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Dr. Jennifer Morrison, MPA professor, and MPA Student Dylan Dixon ATTENDED THE KENTUCKY CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN LEXINGTON

Lexington, Ky.— Dr. Morrison and Dylan Dixon met with more than 50 other Kentucky city and county managers and professionals from related fields of work for the annual Winter Conference of the Kentucky City/County Management Association (KCCMA) and Board of Directors meeting.

KCCMA President John Thomas, CAO of Lebanon, presided over the annual event. Training workshops were offered on numerous topics including Trends in Healthcare led by Mark Morgan of Sherrell-Morgan, Planning for Large Community Events with instruction provided by Tab Brockman and Brooke Jung, leaders of the 2017 eclipse in Hopkinsville, and Managing Multiple Generations in the Workforce by Jay McChord of And Now I Thrive.

Additional training was led by Jeff Earlywine, Boone County manager and Larry Klein, former city manager of Covington, who provided insight on Keys to Being a Successful and Effective City/County Manager. Another presentation was provided by experienced lobbyists, Jay Fossett and Pat Crowley of Strategic Advisors, LLC, on how to assist local elected officials in the legislative process.

In addition to the educational workshops, the managers received an update from Ed Driggers, senior vice president of the southeast region, on current and future activities of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Randy Reid, the ICMA director of performance initiatives also attended the conference and fielded questions about the organization.

In closing the conference, KCCMA members were updated on current legislative issues by the Kentucky League of Cities Deputy Executive Director J. D. Chaney as he reviewed active legislative issues pertinent to city and county governments.

KCCMA President John Thomas noted, “We’re very pleased to offer exceptional training and networking opportunities every year for our membership. It’s good to bring these professionals from all across Kentucky together so we can learn from one another as well as industry professionals who impact our work.”

KCCMA meets semiannually and remains in contact with members regularly to fulfill their mission. For the fourth year, KCCMA offered regional MPA students an educational scholarship to attend the KCCMA Winter Conference. This year's scholarship recipients were Paul Kleier, University of Kentucky Martin School; Hannah Benward, Western Kentucky University; and Dylan Dixon, Murray State University.

Of these scholarships, President Thomas said, "As many employees in local government are approaching retirement, it is one of KCCMA's goals to provide mentoring opportunities for those coming behind us in the profession. Networking with and getting training from those who do it every day prepares the next workforce to better guide our communities in the future."

CT Consultants, a company offering engineering, architectural and planning services, was a Silver Level sponsor for the conference. Bronze Level sponsors included Adams, Stepner, Woltermann and Dusing, PLLC; Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services; Ross Sinclair and Associates; Schneider Electric and Sherrill Morgan.

"This year's conference was terrific, and I'm pleased to represent Murray State University in this organization," said Dr. Morrison. "The organization always provides professional presenters with relevant information. It's great to gain new insight from people who are in the same type of work elsewhere in the state."

The Kentucky City/County Management Association is a membership organization which exists to improve the quality of government, cities, counties and services throughout Kentucky. To learn more about the organization, visit www.kccma.org.

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