

2014 PREA Scholarship

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PREA has awarded more than \$610,000 to 219 undergraduate and graduate students concentrating in real estate studies at 50 academic institutions in the United States and Canada. We congratulate the following 2014 scholarship recipients.



Nicole Caithness is a senior in the Real Estate Program at Florida State University. She is an active member of the FSU Real Estate Society, Urban Land Institute,

and International Council of Shopping Centers. This past summer she interned at Andrews & Associates Realty, a commercial, residential, and property management company. She is working as a leasing professional at a Grade A apartment complex this fall while in school. After graduating in the spring of 2015, she plans to either stay in Florida or move to Colorado to pursue a career in commercial real estate and later go back to get her MBA.



Omar El-Mofty joined Invesco in May 2014 as an Asset Management Analyst in the San Francisco office, where he provides analytical support in

lease, acquisition, and disposition analysis. He is also responsible for annual and quarterly budgets, performance benchmarking, and tracking of financial results. Prior to joining Invesco, El-Mofty worked for CBRE for two years as an Assistant Real Estate Manager in the Asset Services Group, where he provided assistance and support for a diverse portfolio of medical, office, government, and retail properties in San Diego and Riverside counties. Prior to his time at CBRE, he worked for H.G. Fenton Company for four years managing multifamily assets owned by the company. El-Mofty is a graduate of San Diego State University with a BS in finance and has completed courses toward an MS in real estate at the University of San Diego. He holds a California real estate broker's license and is a member of NAIOP's Developing Leaders Group.



Zifeng Feng has been a Manager in sales and marketing in real estate and consultancy for more than ten years. He received a bachelor's degree and MBA in China

and his master's degree in real estate in the US. Feng plans to pursue a PhD in finance with exposure to real estate finance and related topics at Florida International University. He would like to conduct research, produce research publications, and teach finance and real estate in the future.



Aaron Kazam is a 2015 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, where he is Co-President of the Real Estate Association. He is a licensed architect

with five years of development, investment, design, and construction management experience. This past summer, Kazam was a Summer Associate in the mixed-use acquisitions and development division at Related Companies. Prior to attending Columbia, he worked as an architect for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York, designing skyscrapers in New York and Asia. He also worked for Artimus as a Project Manager of a multifamily development in Manhattan. Kazam received a bachelor of architecture from Cornell University.



Matt Klein is a 2015 MBA candidate at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Prior to Kellogg, Klein worked for Prudential Mortgage

Capital on the company's Mid-Atlantic Originations team in Washington, DC. There, he was responsible for sourcing and identifying investment opportunities, underwriting transactions, and coordinating due diligence on behalf of Prudential's general account, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and CMBS capital sources. Klein is a

Chartered Financial Analyst and graduated with a BS in hospitality administration from Cornell University.



Matthew Olsen is a part-time MBA student at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He also works as an Estimating Engineer with the Turner

Construction Company and was previously a Project Superintendent, managing all the field construction operations on a large project at O'Hare International Airport. Olsen attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering during his undergraduate studies and received a BS in architectural engineering, as well as a BS in construction management. An active member of the Urban Land Institute Chicago chapter, Olsen plans to work in real estate development and investment.



Ari Parritz is a 2016 MBA candidate at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He began his career at Deloitte Consulting,

and over four years completed ten cross-industry and cross-function projects with a specialization in commercial real estate and corporate location strategy. Parritz also completed a three-month internship with Forest City Ratner Companies, an entity of Forest City Enterprises, where he developed new models and tools for the investment management and retail leasing teams. Parritz earned a BA from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a degree in public policy, and he looks forward to a career in mixed-use real estate development in underserved areas of Chicago and around the US.

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Matthew Robinson is a 2015 MBA candidate at Brigham Young University (BYU), studying finance and real estate. He spent this summer at USAA Real

Estate Company, working in the Acquisitions and Development groups. Prior to attending BYU for an MBA, Robinson was at Goldman Sachs operating as a Project and Risk Manager for a separate account platform. He serves as the President of the Graduate Real Estate Association at BYU as well as a Director of Cougar Capital, BYU's student-run private equity fund. Robinson is the recipient of the George E. Stoddard Award and was named to the dean's list for the 2015 graduating class.



Diana Siu is a 2016 MBA candidate at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. She began her career at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in the Real Estate,

Gaming, and Lodging Investment Banking Group. Most recently, Siu was an Associate at Brookfield Asset Management where she focused on global real estate acquisitions. Siu graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College with a degree in economics and mathematics.



Stephanie Wright is a 2016 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, where she is a Real Estate Circle Fellow focusing on real estate finance. Prior to

pursuing an MBA, Wright was a Senior Associate in the real estate private funds group of Brookfield Asset Management. She also previously worked as an Investor Relations and Research Analyst for the Jonathan Rose Companies and as an Associate Consultant at the Concord Group. Wright began her real estate career at Yale's Office of University Properties, where she interned as an undergraduate at Yale University. She hopes to pursue a career in real estate private equity, and potentially one day return to the university setting, managing an institution's real estate portfolio.

2014 PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grant Recipients

PREA and the Robert Toigo Foundation have collaborated for the past ten years to support the educational and professional development of minority students pursuing careers in real estate. We congratulate the following 2014 recipients of the PREA-Toigo Fellowship Grants.



Juan S. Agudelo is a 2015 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, where he is Co-President of the Hispanic Business Association and VP of

Careers for the Real Estate Association. Originally from Medellín, Colombia, Agudelo received a BS in finance and economics from Seton Hall University. Prior to attending business school, he was an Associate in Bank of America Merrill Lynch's Global Financial Institutions Debt Products group as part of the Asset Managers team. In this role, he focused on structuring and underwriting senior credit facilities to traditional and alternative asset management firms and their funds. This past summer, Agudelo was a Summer Investment Associate with the Transactions team at Prudential Real Estate Investors.



Bria Bailey is a 2015 MBA candidate at Columbia Business School, concentrating in real estate and finance. Prior to Columbia Business School, Bailey was a

real estate Research Analyst for a shopping center and a mixed-use developer in Philadelphia and Washington, DC. She focused on acquisition and portfolio analysis for domestic and international projects. Additionally, she spent two years as a Management Consultant for various public and private sector clients within the financial services industry.

Bailey earned a BA in urban studies from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009. This past summer, she interned with Northwestern Mutual Real Estate Investments with the Loan and Equity Production groups.



Kilian Toms is a second-year MBA student at the Harvard Business School and an executive board member of the HBS Real Estate Club. Before starting

business school, Toms worked at Landmark Partners as a real estate private equity Associate. Prior to that, he worked in investment banking at J.P. Morgan, where he covered real estate, gaming, and lodging clients. This past summer, Toms had internships with Goldman Sachs and CBO Capital Partners, a West African growth private equity fund. At CBO, he focused on real estate and real estate services transactions. Toms received a BS from Florida A&M University in 2008, where he graduated summa cum laude.