21ST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

UCONN

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE AND URBAN ECONOMIC STUDIES

April 17, 2025 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

EVENT PROGRAM

5:00 P.M. Networking/Cocktail Reception

6:00 P.M. Dinner/ Welcoming Remarks

6:30 P.M. Opening Remarks

6:45 P.M. Presentation Awards

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Jeffrey Cohen

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Kinnard Scholar / Professor

Asst. Ext. Professor

Program Coordinator

Professor In-Residence

Assistant Professor

Real Estate Center Director

REAL ESTATE STUDENT WORKERS

Kiley Barbagallo, Nadia Bauco, Santiago Blas,

Robin Hunt, Conor Ortega, and Alexandra Richo

REAL ESTATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Helping students cross the finish line.

CREA's mission has always been based in impacting the lives of those who call our affordable communities home. With the creation of CREA Foundation, we're proud to dedicate our time and effort to making sure that students don't just enter higher education, but succeed in obtaining a degree that will transform their lives and help in bringing their dreams to reality.

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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD



Anna Paladino

First Vice President

CBRE

Anna is a First Vice President at CBRE Capital Markets in the Debt & Structured Finance group. She works from both the Hartford, Connecticut & NYC offices and represents institutional and regional clients based in Hartford, NYC, Dallas, Charlotte, and more.

Since joining the Hartford DSF team in 2011, Anna has been involved in over \$9.0 Billion of commercial mortgages on behalf of institutional quality borrowers and lenders, in various primary and secondary markets within 27+ U.S. states. The Hartford DSF Team facilitates financing for all asset types - including Multifamily, Industrial, Retail, Office and Hotels and more specialized assets.

Anna has her Master's degree in Real Estate Finance from Georgetown University and Bachelor's Degree in Real Estate & Urban Economics from the University of Connecticut. She remains actively involved with the UConn Real Estate Center. Anna is a board member of the Real Estate Finance Association (REFA) and the current Vice President of the Hartford chapter. Anna was recognized in 2024 as one of the top leaders in Hartford by the Women We Admire Organization and again in 2025 as the top 50 women leaders in Connecticut.

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Erik Edeen
Principal, U.S. Investment Sales
Avison Young

Erik Edeen is Principal and Senior Director of U.S. Investment Sales at Avison Young based out of the firm's Manhattan Office. Erik leads major market business execution, partnering with leading professionals in those markets. He is involved in developing and executing all facets of the investment sales business across all asset types. Erik's role includes developing go-to-market strategies including research, marketing, and data analytics. With a differentiated approach, the cohesive U.S. Investment Sales Group leverages best-in-class execution to deliver superior results for clients.

Erik also leads the day-to-day operation of the two-dozen member Tri-State Investment Sales Group where he oversees the sales, operations, and analytics teams. He serves in a leadership role on the Capital Markets Executive Committee steering critical strategy and functions. Throughout his 15-year career, Erik has been involved approximately 300 real estate transactions valued over \$5 billion.

Before joining Avison Young, Erik was a Financial Analyst on CBRE's New York Institutional Investment Sales group, a top 10 globally ranked team. Erik earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Connecticut with a concentration in Real Estate and was the 2019 recipient of the University of Connecticut Real Estate Center Early Career Alumni Award. In addition, he is the Co-Chair of Real Estate Ascending Leaders (REAL), an exclusive New York based networking and educational association. Erik is a member of REBNY, ULI and is active within the UCONN alumni network.

EARLY CAREER ALUMNI AWARD



Carla Pino Development Associate Spinnaker Real Estate Partners

Carla graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2021 as a Communications major. Currently, Carla is working with Spinnaker Real Estate Partners and Halyard Building Company on both development and construction management teams. Since joining Spinnaker Real Estate Partners in 2021, Carla has gained experience and knowledge in both leasing, marketing and branding, development and construction.

With Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, Carla has been involved in the leasing, branding and development of two multi-family, mixed-use additions to Hartford; one a modular build and the other a historic rehabilitation. Through these projects, Carla has gained insight into the lifecycle of the development process from design to construction to delivery and operation.

