

# The Colvin Fall Lecture 2024

## JONATHAN DANIELS

*Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration.*



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# Meet the Speaker

## *Jonathan Daniels*

*Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA)*

Jonathan Daniels was appointed executive director of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) in December 2023 after an extensive national recruitment process. Prior to this, he served as CEO and port director at Port Everglades, Florida, and has over 30 years of experience in port and economic development. As MPA executive director, he manages the six public marine terminals at the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore, overseeing operations that handle autos, containers, cruise ships, and more.

Daniels played a crucial role in Baltimore's recovery from the Key Bridge collapse and is leading the development of a 20-year master plan to expand the port's business and create jobs. Baltimore ranks first in the U.S. for handling autos and light trucks, and the port contributes significantly to Maryland's economy, generating about 20,000 direct jobs and 273,000 jobs overall.

At Port Everglades, Daniels led a \$3 billion expansion plan that boosted container, energy, and cruise activities, contributing to its status as the 13th busiest U.S. container port and the third busiest cruise homeport. Daniels was also active in various industry organizations, including Space Florida and the Florida Ports Council.

Before his time in Florida, Daniels served as CEO of the Mississippi State Port Authority, leading a major expansion project. He also held leadership roles at ports in New York, Louisiana, and Maine, and has a background in economic and community development. Daniels holds a B.A. in Political Science from The Citadel and furthered his education at the Maine Maritime Academy.



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## **WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL & INSTITUTE**

***Dr. Dawn E. Jourdan, Esq. Ph.D., AICP, Dean***

School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

## **INTRODUCTION**

***Maria Day-Marshall, J.D., LL.M., Director***

Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development

## **LECTURE**

***Jonathan Daniels***

Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration

## **QUESTION AND ANSWER**

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## About the Colvin Institute

The Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development supports research, industry outreach and curriculum enhancements for the Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) degree offered at the University of Maryland. The MRED degree offers a collaborative education towards a sustainable future with an emphasis on the quadruple bottom line: one that is not only financially viable, but also environmentally respectful, socially responsible, and with a unique focus on beautiful and sustainable design. The curriculum takes a multi-disciplinary approach that comprehensively covers finance and capital markets; law and public policy; structure and site design; construction management, methods and materials; property, portfolio, and asset management; as well as marketing and commercial leasing. There are now over 400 MRED alumni and over 70 students currently enrolled. Students hail from around the country and the world: Los Angeles, Toronto, San Francisco, Atlanta, Seattle, Dallas, Philadelphia, China, Italy, Iran, Columbia, India, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Peru, Ghana and of course Baltimore, DC, and Northern Virginia, just to name a few. The program joined with the Robert H. Smith School of Business to offer a dual MBA and MRED degree. It also offers dual graduate degrees with Architecture, Historic Preservation, and Community Planning, a Post-graduate Certificate in Real Estate Development and a Minor in Real Estate Development. In the Fall of 2022, the Bachelor of Arts in Real Estate and the Built Environment (REBE) degree was launched and continues to grow exponentially.

## About the Colvin Family

The late John Colvin, along with his wife, Karen Colvin, provided the endowment for the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development in 2008. Mr. Colvin was a Principal of Questar, a Baltimore-based real estate firm. Mr. Colvin received his B.S. in Business from the University of Maryland and attended graduate school at George Washington University. He was the managing general partner and general partner in over 50 multi-family residential and commercial real estate investment properties located throughout the State of Maryland. For over 40 years, John was active in the development, construction, and management of multi-family residential apartment complexes, suburban office buildings and strip shopping centers. Mr. Colvin had a passion for two things: real estate and education, mentoring many students of real estate and public policy over the last 20 years. Karen Colvin has been a Professor of Sociology at the University of Baltimore for many years and daughter, Tracey Colvin, completed her Master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. John and Karen's son, Nick, is engaged in real estate in Hoboken, New Jersey and Manhattan, New York.

