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## 2020 Fall MRED Commencement



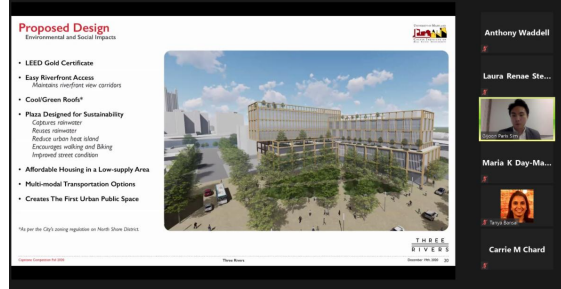
The Graduate Program of Real Estate Development celebrated graduation day with two students receiving a Master in Real Estate Development (MRED) degree and two students receiving dual degrees. On Sunday, December 20th, friends, families and faculty took part in the virtual commencement.

The campus-wide commencement kicked off at 1 pm. President **Darryll J. Pines** presided over his first commencement since his presidency began, offering words of encouragement to more than 3,400 graduates who earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from various programs. The commencement address was delivered by Olympic gold medalist and three-time Olympic gymnast **Dominique Dawes**. The Dominique Dawes Gymnastics Academy owner and Terp alumna urged students to use the challenges we are all collectively facing to find ways to change the world together.

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 **Marques King, RA, NCARB, CNU, Architect + Urban Designer + Developer**. Student speakers included Ava T. Omidvar, Master of Architecture, **Samuel Bohmfalk**, Master of Historic Preservation & Master of Real Estate Development, **Narges A. Borumand**, Master of Community Planning, **Hussam Mansoor**, Master of Real Estate Development and **Ryan A. Gott**, Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Congratulations to **Samuel Bohmfalk**, Master of Historic Preservation/Master of Real Estate Development, **Candare Goodman**, Master of Real Estate Development, **Hussam Mansoor**, Master of Real Estate Development and **Gijoon Paris Sim**, Master of Architecture/Master of Real Estate Development!

## 2020 Fall Colvin Capstone Competition



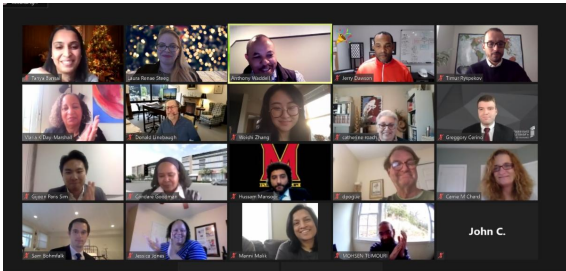
Paris Sims, 2020 Fall Capstone Winner

On Saturday, December 19th, the virtual competition kicked off with five students presenting their final capstone projects.

Congratulations to first place winner **Gijoon Paris Sim**, dual degree student, Master of Architecture/Master of Real Estate Development for his project Three Rivers, A Catalyst Development for the Future of Multi-Modal Urban Living in Pittsburgh, PA. Tied for second place were **Samuel Bohmfalk**, dual degree, Master of Historic Preservation/Master of Real Estate Development for his project Block 15, Mixed-Use Revitalization Project in Stephenville, TX and **Hussam Mansoor**, Master of Real Estate Development, for his project Hamlet, Mixed-Use Development in College Park, MD. Finally, hats off to **Greggory Cerino**, dual degree, Master of Business Administration/Master of Real Estate Development for his project The Atrium, Transit Oriented Mixed-Use Development in College Park, MD and **Candare Goodman**, for her project Alliance, A Health and Wellness Conscience Mixed-Use/Mixed-Income Community in College Park, MD.

Judges included **Jerry Dawson**, CCIM, JC DAWSON Global Solutions, LLC, **Timur Ryspekov** (BS '09 and MRED '14), Senior Project Manager, Telesis Corporation, **Anthony Waddell**, Principal, New Urban Equities, LLC and poster judge, **Catherine Ryckman** (MRED '18), The Michaels Organization.

Thank you to Capstone Mentors **Jessica Jones** (MRED '09), Enterprise Community Development, Inc. and Seydina Fall, Adanson Hotels and Resorts, who gave their valuable time and expertise as the students' mentors, and to **Tanya Bansal** (MRED '14), Assistant Director, who served as the students' professional skills mentor. Additionally, thank you to the architects for designing the posters and project graphics including: **David Ensor** (BS '12 and MArch '14) **Michael Fischer**, **Juhi Goel** (MArch '19), **Nicole Hinkle** (MArch '13) and **Maryssa Timberlake** (MArch '17).



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## Fifth Annual Colvin Case Study Challenge: Auburn University Takes Top Prize!

Three graduate students from Auburn University took the first-place win for their analysis of a transit-friendly, mixed-use tower in Orlando, Florida, the result of a nail-biter showdown at the fifth annual Colvin Case Study Challenge. The team beat out an initial 20 entries and three other semi-finalists from university programs across the nation in a juried, virtual competition on Saturday at the University of Maryland.

Colvin Case Study Challenge 2020 Winners:

First Place: Auburn University  
**Kevin R Boyett, Zac Marquess, McDaniel Wyatt** (all Master of Real Estate Development)



Auburn University:  
2020 Winner

Sun Trust at Church  
Street Plaza

Project: Church Street Plaza

Second Place: Thomas Jefferson University  
**Sharmaine Belton** (Master of Science in Real Estate Development)  
Project: Lincoln Square

Third Place: Virginia Tech / Pamplin College of Business  
**Carter Ramos, Nick Wright** (Undergraduate)  
Project: West Half

Honorable Mention: Columbia University  
**Lin Hou, Jiazhen Lin, Aaron Sage** (Master of Science in Real Estate Development)  
Project: Empire Store.

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## Student Profile



### Hussam Mansoor

**Hussam Mansoor** recently graduated from the MRED program in Fall 2020. During his time at the University of Maryland, he worked as a Graduate Assistant. He also served as a Board Member for Club Golf at the University of Maryland from 2018, and on the Dean's Student Advisory Committee.

Hussam graduated from the National College of Arts, Pakistan in 2017. He majored in Architecture and was conferred with an honors award for excellence in undergraduate research for his thesis. His research interests include affordable housing and gentrification.

Hussam previously interned at Marcus Asset Group and Eluvial Enterprise in Washington D.C. He worked on the RFP for Georgia Crossing, a mixed-use development that includes over 300 apartments, a portion of which are set aside as affordable. His major responsibilities included market analysis and financial modeling.

Hussam says, "The MRED program has helped me gain expertise in a wide array of subject matters pertaining to development". He plans on continuing his research endeavors centering on socio-economic justice and parity.

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