

NCMA TYSONS NEWSLETTER

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NCMA Tysons Monthly Talks

Welcome to the January 2025 edition of our chapter newsletter! This month is packed with exciting updates, highlights, and events.

We'll recap our recent get-togethers, shine a light on some of our amazing members, and share details on upcoming events. Read on to discover member achievements, upcoming events, and more!

Top News

Tysons Chapter Announces
New Platinum Sponsor, Unison!

Member Spotlight: Consuela
Hopkins

Happy New Year from the
Board of Directors & Advisors!





Event Recap- Cordia Resources - 12/5

A Festive Evening with Cordia Resources

On December 5th, our chapter members and board leaders were honored to attend the holiday Christmas party hosted by [Cordia Resources](#). This celebration, organized solely by Cordia, was a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season, and we are truly grateful to have been invited to join the festivities.

The evening was vibrant and full of energy, with an atmosphere that truly embodied the holiday spirit. It was inspiring to see so many passionate professionals come together, not only to celebrate but also to foster meaningful connections.

We extend our deepest thanks to Cordia Resources for including us in such a spectacular event. Their commitment to creating spaces for connection and collaboration is truly appreciated, and we are fortunate to be part of their extended community.

We look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship in the coming year!



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Event Recap- GMU- 12/5

NCMA Tysons Chapter Engages Future Leaders at George Mason University

On December 5th, the NCMA Tysons Chapter had the privilege of participating as panelists for the last day of BUS315 class event at George Mason University, engaging directly with students eager to learn about careers in contract management and government contracting.

A heartfelt thank you goes to [Panos Lagos](#), our Chapter VP of Professional Growth and Development, for spearheading this initiative. We also extend our gratitude to our dedicated panelists—[Kalyn Fox](#), [Gabriela Jones](#), and [Dr. Darius Summers](#)—for sharing their knowledge, experiences, and practical advice with the students.

The panel discussion sparked meaningful conversations about navigating career opportunities in the field, the importance of professional networks, and how organizations like NCMA can support emerging professionals.

Our chapter remains committed to fostering growth and development opportunities for future leaders. Collaborating with local universities like George Mason University allows us to inspire and support the next generation of contract management professionals.

We encourage all students interested in contract management to connect with us, join upcoming events, and explore membership opportunities. Together, we can build a brighter future for this industry.

📌 For more details about our mentorship programs and events, visit [NCMATYSONS - JOIN](#)



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Article Feature in CM

Featured in the December 2024 Issue of Contract Management (CM) Magazine

We are thrilled to share that an article entitled "Overcoming Barriers to Effective Organizational Knowledge Transfer" has been published in the December issue of the Contract Management (CM) Magazine. Co-authored by [Jennifer Runkle](#), [Jenny Hicks](#), [Jasmine Curry-Brandt](#), and one of our chapter leaders, this insightful piece explores strategies for fostering effective knowledge transfer within organizations—an essential element for growth and success in today's dynamic environments.

We encourage all members to read the article and discover practical approaches that can be applied in their own professional settings.

📖 Sign in to read the full article here: [CONTRACT MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE \(CM\)](#)

Thank you to the authors for sharing their expertise and contributing to the development of our profession.



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Celebrating Leadership and Growth

Spotlight on CMLDP and Executive Leadership Program Graduates

At NCMA Tysons, we are committed to fostering the growth and leadership development of our members. Two hallmark programs, the Contract Management Leadership Development Program (CMLDP) and the new Executive Leadership Program (ELP), exemplify this dedication by equipping participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel as leaders within the contract management profession and beyond.

We congratulate these outstanding individuals for their dedication and success and thank them for their continued leadership within the industry and our community. As we look ahead, we remain committed to supporting future leaders through programs like Contract Management Leadership Development Program and the Executive Leadership Program.

If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to professionaldevelopment@ncmatysons.org.

Applications for the 2026 CMLDP class will open in early 2025. Stay tuned for updates and the application period announcement.

