

NEWSLETTER



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School of Architecture Planning and Preservation
Maryland's Built Environment School

2020 Spring MRED Virtual Commencement!



The Graduate Program of Real Estate Development celebrated graduation day with three students receiving a Master in Real Estate Development (MRED) degree and two students receiving dual degrees. On Friday, May 22nd, friends, families and faculty took part in the first ever virtual commencement.

The campus-wide commencement kicked off at 1 pm. University **President Wallace Loh** presided over the first livestream commencement ceremony. Due to Loh's retirement, this commencement also marked his last. The commencement address was delivered by class of 1963 graduate **House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer** along with several student speakers. The ceremony was followed by the School of Architecture, Planning & Preservation's department ceremony presided over by **Interim-Dean Donald Linebaugh**. The commencement address was delivered by **Coren Sharples '87**, Principal/Founding Partner, SHoP Architects NYC followed by student speakers **Maria Farieta**, Bachelor of Science in Architecture, and **Margaret Curran**, Master of Community Planning.

Congratulations to **Karynne Campbell**, **Dennis Holste** and **Jessica Kelley** for completing the MRED degree! And, hats off to dual degree students **Matthew Harrop** (MRED/MBA) and **Sarah Ingerson** (MCP/MRED)!

[View Commencement Recording](#)

2020 Spring Colvin Capstone Competition



Winner: **Sarah Ingerson** (MCP/MRED),
Mariner's Court

SOLOMON'S CROSSING
2129 Forest Dr
Annapolis, MD 21401



Runner-up: **Mathew Harrop** (MRED/MBA),
Solomon's Crossing

On Saturday, May 16th, the virtual competition kicked off with five students presenting their final capstone projects. The students were tasked with a redevelopment project on Forrest Drive in Annapolis, MD.

Judges included **Amit Vora**, Principal, Square and Lot Development, **JD Walsh**, Partner, Silver Wave Equities, **Beverly Wilbourn**, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (Retired) and poster judge, **Catherine Ryckman**, MRED '18, The Michaels Organization.

Congratulations to first place winner **Sarah Ingerson** (MCP/MRED) for her project, Mariner's Court! Runner-up was awarded to **Mathew Harrop** (MRED/MBA) for his project Solomon's Crossing.

Thank you to **Scott Armiger**, Orchard Development Corporation, who gave his valuable time and expertise as the students' mentor, and to Tanya Bansal, Assistant, Director, who served as the students' professional skills mentor. Additionally, thank you to the architects for designing the posters and project graphics including: **Michael Fischer, Juhi Goel, Nicole Hinkle** and **Maryssa Timberlake**.

[View Zoom Capstone Recording](#)

NAIOP - Diversity Student Scholarship



Awais Qazi

Congratulations to Awais Qazi NAIOP DC I MD Chapter member and winner of one of four NAIOP \$5,000 diversity student scholarships.

This scholarship program supports students pursuing a graduate degree in commercial real estate and is a key component of NAIOP's pledge to advance diversity in the industry.

"We are pleased to support this outstanding individual in his commercial real estate education through our annual diversity student scholarship program, and look forward to a bright future in the industry for Awais," said Tom Bisacquino, NAIOP President and CEO.

A native of Howard County Maryland, Awais is a dual degree graduate student in Real Estate Development (MRED) and Architecture (M ARCH). He most recently participated as a team member on this year's University of Maryland Capital Challenge team. He currently works as an Architecture Department graduate teaching assistant and as a project assistant for the Environmental Finance Center at the UMD, one of 10 centers across the country providing communities with resources necessary to manage change for a healthy environment and an enhanced quality of life. Awais previously worked as an architectural intern for CannonDesign and Mimar Ponte Mellor Architects; as a project engineering intern for Gilbane Building Company; and as a project management intern for UMR.



We feel it's important to acknowledge what a challenging time this is for us all. We hope you and your families are all safe, healthy, and doing as well as you possibly can in the face of this global pandemic. We hope we will see you in person soon.

"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems."—
Gever Tulley

