

2001 Scholarship

Our PREA Scholarship was quite successful again this year. This year, 72 Masters Degree students majoring or concentrating in real estate from approximately 16 different schools participated. We had submissions from most of the top real estate schools in the country. The final winners were narrowed to eight, and Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) wishes to congratulate the following winners of the Scholarship Award.



Emily Abernathy



Kevin Coppom



Maria Hydell



Todd Jordan



Andrew Light



Wilson Ng

Emily Abernathy graduated from Wake Forest in May 1998. She accepted a position as loan analyst with Frank S. Phillips Mortgage Corporation (FSPMC), a mortgage banking company specializing in obtaining predominantly nonrecourse debt financing for commercial property owners. Emily is a student at Johns Hopkins University in the Masters in Real Estate program.

Kevin Coppom received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a finance emphasis in May 1995 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is an associate analyst with ORIX Capital Markets, LLC in Dallas, Texas. He is pursuing a Master of Science in Land Development at Texas A&M.

Elinor R. Haider is pursuing a Masters in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Although much of her professional experience has focused on Latin American economic development, her studies in

Wharton's Real Estate Department have led her to concentrate on commercial real estate development.

Maria Hydell is completing a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Development, and Design, with a concentration in real estate, at Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. She has several years' experience in commercial real estate lending and portfolio management, having worked at several regional banks, including Firstar Bank and Ohio Savings Bank. Upon graduating in May 2002, Maria hopes to resume working in the commercial real estate industry.

Todd Jordan is pursuing a Masters in Business Administration at Terry College of Business, University of Georgia. Previously, he was employed as a senior associate by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, where he delivered fully integrated tax planning, consulting, research, and compliance services for clients with international or multinational tax-related concerns. He worked with developers, REITs, insurance companies, banks, and private real estate investment funds to ensure tax efficient real estate transactions. Todd graduated magna cum laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters in Tax Accountancy.

Andrew Light is an MBA student at Stanford University and president of Stanford's Real Estate Club. Last summer he worked for Goldman, Sachs & Co. Prior to Stanford, he was a manager at The McMahan Group, a San Francisco based real estate invest-

ment consulting firm. Prior to that, he was a researcher at INCAE, an MBA program in Costa Rica. Andrew received a BA magna cum laude from Duke University.

Wilson Ng was born and raised in Hong Kong. He received his undergraduate and graduate education in Canada. Wilson has seven years of professional experiences, in the real estate development financing, real estate project marketing, and real estate investment consulting in North America and Asia. As an MBA candidate specializing in finance at the University of British Columbia, Wilson is determined to pursue a career in the investment banking industry; with focus on REIT and CMBS issuances in the capital markets.

David Toti attended Syracuse University and received a Bachelor of Architecture in 1989. He joined Cesar Pelli & Associates, an international architectural design firm, in 1990 and was promoted to associate in 1995. During this time, David was a senior designer and project manager for several high-rise commercial office towers in San Francisco, Boston, and New York City. In 2000, David enrolled in the University of Wisconsin School of Business, and will receive an MBA in Real Estate and Finance in May 2002. He completed an internship with Lehman Brothers in New York and accepted a full time position. In August 2002, he will begin working as an associate in Equity Research at Lehman Brothers.