Graduates Through the Years:

2007: Crystal Glenn
2006: Eric Braese & Pantea Holt
2009: Deena Razik & Joshua Carr
2010: Alison Nastelli Adkins, Julia Cramer
2011: Beth Sammons & Jennifer Hanks
2012: Dan Smith, Danielle Debroux, and Vanessa Humphreys
2013: Khadra Abdulkareem & Marcus Soriano
2015: C. James DeLaet, Rachita Varma-Jain, and Rena Willis
2016: Amanda Mulhern, Ashley McGrew, Colleen Timmer, & Jaclyn Humphrey
2018: Angel Davis, Brittany Mundy, and Patricia Ritz
2019: Cara Woodward & James Doss
2020: Anestacia Evans, Janelle Taylor, & Kymiel Standifer
2021: Kameke Mitchell, & Zachary Taylor
2023: Alexis Shellow, Jasmine Curry-Brandt, Kalyn Fox, Lawrence K. Davies, Jr., Megan Cossack, Stephanie Lemaitre, & William (Greg) Davis
2024: Panos Lagos, Brianna Fowler, & Paul Aliu

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Chapter Updates



Our Amazing Mentor Volunteers

This month, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers who have stepped up as mentors in our Chapter Mentorship Program.

Being a mentor is more than just sharing knowledge—it's about guiding, inspiring, and helping others find clarity on their career paths. These mentors are dedicating their time and expertise to support our members, offering invaluable advice, encouragement, and guidance to help them grow and succeed in their professional journeys.

We are proud to acknowledge the following mentors for their outstanding commitment and generosity:

[Dr. Charles Wheeler](#)

[Victor Deal](#)

[Jim Blades](#)

[Kristian Ellingsen](#)

[Peter Tuttle](#)

[Lejla Grozdanic](#)

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our members. Your contributions embody the spirit of community and growth that defines our chapter. We appreciate everything you do to empower and uplift others!



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Welcome to our New Sponsor, Unison!

We are thrilled to announce Unison as the newest Platinum Sponsor of the NCMA Tysons Chapter! Unison is a leading provider of AI-infused software and insights to generate greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability for federal agencies, program offices, and government contractors worldwide, and their partnership reflects a shared commitment to excellence and innovation within the GovCon community.

Unison's mission to empower organizations with tools for greater efficiency and success aligns seamlessly with our chapter's vision to advance professional growth, collaboration, and impact in contract management.

We are honored to have Unison's support and look forward to collaborating with them throughout the year as we continue to deliver valuable programs, networking opportunities, and educational events to our members.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to **[Unison](#)** as a key partner in driving our chapter's mission forward!

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Chapter Updates



Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays from Cordia Resources by Cherry Bekaert!.

Cordia Resources by Cherry Bekaert is dedicated to meeting your temporary and permanent needs in accounting, finance, human resources (HR), and information technology (IT). As part of the broader Cherry Bekaert network, we offer a comprehensive range of services, including tax, audit, and advisory solutions.

Please feel free to reach out to your Cordia Resources by Cherry Bekaert representative or visit our website to explore how we can assist you with your hiring needs.



❄️ Save the Date: NCMA Tysons Chapter Winter Holiday Celebration! ❄️

The NCMA Tysons Chapter invites you to join us for a night of festive fun, celebration, and connection!

 Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025
 Location: Maggiano's Little Italy
 Time: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

🌟 Highlights of the evening include: 🌲 A warm, festive atmosphere to celebrate the season 🍷 A delicious dinner to savor 🏆 Awards Ceremony recognizing the outstanding contributions of our amazing members 🎁 Fun activities and a chance to reconnect with your fellow chapter members AND MUCH MORE!

Let's toast to another successful year and ring in the new one together! This is your chance to celebrate, network, and honor those who make our chapter thrive. Get your tickets now at: [2025WINTERCELEB](#)

Hope to see you there!

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Recognizing Leadership: Apply for the NCMA Fellow Award

The National Contracting Management Association (NCMA) Fellow Award is one of the highest and most prestigious individual honors within the NCMA. This distinguished award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to both the contract management profession and NCMA. It is a true testament to the dedication and impact of its recipients.

