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

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The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) named the recent University of Connecticut scholarship recipients for the fall 2011 semester.

A total of \$7,800 was awarded to four deserving students from The University of Connecticut - School of Business. The scholarships are funded from the Chapter sponsored Sam Pierson and Carl Traub Scholarships, with matching funds provided by the SIOR Foundation.

The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts SIOR Chapter has two scholarship funds: The first is in honor of Samuel F. Pierson, a long-time member and past national president of the society, and the other in memory of Carl F. Traub, another long-time chapter member who had a significant positive impact on the commercial real estate industry. The Chapter's scholarships are supported with matching funds from the SIOR Foundation (SIORF). The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter is one of 46 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, D.C., has more than 3,000 members in 630 cities and 29 countries and was founded in 1941. SIORs are top producers who are required to complete an educational recertification program every three years. This assures those who need the services of a commercial real estate agent that the SIOR has achieved continued excellence.

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 and understanding the commercial real estate industry. The Foundation has a matching scholarship program available to the various local SIOR chapters.

The Chapter is delighted to acknowledge the scholarship recipients Alyssa Coughlin, William Gakidis, Michael Hovey, and Seth Rosenberg.

Michael Hovey is a Real Estate and Urban Economics major now entering his senior year with impressive academic performance to date. In addition, Hovey is the vice president of the University of Connecticut Real Estate Society, a member of the Undergraduate Business Leadership Council and Delta Sigma Pi. This past summer Hovey was a commercial real estate property tax intern for Thomson Reuters Corp. in Boston, Mass. where he put his analytical skills to work. Hovey also enjoys teaching tennis and playing intramural soccer.

Majoring in Finance with a concentration in Real Estate, William Gakidis is the vice president of marketing for the UConn Finance Society. Gakidis worked this summer as a research intern for CB Richard Ellis in Hartford, contributing his analytical and research skills to assist with database maintenance, property research, marketing presentations, and market reports. Gakidis will graduate

from the University of Connecticut this May.

A Dean's List senior majoring in Finance/Real Estate and Urban Economics, Aylssa Coughlin has achieved great academic success. Coughlin is also a recipient of the prestigious SIOR Mildred Hanson Memorial Scholarship. This past summer she interned in Albany, N.Y. for GE Capital in their real estate services and operations division, supporting with lease negotiations, project updates, and site selection. Outside the classroom, Coughlin is an active member of Delta Sigma Pi and a Red Cross volunteer.

Consistently on the Dean's List with an impeccable academic record, Seth Rosenberg is a senior majoring in Real Estate and Urban Economics with minors in Art History and Management Information Systems. He was awarded First Place in an IBM Case Competition and The Hartford Financial Services Annual Case Competition held at the University of Connecticut, spring 2011. Since 2010, Rosenberg has been involved as an intern in the The Travelers Insurance Operations Leadership Development Program. Outside of academics, Rosenberg is a volunteer for the CT Audubon Society and the Hartford ING Marathon.

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 questions or interest in the requirements and benefits of becoming a 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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