



C. Michael Pitts Fellowship

C. Michael “Mike” Pitts was a talented, respected, and trusted community leader. He held a B.S. in Education from Ball State University, a Masters of Public Affairs from Indiana University, and a B.S. in Labor Studies from Indiana University. He served as an adjunct professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) from 1978 through 1992 where he taught graduate classes in labor relations and collective bargaining in the public sector.

Sue Anne Gilroy, former Secretary of State for Indiana and a student of Mike’s stated, “Mike has been a great friend and close advisor of mine for many years. I delivered my last invited speech as Indiana’s Secretary of State on November 13, 2002 thanks to his invitation. I knew that it was just a few weeks before I would be leaving state government, so I presented Mike with an Honorary Secretary of State, the highest honor I can bestow upon anyone.”

Mike’s untimely and tragic death November 27, 2002 was mourned by everyone who knew him. His memory will live on through the C. Michael Pitts Fellowship established with gifts from his wife, Gayla; daughter, Laura; son, Andy; brother, Bill; sister-in-law, Beverley Pitts; and his friends and co-workers from throughout the Midwest.

Mike’s work – as Executive Director of the Indiana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Executive Vice President for the Mechanical Contractors Association, Legislative Director of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, and adjunct professor – incorporated all of the tools he had learned through his educational degrees and work experience. Mike’s entire work career was dedicated to serving the members of the various nonprofit associations he represented, working tirelessly in providing them with expertise and advocacy on legislative issues that impacted their industries. Mike was a proponent of the citizen legislature of Indiana, and gained enormous respect from members on “both sides of the aisles” in the Indiana House and Senate as a man of fairness, of integrity, and in possession of a great sense of humor. Mike’s family and friends are pleased to know that his legacy and memory will continue to enrich students through this fellowship.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
IUPUI
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Application

****Note: Deadline - April 1st**

Two fellowships of \$1000 will support graduate students with the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at IUPUI for one year. Eligible students would meet the following criteria:

1. Student must be a certified first or second year SPEA graduate student;
2. Student can be either full-time or part-time;
3. Second year students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. First year students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
4. Student will have a demonstrated financial need. SPEA will request a financial need report from the Office of Student Scholarships;
5. Student must be a resident of the state of Indiana.
6. **The winner of the scholarship must attend a scholarship luncheon in the fall or attend a private lunch with the donor.**

Recipient(s) will be chosen by members of the SPEA Scholarship Committee based on academic achievement and quality of the application.

Please complete the personal information below. Provide it, a current resume, and answers to the questions listed at the bottom of this form no later than **April 1st**. All information must be sent to:

Luke Bickel
Business/SPEA Building – Room 3027
801 West Michigan Street, BS 3027
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5152

You may contact SPEA Student Services with questions at 317/274-4656 or Luke Bickel at 317/278-0308.

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Student Identification Number _____ SPEA Degree _____

Number of hours completed toward degree _____ Hours in which currently enrolled
_____ Cum.GPA _____

In three pages or less, describe your reasons for (a) choosing to pursue a MPA, (b) how your career goals will use your SPEA degree to serve the public or nonprofit sector, (c) your community service activities outside academics. Please type and double space answers.

I certify that the information submitted on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that knowingly submitting inaccurate and false information may result in the denial of scholarships. I understand that all SPEA recipients of scholarships must remain in good academic standing and demonstrate ethical academic and personal behavior as prescribed in the IUPUI *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* (see <http://life.iupui.edu/dos/code.htm> for an online copy of the code). I further understand that scholarships will be rescinded in verified cases of academic or personal misconduct and that I will be required to return scholarship awards in these cases.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____