This is an exciting year for the KUCIMATs. We are working closely with the new School Director Reggie Robinson to help him get off to a great start in continuing our tradition of local government excellence.

In 2015, your contributions will continue to support students and the activities that strengthen the KUCIMAT community and the KU School of Public Affairs and Administration.

The KUCIMAT Board has committed to the following goals this year:

- Formalizing our mentorship program for recent MPA graduates;
- Assisting with targeted student recruitment;
- Strengthening communication channels to include social media;
- Promoting opportunities for giving back to the program in ways that directly benefit the students.

Please also see the accompanying Giving Guide, which outlines opportunities for financial giving that really matter. I am particularly excited about the new KUCIMAT support fund, established by Bill Tschudy and John Laney. Donations are restricted to KUCIMAT purposes and are tax-deductible. We are appreciative of Bill and John's continued leadership and contributions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or comments, or if you would like to help the KUCIMATs achieve the above goals.

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A step-by-step process to guide your charitable giving in support of the best local government management program in the known universe.

step one... pay those dues

A consistent theme heard by the School from MPA students as they leave campus is that their time at the ICMA conference during their on-campus year was of incredible value and an important part of their development as future local government managers. Your KUCIMAT dues support two very important efforts related to the ICMA conference. First, dues subsidize student travel to and lodging at the conference. Second, dues subsidize the KUCIMAT Banquet at ICMA.

Are you paid up? Search for yourself here: [http://kupa.ku.edu/alumni-directory](http://kupa.ku.edu/alumni-directory)

Dues are payable annually by December 31. Want an easy way to pay? Pay your dues online here: [http://kupa.ku.edu/kucimats](http://kupa.ku.edu/kucimats)

step two... give back

You can make a transformative difference for today’s MPA students and the School. You know from your own budgeting experience that the best money is flexible money. There are two great ways you can provide the School with access to flexible moneys to support the MPA program. Contributions can be made through the KU Endowment Association ([kuendowment.org](http://kuendowment.org)): follow the link for “How to Give” and note the name of the fund from the description below in the “Special Instructions” field.

| Edwin O. Stene Program Discretionary Fund | This fund is fully discretionary and fully expendable at the discretion of the Director of the School. The Director’s priorities for use of this fund in 2015 include student recruitment, particularly attracting minority students. |
| KUCIMAT MPA Support Fund | This fund shall be used to support intern-option MPA students in the School of Public Affairs and Administration in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Kansas. Uses may include but shall not be restricted to: attend professional conferences, participate in part-time internships, and conduct research with local governments. Priority will be given to activities that allow the student to engage with professionals at practice so that they can apply classroom knowledge in the real world. |
Tuition for the MPA program is approximately $16,000 for in-state students and $37,000 for out-of-state students. Room and board, books and other costs add significantly to those totals. Typically, endowed scholarships provide support to MPA students of about $4,500 for each in-state student and about $9,000 for each out-of-state student. Your contribution to a scholarship fund provides permanent, on-going support for tomorrow’s local government leaders and ensures that KU can continue to attract the best talent available. Contributions can be made through the KU Endowment Association (kuendowment.org); follow the link for “How to Give” and note the name of the fund from the description below in the “Special Instructions” field.

### Richard Chesney Scholarship
Available to MPA students with a preference for graduates of Kansas high schools and to individuals of a racial minority, based on need.

### Paul A. Reame Scholarship
Available to students in the School of Public Affairs and Administration.

### Marvin Harder and Joseph Harkins Scholarship
Targeted to one or more deserving career option students with high academic potential enrolled in the MPA program. Based on merit and need.

### Ethan Allen Scholarship
Available to students of public administration.

### Mary Morrill Litchfield Fellowship
Available to a graduate student of unusual promise who combines an academic interest in public administration with a commitment to public service.

### Buford M. Watson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Available to MPA students in city management who exhibit both academic merit and a strong interest and commitment to a lifetime career as a city manager. Preference that the scholarship awards be few in number and larger in amount.

### Thomas and Barbara Kester Page Scholarly Activities
Used to support scholarships and fellowships for Master’s and Doctoral students in public administration; the teaching and scholarly work of the Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor of Public Administration; and the teaching, research, and scholarly activity of the public administration faculty and graduate students.

### Darwin W. Daicoff Scholarship
Provides scholarships for one or more deserving students that have made outstanding contributions to the Stene Graduate Program in Public Administration at the University of Kansas. Awarded based on merit and need with preference given to a Kansas resident.

### Wildgen Family Scholarships
Scholarships with preference to MPA students from Kansas who fulfill the University’s education mission of providing a diverse learning environment.

### Mark Keane Scholarship
Graduate scholarships for students whose goal is to become local government administrative professionals.

### Harry Nalbandian Public Service Scholarship
Scholarships for MPA students pursuing a career in local government or community building.

### Clara Schneider Perkins Scholarship
Available to undergraduate or graduate students in the public affairs or administration program, with a preference for female students.

### Lowry Scholarship
Scholarships with preference for MPA students who exemplify dedication and commitment to a professional career in public service at the local government level.

### Liese Ridgeway Vanatta Scholarship
Available to students in the School of Public Affairs and Administration who have an emphasis in environmental studies and sustainability. Recipients shall be of high character, show academic achievement and exhibit leadership potential.

### John and Carol Nalbandian Scholarship
Available to MPA students preparing for careers in local government.

### Alan E. Sims Student Opportunity Fund
Supporting MPA students with tuition, books, travel costs associated with professional seminars/conferences, living expenses and other related costs associated their education, with preference to non-traditional, minority students.

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**step four... leave a legacy**

Make the Stene Program part of your estate planning. Create a lasting legacy for future local government leaders or support the Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor of Public Administration through a bequest upon your death. It’s never too early to start planning. Contact Jenna Goodman (jgoodman@kuendowment.org) or LaRisa Chambers (lchambers@kuendowment.org) – 800-444-4201 or 785-832-7400 – at KU Endowment. Feel free to contact Ray Hummert (rhummert@ku.edu) – 785-864-9097 – with questions, as well.