**Department of Public Policy and Administration**

**Young Change Maker Award**

This award recognizes the contribution of young graduates of the Department of Public Policy and Administration in serving as catalysts for changes through governmental and/or nonprofit organizations. Awardees reflect a sustained and exemplary commitment to public service that is grounded in their work and accomplishments as a:

* **Policy entrepreneur** **and catalyst** that uses innovative approaches to solving public challenges,
* **Community builder** that brings together members of diverse communities and organizations to work towards common goals,
* **Community advocate** that gives voice to the community and residents that they serve,
* **Mentor** who supports students and/or young professionals in achieving similar goals.

Award honoree(s) will be selected every year and an award ceremony and reception will be held annually in the Fall preceded by the Department’s New Student Orientation.

Nominations are solicited from faculty, staff, students, alumni, advisory board members, and community stakeholders for the Young Change Maker Award. Self-nominations are welcome and will be accepted. The annual deadline for nominations is June 30, and please submit nominations and supporting documents to Mr. Dirk Hart, dhart@fiu.edu.

**Eligibility and Criteria:**

* Must be a graduate of the Bachelor, Master, or Ph.D. program of the Department of Public Policy and Administration or its predecessor academic units. The Department of Public Policy and Administration was named as the School of Public Administration and the Department of Public Administration at different points of time. All graduates are eligible.
* An up-to-date resume demonstrating a record of significant professional achievements, scholarship, and/or leadership in local, state, national or international governance.
* A nomination letter highlighting how the nominee serves as a change maker in either government or the nonprofit sector.
* Nominees must be under 40 years-old at the time of nomination.