With Halyard Building Company, Carla has been able to participate in the overall bidding process, worked with retail tenants to manage fit outs as well as working with subcontractors directly on project requirements.

INDUSTRY PARTNER OF THE YEAR



Established in 1991, Sentry Commercial is a full-service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Hartford, Connecticut, serving clients throughout Central and Southern New England.

Sentry Commercial provides Brokerage & Advisory, Project Management, and Property Management services — but the heart of their business is their people, clients and community. For over three decades, Sentry Commercial has remained dedicated to fostering lasting partnerships, delivering creative and data-driven real estate solutions, and investing in the communities we serve.

Through their collaborative approach, industry leadership, and innovative facility—
The REC Hartford—they have redefined what it means to be a relationship-driven
CRE firm.

Sentry Commercial is honored to be named UConn's 2025 Industry Partner of the Year and values our longstanding connection with the University of Connecticut, its students, and the future leaders of our industry.

ADJUNCT PROFSSOR OF THE YEAR



Rick Roth

President

Roth Equities, LLC

Rick Roth is President of Roth Equities, LLC, a multifaceted investment real estate company based in Greenwich, Connecticut. Roth Equities provides exceptional investment real estate debt and equity placement, private real estate equity, and investment real estate advisory services to high-net-worth individuals and families, and to private and institutional companies with investment real estate.

Before founding his own firm in 1999, Rick held positions in Merrill Lynch's real estate investment banking group, Prudential's institutional real estate group, L.W. Ellwood and Heberger Associates.

Rick is a UConn graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Real Estate major. He holds a Master of Science in Real Estate Investment from New York University.

Rick developed and taught the Real Estate Finance course at New York University's Master of Science program. He also developed the Real Estate Investment course in the UConn MBA program and has taught the class for the past fifteen years. In November 2022, Rick published his book the "Teal Book of Wisdom". This September, Rick and his wife Jennifer will celebrate 25 years of marriage. They are the parents of a daughter who is a sophomore at UConn, Storrs and a son who is a 2024 Clemson graduate and currently works as a banking analyst.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Alexandra Richo, a senior from Stratford, Connecticut, is majoring in Real Estate and Urban Economics and will graduate in May. She has demonstrated strong leadership and industry engagement throughout her time at UConn. As the 2023-24 president of the Real Estate Society, she worked to strengthen student connections with the real estate industry. Currently, she serves as a portfolio manager for the Hillside Real Estate Investment Fund and is also a member of Hillside Private Capital, where she supports student-led investment analysis and fund management.

Alexandra is a 2024 recipient of the prestigious CREW Network Foundation Scholarship, awarded to outstanding female students pursuing careers in commercial real estate. She recently competed at the Cornell Real Estate Case Competition and last summer interned at Cigna as a commercial real estate summer analyst in the firm's investment management division. While school is in session, Alexandra works for both the Center for Real Estate and Undergraduate Advising.

With a strong interest in strategic real estate acquisitions, Alexandra brings a thoughtful, hands-on approach to both academics and industry experience—and is well-positioned for a successful career in commercial real estate.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Trevor Mahabir is a senior from Bethany, CT graduating in May with a major in Real Estate and Urban Economics. After graduating high school in May of 2020, Trevor worked as a car salesman and attended UConn Waterbury as a part time student. He transferred to Storrs in August of 2023, declared his major in real estate, and became involved with the real estate program. Now Trevor is the president of the Real Estate Society and Head of CP and Alumni Relationships for the Hillside Real Estate Investors.

In his junior year, Trevor was awarded the Ned Heberger Student Fund Scholarship, the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors Scholarship, and was selected to attend the 2024 SIOR Spring World Conference in Amelia Island, Florida. The following summer he had his first internship in brokerage at Northeast Private Client Group in Shelton, CT.

Now in his senior year, Trevor has represented UCONN in The Cornell International Real Estate Case Competition, won the Cornell Digital Agriculture Hackathon, received the Samuel F Pearson SIOR scholarship, and earned his certification in A.CRE (Adventures in Commercial Real Estate). Trevor will be starting at Newmark this summer as an Investment Sales Associate in Stamford CT.

TRANSFORMATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

TARealty

Since 1982, TA Realty has made private real estate investing their sole focus. Combining the responsiveness of a boutique real estate investment firm with the strong foundation of domestic and international institutional capital.

TA Realty has experience investing and managing in multiple real estate markets over broad economic cycles, developing and refining a consistent investment approach. With a focus on income and driving value by employing active, property-level operating expertise,

TA Realty seeks to deliver outsized performance and achieve attractive riskadjusted returns for investors. Their national reach and diversification, as well as unparalleled insight into local markets sets them apart.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Byrl N. Boyce Valuation Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of Byrl N. Boyce and is awarded to students who are pursuing a career in real estate valuation.

JASEN METO | REBECCA SCHINDLER

Carl Traub Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2004 in memory of Carl F. Traub to support real estate students enrolled in the UConn School of Business.

DAVIO VISOCCHI

CT REALTORS® Past Presidents Scholarship

This scholarship is in honor of all past CTR Presidents. It is open to students enrolled in the Real Estate Program at UConn.

JASON CARROLL

CREA Foundation Scholarship

The CREA Foundation is proud to dedicate their time and effort to making sure that students don't just enter higher education, but succeed in obtaining a degree that will transform their lives and help in bringing their dreams to reality. The CREA Annual Award to UConn students is designed to support that journey.

AMINIELI HOPSON | AIDAN JUBB

SCHOLARSHIPS

Debbie C. Philips Scholarship

This scholarship provides support for undergraduate students majoring in Real Estate and Urban Economics.

NADIA BAUCO | BRANDON MANKA | CLAIRE RUOCCO

GHAR Commercial Real Estate Scholarship

This award is given to students pursuing commercial real estate and is open to students enrolled in the real estate program at UConn.

ELLENESE ESPAILLAT | CONOR ORTEGA

ICSC | John Hart Real Estate Undergraduate Scholarship

This award is given to an undergraduate real estate student who is planning to work in the retail sector, and is given in honor of John M. Hart, a member of the ICSC Foundation board of Directors and owner of Hart Realty Advisers, Inc.

DANIEL GAUDET

Konover Coppa Family Fund for the School of Business Real Estate Center Scholarship

This fund is used to provide support for UConn Real Estate Students.

ALAYNA CHRISTINA | AMINIELI HOPSON | ALEXANDRA RICHO

Ned Heberger Student Development Fund Scholarship

This fund is used to expand both the quantity and quality of resources available to qualified students affiliated with the UConn Real Estate Center.

DAVID BRANDFIS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Society of Industrial Office REALTORS® (SIOR) Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship

SIOR offers a number of awards to students interested in a career in real estate, preferably sales. Criteria include demonstration of potential for future academic and professional accomplishments.

KILEY BARBAGALLO | TREVOR MAHABIR JOSEPH MCELWEE | BRENDAN VODOLA

Stephen D. Messner / SBA Scholarship Fund

This scholarship honors Stephen D. Messner and provides support for graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of real estate and finance.

KAOJAO BOONYALAI | ZACHARY O'CONNOR

William N. Kinnard, Jr. / CREUES Alumni Scholarship

This award is given in honor of William N. Kinnard, Jr., the first appointed Director of the Real Estate Center in 1965. This scholarship is awarded to students in the real estate major with a strong interest in a real estate career. Criteria include demonstrated potential for future academic and professional accomplishments.

JOHN CASSOL | NICHOLAS DEMANCHE | CARSON KELLEY

RECOGNITION

2025 Graduating Students with Real Estate Major

Bryan Feery Robin Hunt Trevor Mahabir Brandon Manka Joseph McElwee Alexandra Richo Claire Ruocco Benjamin Szczepanski

2025 Graduating Students with Real Estate Minor

Ryan Abbott Hakim Ali

David Brandeis Reilly Brennan Henry Carlson John Cassol

Maida Cecunjanin Amber Champagne

Harrison Cook Nahalia Davis Nicolas DePiano

Khuzie Din Kyle Enger

Ellenese Espaillat Ryan Graham Olivia Gruber Nicholas Hall Carson Kelley Devin Larrabee Timothy Lidharrie Ines Martinez Lebron

