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## **SIOR awards University of Connecticut scholarships**

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The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) and the SIOR Foundation (SIORF) have awarded scholarships totaling \$20,000 to seven deserving students at the University of Connecticut. Each student received an award of \$2,857.14, in recognition of their academic excellence at the University. The scholarship recipients were David Miller, Storrs; Nicholas Seccareccia, Suffield; Katherine Tunsky, Willington; Rachel Schneider, Storrs; Mari Carozza, Willington; Kristin Peterson, Willington; and Lindsay Castonguay from South Windsor.

The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter is one of 43 Chapters of the prestigious international organization, the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors. Commercial real estate professionals must meet rigorous requirements to earn the SIOR designation. SIOR, based in Washington, DC, has more than 3,100 members in 480 cities in 20 countries and was founded in 1941. SIORs are top producers who are required to complete an educational recertification program every three years, assuring those who need the services of a commercial agent that the SIOR has achieved continued excellence.

The Chapter has two scholarship funds; the first in honor of Samuel Pearson, a long time member and past national president of the organization, and the other in memory of Carl Traub, another long time Chapter member who had a significant positive impact on the commercial real estate industry. Scholarships awarded to deserving real estate majors at the University of Connecticut have now exceeded \$220,000 over the years.

The SIOR Foundation's mission is to promote and support initiatives that expand, educate and enrich the commercial real estate community. Established in 1962 to publish the industry's first graduate level text book on industrial real estate, SIOR Foundation has maintained its dedication to expanding understanding of the commercial real estate industry. The Foundation has a matching scholarship program available to the various local SIOR Chapters.

Please visit our website [www.siorct.com](http://www.siorct.com) to find additional information on the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter, Chapter members, and upcoming events. Should you have any questions or interest in the requirements and benefits of becoming an SIOR and joining the Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter, please contact Sherri Thompson, SIOR at 860.528.0884 or John Reed, SIOR at 860.987.4788.

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