



Jared DeVries

Candidate for 2024 UMANT Executive Board President

My name is Jared DeVries and I am running to serve as your 2024 UMANT President.

I am currently the Management Analyst for the City of Benbrook and have been a member of UMANT since 2019, serving on the Networking and Mentorship Committee for two years, as chair for one year and then serving as Executive Secretary in 2023.

As President, I will strive to build upon three pillars: **Enhancing our relationships with partner universities, continuing to provide quality programming through our events, and ensuring that the mission of UMANT continues to *advance the quality of local government by providing a community to develop and support emerging leaders.***

I intend to strengthen our relationships with universities in the DFW area: UNT, UTA, UTD, and Tarleton, so that students can continue to network and connect with like-minded local government professionals. This means attending university MPA Orientations and hosting focused Happy Hours in order to cultivate our unique connections with our partner universities. This also means continuing to support emerging local government leaders by fundraising and awarding our William J. Pitstick Scholarship through our Wine And Dine and One Day Conference events.

I also intend to continue our excellent programming through our events: Exec Connect, Wine and Dine, One-Day Conference, Our Trends and Tours and Lunch and Learn events, and continuing to plan our UMANT Golf Tournament event!

Our mission statement reflects the heart of this precious organization, where students and professionals network over the challenges and opportunities of public administration. As we traverse our career paths, UMANT will continue to be a place to grow over shared experiences and to learn best practices to better serve our communities.

UMANT has provided me with a community of friends that understand the unique challenges I face daily as a public servant. When I joined, I was welcomed into not just an organization, but a fraternity of service and commitment to local government. UMANT's focus and programming will cultivate the next generation of local government leaders and I am excited to be a part of it! I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Executive Board President and humbly ask for your vote in the 2024 election. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by email at jared.dvries@gmail.com or by phone at (817)879-5880.