Eshita Malve

Vanessa Mazzini Colin Mccarroll Nick Melville Jasen Meto

Jonathan Nichele Zachary O'Connor

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Abe Ruelas
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Brendan Vodola
Aaron White
Samuel White
Erik Wojenski

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Real Estate Society Officers 2024-25



Trevor Mahabir | Nadia Bauco | Alayna Christina | Nicholas Demanche Daniel Gaudet | Kiley Barbagallo | Joseph McElwee | John Cassol

Cornell Intl. Real Estate Case Competition 2024-25



Daniel Gaudet | Trevor Mahabir Rebecca Schlinder | Alexandra Richo Alayna Christina | Joseph McElwee

Villanova Mulroy Real Estate Challenge 2024-25



Jordan Terry | John Cassol Daniel Gaudet | Joseph McElwee

ICSC Foundation Case Competition 2024-25









Nadia Bauco | Jonathan Nichele | Kiley Barbagallo | Brendan Vodola

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2024 UConn Center for Real Estate Golf Tournament

First Place Team Brad Canova, Carter Marshall, Ben Palazzo, Dennis Stanek



Save the Date! Our next golf tournament is September 16, 2025

Special thanks to our 2024 sponsors. This event wouldn't be possible without your continued support.





















ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 Babbidge Scholars

Babbidge Scholars: Students earned a 4.0 for both Spring & Fall 2024

Bryan Fishman | Daniel Gaudet | Eshita Malve Nicholas Pfeifer | Ethan Stagg



2024 New England Scholars

New England Scholars: Students earned a 3.7 for both Spring & Fall 2024

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Certifications

John Cassol - A.CRE Accelerator | ARGUS
Trevor Mahabir - A.CRE Accelerator
Joseph McElwee - A.CRE Accelerator
Conor Ortega - A. CRE Accelerator
Rebecca Schindler - A.CRE Accelerator | ARGUS



PLACEMENTS

Representative Placements of UConn Real Estate Students in 2024-25.

128 CRE | Beirne Wealth Consulting
Brixmor Property Group | CBRE | The Cigna Group
Connecticut Housing Finance Authority | Dansker Capital Group
Eagle Rock Properties Empower | Fairfield County Bank
Falcon Investments & General Contracting | Groom Construction
The Hartford | Horvath & Tremblay | JLL | J.P. Morgan
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CATIC Foundation Real Estate Excellence Program

CREA Foundation Scholarship

Dr. Marc A. Louargand Memorial Fellowship Endowment

Debbie C. Phillips Scholarship

Judy Paesani Student Fund

Konover Coppa Family Fund for the School of Business Center for Real Estate

Matthew J. Halprin New England Retail Properties, Inc. Real Estate Excellence Program

Ned Heberger Student Fund

Real Estate Center Council Fund

S.I.O.R. Scholarship Fund in the name of Samuel F. Pierson

Stephen D. Messner / School of Business Scholarship Fund

William N. Kinnard, Jr. / CREUES Alumni Scholarship William N. Kinnard, Jr. Professorship Fund

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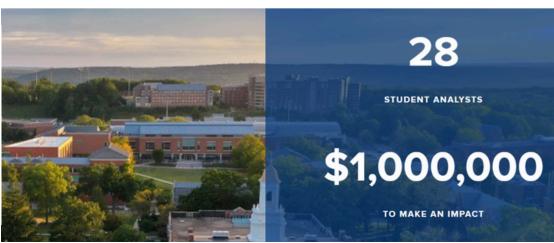
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STUDENT-RUN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT FUND



The Hillside Real Estate Investment Fund (HREIF) is an experiential learning program at the University of Connecticut where students manage a live real estate fund, making real investment decisions with industry professionals and partners. Students gain hands-on experience in sourcing deals, analyzing markets, and managing a portfolio. The program integrates alumni and industry partners, including TA Realty, who serve as mentors, curriculum advisors, and guest lecturers. This collaboration enhances career readiness through practical skills development, networking, and real-world experience. With an initial target fund of \$1 million, HREIF empowers students to lead in all aspects of the investment process, building an impactful bridge between academic theory and professional practice in real estate investment.





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