University of Georgia – Alumni Profiles for NASPAA

Shayla Lee

1. Where are you currently working?

City of Sugar Land, TX

2. What is your job title?

Director of Strategic & Government Affairs

3. What inspired you to pursue your MPA degree?

I pursued my MPA because I am passionate about serving in local government. I believe that local government is the most impactful way to serve your community because you are enhancing the lives of those who could be your neighbors.

4. How has your MPA degree helped you in your career?

The MPA degree has helped open up my career path to possess a diverse set of skills that could be applied anywhere.

5. What do you love about being an MPA alumni?

I love having a network of supportive peers who are equally passionate about their call to service.

6. What advice would you give to persons pursuing a career in public service?

Embarking on a career in public service means that you have to be adaptability and resilient as the world continues to evolve, the needs of those we serve will continue to exist.