First introduced on January 9, 1967, the NCMA Fellow Award was initially bestowed upon Stuart Davidson, Bert DeMars, and Sy Gottlieb. Since then, it has served as a symbol of excellence and commitment, honoring members who exemplify leadership, service, and influence within the contracting community.

This award is exclusively open to NCMA members. To ensure The NCMA Tysons Chapter members are well-prepared to apply, our Chapter is excited to announce an upcoming virtual event. This session will provide an in-depth overview of the Fellows Award, including:

- * What the Fellow Award is
- * The eligibility requirements
- * How to complete the application process
- * Key dates, including when the application opens

in order to get a head start on determining where they stand in reference to their eligibility for the award. Since the 2025 Fellow Award application process starts sometime this Spring, it would be helpful to identify any areas that members should work on to increase their eligibility.

In the interim, prior to our virtual event, interested Tysons Chapter members are strongly encouraged to review the current "NCMA Fellows Award Eligibility and Evaluation" Criteria document, which is available at:
<https://www.ncmahq.org/common/Uploaded%20files/Membership/Award%20Criteria/Fellow%20Award.pdf>

As a chapter, Tysons is committed to supporting our members through every step of the application process. Whether you're just beginning to explore the possibility of applying or are ready to submit, we're here to help you succeed.

Calling All Writers and Thought Leaders!

Do you have insights, expertise, or experiences to share with the NCMA Tysons Chapter community? We want to hear from YOU!

The Chapter Monthly Newsletter is the perfect platform to showcase your knowledge, share industry updates, or spark conversations about the topics that matter most in government contracting, program management, and beyond.

Whether you're a seasoned professional, a rising star, or someone with a unique perspective, your voice can inspire and educate our members. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute and make an impact!

✉ Submit your article today and let your ideas shine: [TYSONS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION FORM](#)

Deadline for submissions are 5 business days prior to the end of each month. Let's build a newsletter full of diverse ideas, experiences, and expertise. It starts with YOU!

Seeking Passionate Instructors for Our Winter-Spring Certification Boot Camps!

The NCMA Tysons Chapter is looking for volunteer facilitators to help lead our Winter-Spring Certification Boot Camps! Make a meaningful impact by guiding participants through critical certification courses like the CFCM and CPCM. Give back, enhance your skills, and help shape the future

What's Involved? Flexible scheduling with virtual options, access to structured course materials and chapter resources, and support from a collaborative team of organizers.

Who Should Apply? Experienced contract management professionals who: hold relevant certifications (e.g., CFCM and/or CPCM,), have prior teaching or facilitation experience (preferred but not required), and are enthusiastic about mentoring and professional development.

To learn more or express your interest, contact us at certifications@ncmatysons.org by **January 20, 2025**. Together, let's inspire and equip the next wave of contract management leaders!

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Member Spotlight

Consuella Hopkins, VP Membership

This month, we are thrilled to spotlight Consuella Hopkins, our dedicated Vice President of Membership. Consuella's enthusiasm and passion for fostering community within our chapter are truly inspiring. She has brought incredible innovation to her role, creating new strategies to attract and welcome members while ensuring our current members feel valued and connected. From designing personalized templates for welcoming new members to developing fresh ideas for member engagement, Consuella has redefined what it means to build a thriving membership base. Her meticulous efforts in maintaining and updating our membership records keep our chapter running smoothly and ensure we stay connected with our members.

Thank you, Consuella, for your hard work and dedication. Your energy and creativity are driving forces behind our chapter's growth and success!

A Heartfelt Thank You

As we reflect on the first half of this program year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support and partnership that has helped make it such a resounding success.

We extend our sincere thanks to our valued partners, Virginia Minority Chambers, Inc., and our dedicated sponsors: Cordia Resources, Noblis, Holland & Knight and Distributed Solutions, Inc.. Your unwavering support has not only propelled our chapter's initiatives forward but has also fostered a strong sense of community and collaboration.

