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Maryland's Built Environment School

Investiture Ceremony of President Darryll J. Pines



On April 22, UMD celebrated the formal installation of **Dr. Darryll J. Pines** as its 34th President. During his investiture ceremony, President Pines announced five bold actions that reflect the University's mission, values, traditions and culture and reinforce his two priorities for his leadership: ensuring excellence in all that we do and creating a more inclusive, multicultural community for all.

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Dawn Jourdan Named Dean of School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation



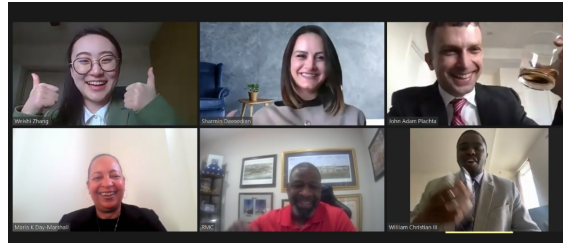
Dawn Jourdan, Incoming Dean of School of Architecture

The University of Maryland last week named an expert in the legal aspects of land use, affordable housing, historic preservation and aesthetics regulation as dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, effective August 1.

Dawn Jourdan Esq., Ph.D., AICP, a professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and executive associate dean for the College of Architecture at Texas A&M University, will lead the school in its mission to advance sustainable, just and beautiful built environments through excellence in architectural design, urban planning, historic preservation and real estate development.

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MARYLAND WINS! 2021 NAIOB Capital Challenge!



Weishi Zhang, Sharmin Davoodian, John Plachta, Maria Day-Marshall, Ron McDonald and William Christian

A team of four graduate students from the University of Maryland's Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development has won first place in the NAIOB DC | MD 2021 Capital Challenge, an intercollegiate real estate competition for the Washington, D.C. area. UMD's development strategy for a high-profile property in Fairfax County prevailed over proposals from Georgetown University, American University and George Mason University in a nail-biter live presentation on April 23rd.

"After watching the team's mock presentation, I knew that they had a winning proposal," said **Maria Day-Marshall**, Director, Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development. "The students were poised and well-prepared to compete in the competition. It was evident that they had worked hard, and I could not be prouder of their efforts. **Ron McDonald** was a great advisor for these students and used his vast experience in this competition to lead them to the winners circle."

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NAIOB 2021 Diversity Student Scholarship Recipient: Nusheen Majidi

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NAIOB, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association,



has awarded graduate student **Nusheen Majidi** a 2021 NAIOP Diversity Student Scholarship. The scholarship advances diversity in the industry by supporting underrepresented students pursuing master's degrees in commercial real estate. Nusheen was one of four recipients selected from graduate real estate programs across the country.

“NAIOP is pleased to support these talented students in achieving their professional goals with our Diversity Student Scholarship program,” said **Thomas J. Bisacquino**, NAIOP president and CEO. “We recognize the tremendous value in investing in the next generation of commercial real estate leaders and advancing a more diverse industry. As these rising stars fulfill their enormous potential, their careers will serve to inspire others.”

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