KACM Scholarship Winners

The Kansas Association of City/County Management (KACM) recently awarded three public management students with scholarships to further their education in Master of Public Administration programs at the state’s three major universities. The group also recognized three current public management professionals from Kansas cities who will use their scholarship proceeds to begin to pursue their Master of Public Administration degrees to enable them to advance their careers in serving Kansas communities.

“Helping manage communities is a rewarding career, and I am proud of the Kansas Association of City/County Management for investing in the future of Kansas communities with these scholarships,” said Don Cawby, Osawatomie City Manager and KACM President.

The following students received scholarships:

- Virgil Basgall Scholarship ($4,000) – Susanna Geiger, University of Kansas
- KACM Scholarship ($3,000) – Chelsee Newkirk, Wichita State University
- KACM Scholarship ($3,000) – Gabrielle Hull, Kansas State University

KACM Rising Star Scholarships ($1,000 each):

- Audree Aguilera, Community Development Coordinator, City of Lyons
- Amy Finch, City Clerk, City of Ottawa
- Melissa McCoy, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Dodge City

“The quality of the scholarship applicants was impressive,” said Kathy Sexton, Derby City Manager and KACM Awards Committee Chair. “The winners were the best of the best, and I’m confident communities around the state will benefit from their service and commitment to professional management.”
COMMUNITY AWARDS DEADLINE - JUNE 4
The League's all new Inspire - Create - Innovate - Community Awards are designed to celebrate recent innovations, programs, community projects, and acknowledge overall excellence in local government. Beyond honoring cities, we aim for these awards to spotlight innovations that other communities might replicate.

Recipients of the new Community Awards will be recognized at the League's Annual Conference later this fall. A representative from the winning city will receive a complementary conference registration and may be asked to present on a panel highlighting some of the projects. All winning entries will be featured in League social media and in a future issue of the Kansas Government Journal.

Award Categories:
- Community Health
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Youth Engagement
- Communications

For more information including judging criteria and entry rules, visit our website.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP WEBINAR
On June 20, League legislative staff will review the 2018 session and provide a general overview of legislation affecting Kansas' cities. The webinar is free and for League members only. Webinar is limited to 100 participants. Register online.

Personnel Management
June 22 - Dodge City
June 29 - Emporia
Register: www.lkm.org/events

This course covers the basics of personnel management in today's changing municipal workplace. Topics include: hiring and firing, discrimination and harassment, and personnel policies and guidelines. Cost to attend this course is $75 for members, $100 for nonmembers. Lunch and materials provided. This course has been approved for 3.5 CLE credits and submitted for IIMC credit. Major topics covered in the course include:
- Personnel management in today's workplace
- Hiring & firing procedures and legal considerations
- Discrimination and harassment in the workplace
- Review of standard personnel policies (with template provided)
- Fair Labor Standards Act and the Family Medical Leave Act
- At-Will Employment
- ADA, Military leave/USERRA, Drug Testing, Domestic Violence Leave Law
- Personnel evaluations

Register for this course at our website.