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## **SIOR Conn./Western Mass. chapter awards UConn scholarships**

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The Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) is pleased to announce recent University of Connecticut Scholarship recipients for the 2012/2013 academic year.

A total of \$18,000 was awarded to three deserving students from UConn's School of Business. The scholarships are funded from the chapter sponsored Samuel F. Pierson and Carl F. Traub scholarships, with matching funds provided by The SIOR Foundation.

The scholarship recipients are: Brittani Clayton, Michael Hovey, and Frances Gibbons. All the recipients are deans list students.

Clayton is a senior, majoring in Real Estate and Urban Economics. In the summer of 2012, Brittani completed an internship with General Electric's Capital Real Estate Global Growth Operations. She is also a past recipient of the Samuel F. Pierson SIOR Scholarship, the Commercial Real Estate Women Network National Scholarship, Pension Real Estate Association National Scholarship, and the GE Corporate Awards Above and Beyond Award.

A senior majoring in Real Estate and Urban Economics, Hovey, has been an active member of the UConn Real Estate Society since 2009. He currently serves as its president. Michael completed an internship with CIGNA Realty Investors during the summer of 2012, as an Assistant Financial Analyst. Hovey is also a past recipient of the Samuel F. Pierson SIOR Scholarship, the Carl F. Traub SIOR Memorial Scholarship, and the Greater Hartford Association of Realtors Scholarship.

Gibbons is a junior at the University of Connecticut majoring in Finance, with a concentration in Real Estate. During the spring of 2012, Gibbons completed an internship with the Zambrero Group in Sydney, Australia. Frankie is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and she is a past recipient of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) Scholarship.

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 chapter has awarded over \$300,000 to deserving students at the University of Connecticut's School of Business concentrating in Real Estate.

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, D.C., has more than 3,000 members in 630 cities and 28 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.

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