

Message from the MPAA President:

Welcome, MPA Students! Congratulations on your decision to continue your education. Public Administration is one of the most exciting fields to study and I assure you that you'll have some incredible academic and social experiences while enrolled.



By taking classes in the MPA program, you are automatically a member of the Master of Public Administration Association (MPAA). The MPAA is the only organization limited to graduate students at Boise State University.

The mission of the MPAA is:

- * To host social and professional events to enhance the educational experiences of MPA students.
- *To foster open communication and establish social and professional relationships between faculty, staff and alumni.
- *To encourage professionalism at all levels of government and education by discussing and disseminating new ideas and information.

We have some very exciting activities planned for this year ranging from Brown Bag Luncheons with community leaders to monthly MPA gatherings at Table Rock Pub and Grill. You can access the details of these events by logging onto our website at <http://ppa.boisestate.edu/mpa.shtml> or by visiting our bulletin board in the PAAW building across from the main office. I encourage you to visit our bulletin board and website often, as they contain valuable information on class schedules, MPAA activities, internship opportunities, and more.

Graduate school can be intimidating and often overwhelming, so please contact me if you need advice or have any questions. I am more than happy to speak with you and provide any guidance you may need.

I hope you will all find the academic and social opportunities you seek from this program. On behalf of the MPA Association, we are proud of our students and their deep commitment to continuing their education and improving the world in which we live. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Best Regards,

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