



NU CMAA September/October Newsletter!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've officially started the fall semester, and our chapter is coming in strong! We have welcomed 12 new members which has brought our chapter up to 22 active members! Our board for the 2025-2026 academic year is myself as President, Valentina Krajacic as Vice President, Hayden Carter as Treasurer, Allison Clark as Secretary, and Emma Davila as Membership and Social Media Coordinator. Our chapter as a whole has discussed some great ideas on how we can work together as a chapter and how to enhance our learning!

Although we've only been back on campus for a few weeks, we have learned from many speakers who have attended our weekly club meetings. To kick off the academic year, we welcomed Mrs. Jenna Eckert, from Monroe Golf Club, to go over Events 101 so that we can start to prepare for our annual fundraiser dinner. To learn more about club finance, Mrs. Kathy Cipresso, CFO of the Country Club of Buffalo, came to speak with us and gave us printed out visuals of what budgets and P&L's should look like. In addition, Ms. Rita Goodroe spoke to our chapter about The Power of One: How Small Moves Create Real Impact. Each of these speakers resonated with our students and allowed us to critically think about the future of our industry!

With all of the new members, what better way to discover clubs than a club tour! Our chapter took a trip to Buffalo, and toured Brookfield Country Club with Mr.

Brandon Sears, and Transit Valley Country Club with Mr. Spencer Murray. At each club, we toured the facilities and learned valuable information about the aspects of the industry. During our club tour at Transit Valley Country Club, we had a meeting with the team to discuss, drumroll please, our 2026 Fundraiser Dinner! It is confirmed that on March 7th, 2026, we will be hosting our fundraiser dinner at Transit Valley! We are very excited to be working with such an amazing team at TVCC! Save the date and we hope to see you there!

To close, our board members recently attended the Great Lakes Regional Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The five of us board members started off the conference with the first ever Student GLRC! We worked closely with IUP students and Kent State students to create this educational event. Moderated by Mr. Tom Wallace, we listened to a mock board meeting with Mr. Mark Petzing from Kirtland Country Club, Mr. Michael Lukegord from Canterbury Golf Club, Mr. Dennis Courtney from Fairlawn Country Club, and Mrs. Amanda Wilson from Shaker Heights Country Club. We won't be exposed to a board meeting until we're managers, and during this mock board meeting, we were informed of how a meeting should run and what should be discussed. This was a very informative meeting, and beneficial to our students. We then headed over to Canterbury Golf Club and listened to Ms. Nicole Bodchon, from Ocean Reef Club, on Projecting Confidence. This allowed our students to resonate with the presentation and see how big our impact can be. We truly enjoyed the Student GLRC, and this will be an annual event! The three days of GLRC let us students network, tour clubs, and listen to important education sessions. Each speaker was informative and had vast knowledge within the private club industry. In all, our trip to Ohio was a success and is in the books! Next up, Student Conference in Baltimore, Maryland!

All the best,

Althea Simmons

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We are so excited to have 22 members in our chapter this semester! Nine Freshman, three sophomores, seven juniors, and our three seniors make up our chapter and we couldn't be more proud of how well we did in recruitment! Since then our members have attended our meetings where we learned about club events, finance, and how to present ourselves in a professional manner. We were thrilled to get the opportunity to speak to Rita Goodroe who spoke at both Student and World Conference last year, and we were grateful that she was able to fit us in her busy schedule! We have been up and running since the beginning of September, work opportunities at both Genesee Valley Country Club and the Buffalo Country Club that introduced some of our new members into working in clubs. We have also started our fundraising with our members being present at multiple Buffalo Bills games and one Buffalo Sabres game doing the 50/50 raffles. We also had everyone complete their service hours this semester by volunteering at the Community Missions meat raffle, and again doing 50/50 for the Bills, but all of the proceeds raised went to Huddle for Hunger, which combats hunger in our community!

Our five officers got the opportunity to attend this year's Great Lakes Regional Conference and the first ever Student GLRC! We were excited to attend a mock board meeting, attend lots of helpful education sessions that will help with the growth of our chapter, and network with professionals already in the industry as well as the other students that attended!



Advisor's Note:

"I'm looking forward to another year serving as CMAA's advisor. The students continue to impress me with their professionalism and curiosity. This semester, we have already enjoyed attending the Great Lakes Regional Conference, where our students networked with industry leaders and gained behind-the-scenes insight into multiple clubs in the Cleveland area, as well as attending educational and professional development sessions. The takeaways are always fruitful, and I continue to be grateful to CMAA for the support it provides our students as they pursue careers in the club industry. We are looking forward to our November trip to the student conference in Baltimore, where more lessons and advice await. We have a strong spring semester planned and look forward to sharing all those experiences with you.

Thank you for your support of our students, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at bguerinot@niagara.edu"