



### **Boosting rural Georgia**

A generous \$250,000 gift from the University of Georgia Foundation board of trustees will enable us to reach more rural communities and provide experiential learning opportunities to more students. **Read more here** 



#### Broadband map pinpoints need

Nearly a year after unveiling a groundbreaking map that showed the number of Georgians without broadband access, more than \$400 million in grants will bring faster and more reliable internet service to communities across the state.



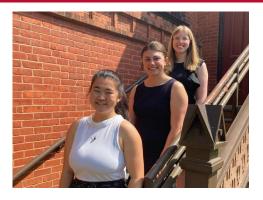


### Make way for oysters

As oyster farming, or oyster mariculture, grows in Georgia, new state laws increase opportunities for communities to potentially benefit. Our researchers are working to help land use planners and potential farmers navigate the legal framework.

Read more here

# **AROUND THE INSTITUTE**



# Vinson Fellows present research findings

This spring's fellows — all Morehead Honors College students — presented their findings on how government intersects with the criminal justice system, K-12 education and community gardens. The Vinson Fellows program matches undergraduates with faculty mentors to conduct research benefiting governments and citizens.



# Public Manager program welcomes 100 graduates

More than 120 people attended the annual Certified Public Manager® Program Conference in Athens, where 100 people graduated from the prestigious program. Conference speakers presented sessions on topics including leadership, navigating public service values and organizational change, among others.

# **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES

Georgia Clerks Education Institute Fall Conference Sept. 11-13, 2022 Athens

Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA) Conference



Oct. 2-5, 2022 Jekyll Island

Charter System Foundation Conference Oct. 4-5, 2022 Athens

Government Management Information Sciences (Georgia GMIS) Fall Conference Oct. 16-20, 2022

Savannah

More events here

Innovating Georgia's Workforce Pipeline Conference Nov. 1-2, 2022 Athens

Register now for Innovating Georgia's Workforce Pipeline Conference! The event, held at the UGA Center for Continuing Education & Hotel, will bring together partners in workforce development, education, business and economic development to learn about promising practices and emerging ideas to build our state's talent pipeline.

Attendees will explore strategies for supporting youth as they transition from education to career. Attendees also will hear from national and state innovators, gain additional insights and resources, and network with partners old and new. For more information and to register, visit here.

### IN THE NEWS



# Jobs with Purpose Municipal Workforce Strategy and Playbook launched

Cities across Georgia now have strategies and resources for tackling their workforce challenges thanks to research conducted by faculty at the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government on behalf of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and its nonprofit, Georgia City Solutions (GCS). The Jobs with Purpose Strategy and Playbook was released this summer.

#### Institute trains more than 800 local leaders at GMA annual convention

Municipal leaders from across the state gained a deeper understanding of effective local governance through continuing education courses led by Institute of Government faculty and other experts at the Georgia Municipal Association's 2022 Annual Convention June 24-28 in Savannah. GMA and the Institute partnered to offer more than 40 courses for mayors, council members, city managers and others through the Municipal Training Institute professional development program. Upcoming Municipal Training Institute classes will be offered during the Georgia Downtown Conference on Aug. 22 in Macon and the Robert E. Knox Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute offered Sept. 20-23 in Young Harris.

For more news items, visit here.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The shortage of cyber security professionals in Georgia is estimated to be **22,000** 

Source: Cyber Seek

The Institute of Government launched a webinar series covering the challenges local governments face with cybersecurity. The first session, "Is Your Government Cyber Aware?," highlights the story of one local government's encounter with hackers, as well as resources and tips if something similar happens in your community. To view a recording, visit here.

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