

## PREA Scholarship and Grant Recipients

In keeping with its educational mission, the Pension Real Estate Association awards scholarships annually to promising students studying real estate at the undergraduate and graduate levels. PREA's scholarships have been distributed to students at 54 academic institutions. We congratulate the following 2016 scholarship recipients.



**Emmet Gaffney** is a 2018 BBA candidate at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he is pursuing a double major in real estate and finance. Gaffney is Co-President of the Wisconsin Real Estate Club. This summer, Gaffney was a summer Analyst at JLL in New York City in the Consulting and Advisory Group, where he focused on financial analysis of lease proposals. He previously interned at a boutique commercial brokerage and a real estate law firm, both located in New York City. Gaffney aspires to be a developer of sustainable urban neighborhoods.



**Amilcar Grot** is a 2017 MBA candidate at the London Business School. He began his career at Blue Sky Group as an Investment Analyst focused on real estate investments in Europe. Currently, Grot is a member of the global investment team at Blue Sky Group focusing on the Americas and is responsible for due diligence, selection of new investments, monitoring of existing investments, and market research. Prior to joining Blue Sky Group, Grot worked as a Researcher for the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science of the Netherlands, where he researched the Dutch residential market. Grot received a BS in finance and an MS in finance with a concentration in real estate finance from the University of Amsterdam.



**Scott Jacobs** is a 2017 MBA candidate at the Yale School of Management focusing on real estate and finance. He is active in the Real Estate Club and holds leadership positions in Student Life, the Jewish Students Association, and several other organizations. This summer, Jacobs interned at Credit Suisse in the Investment Banking Real Estate group. Prior to Yale SOM, he worked at Samsung and Accenture and co-founded Charity Charge, a credit card that earns donations for nonprofits. Jacobs earned a BS in engineering science with a focus in nanotechnology from the Schreyer Honors College of Penn State University.



**Brooke Levin** is a second-year graduate student at Duke University pursuing a dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Environmental Management. This summer, she consulted at M Management, working on the conceptual phase of a 27-acre, mixed-use project located at the urban core of Miami. Prior to attending Duke, Levin was a Realtor at Douglas Elliman, working with clients in South Florida. In 2006, she received an AB in sociology from Duke University; she currently serves on the board of the Duke Alumni Club of South Florida.



**Danlu Li** is a second-year master of real estate candidate at Harvard University Graduate School of Design. At school, she served as a leader in the Asia Real Estate Association. This summer, Li was a summer Associate at Related Companies, working on development and procurement for large-scale, mixed-use projects in the US and the Middle East, such as Hudson Yards in New York City. Prior to Harvard, Li worked as an Architectural Designer for two years in both New York City and London. She is originally from Beijing, China, and graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor's degree in architecture.



**Daniel Liu** is a second-year MBA student at Columbia Business School. Prior to business school, he spent four years at Glenmont Capital Management, where he focused on identifying and underwriting equity investments in distressed and underperforming real estate. During the summer of 2016, Liu was a summer Associate on the real estate team of the KAUST Investment Management Company. After graduating from Columbia Business School in May 2017, Liu hopes to continue his career in real estate investment management. He received a BS from Cornell University.



**Alec Maghami** is a second-year MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, where he serves as Co-Vice President for Alumni and Mentorship in the Real Estate Association and President of the West Coast Society. This summer, Maghami interned at Silverstein Properties, where he focused on development, acquisitions, and structuring of new investment vehicles. Before Columbia, Maghami spent more than four years with Prudential Mortgage Capital's Origination group and later as an Acquisitions and Development Associate with Prudential Real Estate Investors (now PGIM Real Estate). Maghami graduated cum laude from the University of Washington with degrees in finance and political science.



**Minh Nguyen** is a 2017 MBA candidate at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, where he is pursuing concentrations in finance and real estate. He spent the summer of 2016 as an Intern with Hines, where he assisted management with all aspects of real estate investment and development projects. Prior to business school, Nguyen worked as a professional Engineer in the real estate design and construction industry. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with a BAsC in mechanical engineering.



**Charles (C.J.) Overly** is a second-year MBA candidate at the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, concentrating in real estate and corporate finance, where he serves as President of the Real Estate Club. This summer, Overly worked on development projects in the Washington, DC, region for Trammell Crow Residential. Prior to business school, he spent six years at the Montgomery County Public Schools, managing the finance and operations functions of a large high school and serving on the project team that designed and built a new LEED Gold school facility. Overly was previously a banking Analyst with JPMorgan Chase. He earned a BS in business administration from Georgetown University.



**Paige Pitcher** is a Samuel Tak Lee Graduate Fellow at MIT studying real estate development. An urban planner and affordable housing developer specializing in tax credits, she co-founded Giv Group, a planning and development firm in Salt Lake City. She conceived of and executed multifamily, mixed-use, and transit-oriented projects, producing more than 500 housing units. In 2011, Pitcher graduated magna cum laude with a BS in city and metropolitan planning from the University of Utah. Her goal is to expand her affordable housing expertise and create next-generation projects that tackle social and global urbanization issues.

## PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grant Recipients

PREA and the Robert Toigo Foundation have collaborated for the past 12 years to support the educational and professional development of minority students pursuing careers in real estate. We congratulate the following 2016 recipients of the PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grants.



**Fabrizio Chaves** is an MBA candidate at Cornell University's Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management and is a Consortium Fellow pursuing a career in investment banking. While at the University of Central Florida, Fabrizio interned with the AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company and was one of AXA's first Management Rotation Associates. He was hired full time by AXA in the legal department and then in the wealth management unit. At Johnson, Fabrizio is involved with the Old Ezra Finance Club, Associate Real Estate Council, Private Equity Society, Hispanic American Business Leaders Association, and as one of four student liaisons that represent Johnson for the Consortium of Graduate Study in Management. Fabrizio has long-term aspirations for a career in real estate.



**Brian Mikail** is an MBA candidate at the NYU Stern School of Business with a dual specialization in real estate and entrepreneurship. Prior to attending Stern, Mikail served as an Associate at Kennedy Wilson, where he engaged in the acquisition and management of more than 20,000 units across the West Coast and Mountain states and successfully initiated the firm's entry into the Las Vegas market. He was the firm's youngest ever Associate. Mikail holds a cum laude BA of business administration from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business with a double concentration in real estate finance and entrepreneurship. He received a merit-based Presidential Scholarship during his four years at USC.



**Dwane Omar Jones** is an MBA candidate at the NYU Stern School of Business. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Howard University School of Law, where he was a Howard University School of Law Merit Scholar and won the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in contract law. Jones earned his undergraduate degree in business from the Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University. Jones worked as a corporate Attorney at a New York City law firm on corporate reorganization matters and has worked in Cape Town, South Africa, focusing on corporate, commercial litigation, and real estate matters. He is the past Vice President of the Howard University School of Law Alumni Club of New York, is a Management Leadership for Tomorrow Fellow, and a Consortium for Graduate Study in Management Fellow.



**Daniel Rodriguez** is a 2017 MBA candidate at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley with a focus on real estate. At Haas, he was a recipient of the Consortium Fellowship and Coan Torres Family Fellowship. He is also the Vice President of Academics for Berkeley's Real Estate Club and was a member of Berkeley's first-place Bank of America Low-Income Challenge case competition team. Rodriguez graduated from Brown University in 2007 with an AB in economics. After Brown, he worked as a Director for a nonprofit community development in Los Angeles, implementing asset- and wealth-building programs for low-income families. This summer, he worked as a summer Associate with CBRE Global Workplace Solutions.