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MRED Students in Vegas!



The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) returned to Las Vegas after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic for its annual meeting with a new name and a new mission. ICSC 2022 LAS VEGAS was held May 22-24 and four of our MRED students had the opportunity to attend along with **Carrie Chard**, Assistant Director, Colvin Institute. **Camden Carpenter**, **Lex Davis**, **Riddhima Sabharwal** and **Beth Wolde** were among the 22,000 industry professionals in attendance. **Sylke Knuppel**, MRED student, also joined the group later at the conference as a representative of her company, VIKA Maryland, LLC. Students also met up with alum **Akiel Pyant '19**, Leasing Associate, Combined Properties, at the Diversity Reception.



Students took advantage of 2-3 days of education sessions, exhibits, receptions and a Speed Networking event specially designed for students to meet with key retail leaders. Additionally, students had a great real-world deal making experience on the trade show floor by participating in a special mentoring session hosted by **John Lin**, President, CapStar Commercial Realty. Students also had the opportunity to meet with **David Iannucci**, President & CEO, and MRED alum, **Ebony Stocks**, Executive Vice President, at the Prince Georges County Economic Development Corporation booth. To top it off, they got to meet and shake hands with County Executive, **Angela Alsobrooks!**



Spring Lecture: Looking Back to '1619'



Journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones (left) and College of Arts and Humanities Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill

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Photo by David Andrews

Hannah-Jones' visit was the latest installment of the College of Arts and Humanities' Dean's Lecture Series, co-presented by the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and HAND, the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers. She was in conversation with ARHU Dean **Bonnie Thornton Dill**, a pioneering scholar of intersectionality. It was Thornton Dill's final Dean's Lecture Series event; she will step down this month after 11 years at the helm and over 30 years at UMD.



Heather Raspberry, Nikole Hannah-Jones and Maria Day-Marshall



Patrick Warfield, Dean Dawn Jourdan, Provost Jennifer King Rice, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill, Maria Day-Marshall, Heather Raspberry and Carrie Chard

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HATS OFF: Spring 2022 Commencement!



Tanya Bansal, Garrett Dickerson and Maria Day-Marshall



Tanya Bansal, Sharmin Davoodian, Maria Day-Marshall and Ezra Griffith

Spring 2022 Commencement was held on May 21st at the DeKelbourn Concert Hall at The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and marked the first in-person commencement in over 2 years. The night featured heartfelt speeches by our outstanding students and an inspiring address by this year's commencement speaker, Julia Nagele M.ARCH '96, Senior Principal, Director of Design – Architecture, HEWITT. In addition, Ezra Griffith gave a meaningful address on behalf of the MRED graduating students. Congratulations to Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) students **Erza Griffith** and, returning from the Fall 2021 semester to take part in the commencement ceremonies, **Sharmin Davoodian** MRED '21 and **Garrett Dickerson** MRED '21!

Spring 2022: John B. Colvin Capstone Competition



Ezra Griffith, The Balance



David Moore, Capitol Passage

On May 13th, students gathered for the John B. Colvin Capstone Competition. Congratulations to co-first place winners **Ezra Griffith** and **David Moore**! Ezra Griffith presented his project, The Balance, a LEED Certified and mixed-use development with 165,750 square feet spanning 7-stories with several amenities such as two outdoor terraces, a rooftop pool, athletic center and elevated lounge in Cheverly, MD. Dual degree student, Master of Architecture + Master of Real Estate Development (ARDV), David Moore, presented his project, Capitol Passage, a mixed-use, 100% affordable housing and modern development located in Southeast, Washington, D.C. This project supports the necessities needed to bolster the Ward 7 vision – a vision intended to develop retail options and deliver amenities to residents in underserved neighborhoods.

Thank you to capstone mentor **Jessica Jones** MRED '09, Senior Real Estate Development Manager, Enterprise Community Development, Inc., design architect **Nicole Hinkle** M.ARCH '13 and professional skills mentor **Tanya Bansal**, Assistant Director, Real Estate Development Program.