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# NEWSWORTHY

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## Latest News



### **Lawmakers prepare for legislative session at 31st Biennial Institute**

Members of the Georgia General Assembly heard policy presentations and an address by then Gov.-elect Brian Kemp at the Biennial Institute for Georgia Legislators, which the Institute of Government has coordinated for lawmakers since 1958...[read more](#)



### **Three local governments establish collaborative plan at Institute retreat**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners, Sparta City Council and Hancock County Board of Education developed a collaborative strategic plan during a two-day retreat facilitated by an Institute of Government faculty team...[read more](#)



### **Georgia economic developers earn UGA certifications through Institute training**

The Georgia Certified Economic Developer program offered by UGA's Carl Vinson Institute of Government has produced nine graduates since its first course debuted in 2016 — with four local and state developers recently completing the program together...[read more](#)



### **Institute management development class gets homeless shelter ready to open**

As their service-learning project, 21 city and county leaders enrolled in the Institute of Government's Northwest Regional Management Development Program cleaned, repaired and helped equip a new shelter for homeless women and children in the City of Rome...[read more](#)

### **Incoming county commissioners study government basics at training conference**

Nearly 140 county commissioners from every corner of Georgia studied effective methods of governing at the 2018 Newly Elected Commissioners Conference that the Institute of Government coordinated in partnership with ACCG, Georgia's County Association...[read more](#)

### **Institute organizes 'smart cities' training program for Chinese officials**

The Institute of Government provided a training program on smart cities technology for 19 government officials from China's Shanghai Administration Institute, hosting classroom sessions and site visits in Athens, Atlanta and New York City...[read more](#)

### **Training courses for GCCMA's fall conference coordinated by Institute**

Managers from dozens of cities and counties gained deeper insight into topics such as community revitalization through continuing education courses that the Institute of Government coordinated for the Georgia City-County Management Association's Fall Conference in Athens...[read more](#)

### **Fall semester Vinson Fellows conclude internships with project presentations**

Fall semester's three Vinson Institute Fellows presented the results of their undergraduate internship projects Dec. 3 at a gathering of Institute faculty and staff...

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***We've added strategic branding to our suite of community design and revitalization services?*** Branding helps you build on your community's strengths to create a consistent brand and marketing message that can be a component of a wider master planning and development initiative. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Events

**GMA Mayors' Day 2019**

January 25 – 28

**Public Works Officials Executive Management Certificate Program  
Conference**

January 29 – February 1

**Georgia Certified Economic Developer Economic Development Landscape  
core class**

January 31 – February 1

**Georgia Clerks Education Institute**

February 3 – 5

**GAZA Winter Conference**

February 6 – 8

**ACCG Capitol Connection Conference**

February 27

**GLGPA 2019 Mid-Year Conference**

February 27 – 28

**GMA Newly Elected Officials Institute**

March 6 – 8

**Georgia Certified Economic Developer Attracting and Growing Business core class**

March 7

**GACE Spring Conference**

March 12 – 15

**GCCMA Spring Conference**

March 20 – 22

## Newsworthy Notable



**Russell W. Cook**

Public Service Assistant

Russ applies his rich experience to help teachers and administrators enhance their leadership skills and make Georgia public schools and charter systems more

responsive to the needs of their students and communities. He draws on 40 years of practical knowledge to assist school boards, administrators and professional associations with governance, planning and continuing education. Since joining the Institute of Government in 2015, Russ has developed training programs for local school governance teams, facilitated strategic plans, helped establish a statewide charter school system foundation conference and coordinated professional development conferences for school board members, educators and administrators.

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