

PREA Scholarship 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 61 academic institutions. We congratulate the following 2019 scholarship recipients.



Tyler Banton is a fourth-year student at San Diego State University, Fowler College of Business, studying Finance. He currently interns at HFF (acquired by JLL) in San Diego and is the Vice President of the Real Estate Club. As a sophomore, Banton interned at Cushman & Wakefield on two office leasing teams in downtown and central San Diego. He recently led a team of five students in the region's NAIOP University Case Competition, a 48.7-acre redevelopment proposal. Following graduation, Banton intends to pursue a career in real estate investment and development and aspires to work globally in his career.



Andrew Kim is a 2021 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School. Prior to attending CBS, he was at GoldOller Real Estate Investments as a Senior Analyst in the investments group. In this role, he worked on the acquisition, recapitalization, and disposition of apartment properties nationwide. Before his time at GoldOller, Kim was at Kroll Bond Rating Agency as a CMBS Analyst, analyzing commercial real estate properties and CMBS bonds. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, Penn State Real Estate Society, and Philly ASAP (After School Activities Partnerships). Kim earned a BS in Economics from Penn State University.



Tyler Ciavarra is a senior at the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University studying Finance and Real Estate. He is a member of the SMU Undergraduate Real Estate Club Executive Committee and is an involved member of the Urban Land Institute. Last summer, he was an Analyst at HFF, which just merged with JLL.

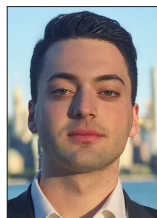


Gabriel Lazcano is a 2020 MRED candidate at the Clemson Graduate School of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities. This past summer he interned with Armada Analytics Inc. as an Underwriter, where he focused on Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae products in addition to TRS swaps. Prior to graduate school, Lazcano worked as a Development Analyst at Phillips Development & Realty, where he focused on full-cycle, cradle-to-grave development within the multifamily and self-storage asset classes. During his undergraduate work at the University of South Florida, Tampa, he was Cofounder and President of the Real Estate Club. He is involved with ULI, NAIOP, and ICSC. Upon graduation, Lazcano plans to further his career in the real estate development industry, focusing on adaptive reuse, infill redevelopment, and affordable housing.



Maarten Deschaumes is a dual Law and Real Estate Finance student at Harvard University. He is concentrating on urban development and investment through interdisciplinary coursework at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, Harvard Law School, and Harvard Business School. Prior to Harvard, Deschaumes was the President of Lands End Real

Estate, a real estate investment advisory and brokerage company. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Entrepreneurship at the University of California, Los Angeles, while completing graduate real estate and finance coursework at the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Deschaumes was licensed as a California real estate broker shortly after his undergraduate studies, making him one of the youngest brokers in California.



Jacob Nerenberg is a senior at the Rutgers Business School, studying Finance with a concentration in Real Estate. He currently serves as President of the Rutgers Real Estate Club and is a student member of ICSC and NAIOP. Nerenberg owned a moving company before he decided a future in finance had more potential and enrolled at Rutgers, where he joined the Rutgers Center for Real Estate. He has interned in mergers and acquisitions at Bruderman Brothers investment bank, mergers and acquisitions at Oak Lane Dental (a private equity firm), and at Consortium Holdings as an Analyst during the company's IPO. Nerenberg intends to work within the world of real estate high finance.



Joshua Fink is a 2021 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, focusing on private equity and venture capital. He previously worked as an Associate at asset manager Pretium, where he focused on strategic real estate initiatives, the launching of new products, and firm cash management. Fink is intrigued by how technology will intersect with property in the future. Fink is a member of the Private Equity Club, Venture Capital Club, and Real Estate Association.



Trent Pope is a graduate student at Georgetown University pursuing a Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate with a concentration in Real Estate Finance. He received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Pope previously worked in the architecture and engineering industry at HOK, focusing on sustainable design strategies for new construction projects, and for a boutique value-added real estate investment firm, serving in acquisitions and asset management roles. Pope is inspired by the acquisition, development, and management of real estate rooted in the triple-bottom-line approach and plans to pursue a career within real estate investment and development.



Mary Tran graduated last year, a year early, with a Biochemistry degree from the University of Texas, Austin, and is now working to complete a Master's in Science of Finance. She switched disciplines because she saw that there were ways beyond medicine that could improve people's lives. Real estate developers and investors essentially control people's environments: the elements and beauty they're exposed to, their quality of life, and the activities accessible to them, which are all huge factors that play into not only people's physical health but also their well-being and satisfaction of life.

PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grant Recipients

PREA and the Robert Toigo Foundation have collaborated for the past 15 years to support the educational and professional development of minority students pursuing careers in real estate. We congratulate the following 2019 recipients of the PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grants.



Orlando Gutiérrez is a second-year MBA, real estate-major candidate at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He serves as the Senior Vice President of Careers of the Wharton Real Estate Club, Vice President of Alumni Engagement of the Wharton Hispanic American MBA Association, and Real Estate Career Fellow. Most recently, Gutiérrez completed internships at Colony Capital and ASB Real Estate Investments, focusing on investment management and acquisitions asset management, respectively. Prior to Wharton, he worked in real estate private equity and development at 13th Floor Investments and real estate investment banking at Raymond James. In addition to his experience in the real estate industry, Gutiérrez was an investment banking Associate at Pan American Finance and PwC Corporate Finance. Gutiérrez earned a BSBA in Finance from the Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida.



Talisha Rice is a 2020 MBA candidate at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with a focus in finance and real estate. Prior to business school, she worked at JP Morgan Chase & Co. as a Financial Analyst and Associate across investment and private banks. Rice was a 2015 ProInspire Fellow at FHI 360, an international development organization. After completion of her fellowship, Rice held overall strategic responsibility of ProInspire's Leadership Development Programs as a Senior Program Manager. This past summer, Rice worked with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on the US Program Postsecondary Success team across advising, developmental education, and digital learning solutions on investments to promote institutional transformation with partners that deliver services to colleges and universities across the nation seeking to close inequity gaps. She is now pursuing a career in real estate development.



Travis Melvin is a Sloan Fellow at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, pursuing an MS in Management. Prior to Stanford, he was Vice President at Hudson Advisors, Lone Star Funds' captive asset manager, where he managed a multibillion-dollar portfolio of nonperforming residential mortgages and real estate-owned properties. Before joining Hudson, Melvin worked at Wells Fargo Securities as an Investment Banker in the Financial Institutions Group and also traded non-agency RMBS. In 2017, he established an annual scholarship at his alma mater to assist minority high school students in pursuing higher levels of education. Post-graduation, Melvin intends to pursue a career in commercial real estate development.



Robensky Theodore is an MBA candidate at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was named a Joseph Wharton Fellow and a Robert Toigo Fellow. Prior to Wharton, he worked at Asland Capital Partners, a real estate private equity firm focusing on equity investment and the development of residential, mixed-use, and commercial real estate. Prior to Asland, Theodore was a Senior Associate at JPMorgan Chase in the Real Estate Group, where he focused on strategic property acquisitions in the Northeast. Theodore also worked in other areas of the bank, including Corporate and the Financial Sponsors Investment Banking Group. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Urban Land Institute of New York. Theodore holds a BS in Accounting, with a minor in Economics from the Sybil C. Mobley School of Business at Florida A&M University.