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UMD Takes Second Place in HUD Affordable Housing Competition



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The University of Maryland's net-positive, affordable housing project with a defined community focus took second place in the seventh annual HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition (IAH) 2020. The interdisciplinary team of real estate, planning, historic preservation and architecture graduate students behind the Santa Fe, New Mexico-based project, called Nueva Acequia, initially beat out 32 teams from some of the finest and most prestigious graduate-level programs in the United States to gain a coveted finalist slot. Nearly 150 people tuned in on Thursday as Maryland went virtually head-to-head against Yale University, University of Michigan and University of California-Berkeley via Zoom in a live YouTube broadcast. Team Maryland is: **Maggie Curran** (Team Leader, M.C.P.), **Shayne Piltz** (M.ARCH, M.C.P.), **Tochi Chimaobi Ohakawa** (M.ARCH, MRED), **Sam Bohmfalk** (M.H.P, MRED) and **Andrew Walker** (M.ARCH, MRED). **Maria Day-Marshall**, director of the Real Estate Development Program and ZDS Architecture & Interiors' **Rob McClennan**, AIA, are the team's advisors.

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