From providing resources to lending expertise and contributing to our events, your contributions have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals. It is through your generosity and shared vision that we've been able to deliver impactful programs, inspire growth, and build meaningful connections within our network.

Our chapter remains humbled and honored to work alongside such committed organizations. We look forward to continuing this journey together as we strive to create even more opportunities for our members and our community.

Thank you for your trust, collaboration, and belief in our mission. Together, we are stronger, and we are excited to see what we will accomplish in the months ahead!

Thank you to our Partners!



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Upcoming

Events

- January 2025 CPCM and CFCM Bootcamp Enrollment opens
- January 14th 2025 - Virtual Event w/ Meryl Agelicola
- Thursday, January 18th- Holiday Celebration
- January 29th 2025 - Virtual Event: Gov't Warp Speed
- February 2025- Date TBD - NCMA Tysons Small Business Networking Symposium
- February 2025 - Winter/Spring Certification Bootcamp(s) begin

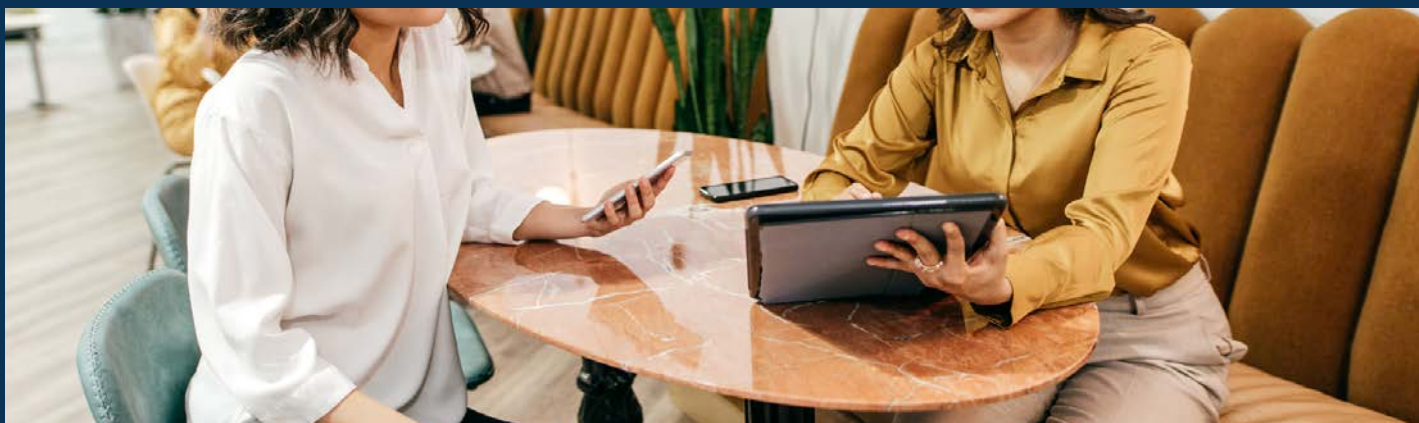
Chapter Board Opportunities

- Become a Tysons Chapter Mentor/Mentee
- Volunteer to teach a CPCM or CFCM Bootcamp
- Submit to the NCMA Tysons Newsletter
- Director of Awards
- Director of Chapter Recognition
- Director of Mentoring
- Director of Government Relations & Regulations
- Director of Policies and Guidelines, Procedures & Guidelines

*"Move forward.
Good things are
up ahead."*

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CALL TO ACTION

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Get Involved

Volunteer your time and talents to support our initiatives.

outreach@ncmatysons.org



Attend Events

Join us for our upcoming events and network with our community.

programs@ncmatysons.org



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Consider becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship will enable us to continue our vital work and reach even more individual needs.

sponsorship@ncmatysons.org



Spread the Word

Repost and engage with our Social Media accounts. Share this newsletter and invite others to get involved.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact on our community.
We look forward to your participation and support.