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

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The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) has announced the recent University of Connecticut scholarship recipients for the spring semester.

The scholarships are funded from the chapter sponsored Sam Pierson and Carl Traub Scholarships, with matching funds provided by the SIOR Foundation. The chapter, along with the SIOR Foundation support national scholarship programs in excess of \$100,000 each year.

The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts SIOR Chapter has two scholarship funds: The first is in honor of Samuel Pierson, a long-time member and past national president of the society, 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. The chapter's scholarships are supported with matching funds from the SIOR Foundation (SIORF). The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts chapter is one of forty-six 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 3,000 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 Brittani Clayton, Alyssa Coughlin, Grant Fecteau, William Gakidas, Michael Hovey, Brian Kaukas, and Seth Rosenberg.

Clayton is an intern for the Center for Real Estate. She has traveled to Spain and Paris, France and plans to spend one semester in her senior year abroad. Clayton is an avid runner and has run two half marathons and is training for a marathon in spring 2012. This summer she will intern with GE in Albany, N.Y. Clayton is receiving the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship.

Last summer Coughlin interned with GE Capital in Albany N.Y. She was team member of the Cornell Real Estate Case Competition and also an active member of Delta Sigma Pi, and the Real Estate Society and received her ARGUS certification this spring. Coughlin is on the Dean's list and a past recipient of the Mildred C. Hanson SIOR Memorial Scholarship and is receiving the Society of

Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship and the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors Scholarship.

Fecteau is an Urban Studies major and a minor in real estate. He is a Big East All-Academic Award Recipient and a member of the varsity dive team where he finished eighth in the one-meter dive competition. He serves on the business leadership council and has an interest in fly fishing, skiing and international travel. This summer Fecteau will intern with Conifer Realty. Fecteau is receiving the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship.

Gakidis is majoring in Finance with a concentration in real estate. Last summer Fecteau worked for CB Richard Ellis as a research intern and serves as vice president - marketing for the Finance Society. Fecteau received his ARGUS certification this spring and is receiving the Byrl N. Boyce Valuation Scholarship and the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors Scholarship.

Last summer Hovey worked as a commercial real estate property tax intern for Thomson Reuters Corporation. He is the vice president of the Real Estate Society, a member of Delta Sigma Pi Professional Fraternity and was a team-member for the Cornell Real Estate Case Competition. He is also a private tennis instructor. He received his ARGUS certification this spring. This summer Hovey will intern with Cigna. Hovey is receiving the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship, the Carl F. Traub Memorial Scholarship and the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors Scholarship.

Kaukas is a real estate major and a member of the real estate society. Kaukas works for the Center for Real Estate and received his ARGUS certification. He is also a certified life guard. Kaukas is receiving the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship.

Rosenburg is currently a Leadership Development Program Intern with the Travelers Companies, Inc. in Hartford, and will continue to work there following graduation in May. In 2011 Rosenburg participated in and received first place with the IBM Case Competition and the Hartford Financial Service Annual Case Competition. He is an active member of the Real Estate & Finance Society as well as Delta Sigma Pi Professional Fraternity. Rosenburg is receiving the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors/Samuel F. Pierson Scholarship, the Byrl N. Boyce Valuation Scholarship, the Connecticut Association of Realtors Scholarship and the Greater Hartford of Realtors Scholarship.

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