70 talented applicants from across the US and the globe. Please help us welcome the new class. Send us your greetings, and we will forward them to the incoming students. Just send a short note to mpa@ccny.cuny.edu.

Start A Social Enterprise

This fall the MPA program will launch a social innovation and entrepreneurship track focused on how business models and creative thinking can help make managers more effective agents of social change. The effort is a collaboration between the MPA program and the Zahn Innovation Center here at CCNY.

The program will include scholarship and programming designed to introduce students to the world of social innovation. Participants will also have the opportunity to plan and launch their own social ventures under the mentorship of experts at the Zahn Center.

International Connections

In March, the MPA program’s associate director, Natalia Trujillo, attended a UNESCO roundtable at Abat Oliba CEU University (Barcelona, Spain). The event focused on a new research project on issues related to the United Nations peace agenda over the past 70 years and may produce some exciting collaborations in the future.

Alumni and Faculty News

Hector Velez was selected from over 800 applicants nationwide for a prestigious professional development fellowship at the Health Resources and Services Administration. Irene Castro and Mariya Komartsova are planning for law school. MPA Director Mark Musell signed a contract to update his textbook, Understanding Government Budgets. Baby Mustafa Sharif Abdul-Matin joined the family of Professor Fatima Ashraf. Recent grad Isabella Fante is off to the CUNY Grad Center for a PhD in psychology. Patrick Herring became a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay and earned a proficiency certificate in Spanish.
Projects Address Critical Needs

Student capstone projects this term addressed a host of pressing community needs. The results of student efforts were presented to faculty, staff, and community at an event in Shepard Hall held on May 17th. Kristina Camaj, Sain Mota, and Julia Dancer (above) worked with Second Chance Re-entry on a plan to improve services designed to help the formerly incarcerated re-enter society.

Isabella Fante, Vernessa Robinson, and Yaw Owusu Ababio developed a program assessment plan for Hip Hop 4 Life, a community group that provides young people in New York City with the resources to become leaders.


Sandra Fernando, Annalyn Lazarus, and Alejandro Andrade developed fundraising strategies for Dechets a l’Or, a social venture working with communities in Guinea, West Africa on better waste management systems.

Gathering to Catch Up, Connect

In April, the MPA program hosted its first networking event in the faculty dining room of the North Academic Center. Thirty current students, alumni, faculty, and friends had a chance to mingle, meet, and catch up.

The evening included an address by Dean Vincent Boudreau, who was the event’s guest of honor, and a performance by members of the CCNY Gospel Choir. Thanks to Mohamed Jallow ’11 for spearheading the event.

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Left to right: previous interviewees Joseph Alston ’09, Tonisha Alexander ‘16, Ariel Quinones ’14, Preeya Saikia ’14

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Congratulations 2016 Graduates

Yaw Owusu Ababio  
Alejandro Andrade  
Tonisha Alexander  
Kwasi Appiah  
Maxwell Baptiste  
Elyse Betances  
Arthur Bijoyan  
**Kristina Camaj**  
Julia Dancer  
Elizabeth Davis  
Isabella Fante  
Annalyn Lazarus  
Juan Jamall Ledesma  
Julia Malcolm  
Sain Mota  
Vernessa Robinson