On Saturday, May 14, this semester's Capstone students presented their semester long projects in the Spring Term Monument Capstone Competition. Judging this year's competition, from the left, were H.L.Ward, President of Monument Bank, Joshua Wooldridge, with The Bainbridge Companies, Jay Krigsman, The Krausz Companies, and from the right, Van Andersen, Monument Bank, Melina Duggal, Duggal Advisors, and Richard Greco, LifeBridge Health.

Monument Bank sponsored the prizes of $1,000 for first place, $500 for second place, $250 for third place. The judges also awarded an honorable mention for Junjie Zhu. Congratulations to the first place winner Joe Trubiano for his project, The J. Howard Apartments, Wheaton, MD and his mentor Stacy Spann, Executive Director of the Housing and Opportunities Commission. Ian Kelly took second prize for his project The Preserve, Annapolis MD and Kedrick Thornton, took third prize for Solomons Row, the same site in Annapolis both mentored by Scott Armiger, President of Orchard Development.

Many thanks to all our mentors Scott Armiger, Orchard Development, Marcus Ervin, The Housing Authority of Howard County, Tim Pula with the Beatty Corporation, and Stacy Spann and Zachary Marks of the Housing Opportunities Commission. Thanks also to our Consulting Architects: Jack DeVilbiss, Mike Fischer, Matt Miller, James Norwood, Anthony Pins, Ahmed Zaman, Meghan Leahy and Nick Aello.

As they say "It Takes a Village" to create a set of outstanding capstone projects. Many thanks to all who contribute so much time and interest for our MRED students.
2nd Place Winner Ian Kelly with mentor Scott Armiger [right of middle] and the Judges

3rd Place Winner Kedrick Thornton with mentor Scott Armiger to his right and the Judges

Honorable Mention Junjie Zhu with Judges

UMD Takes 2nd Place in HUD's
Affordable Housing Competition

The University of Maryland's HUD team took second place in the third annual HUD Innovation in Affordable Housing Student Design and Planning Competition. The student team [from the left], of Nicole Akpedeye (MCP/ARCH), Oluwatobi Thomas (MRED), Meghan Leahy (MRED/ARCH), David Brotman (MRED), and Robert Grooms (MRED/ARCH) competed in the final round of the competition April 19th at HUD's office in Washington, DC.

The team's proposal for the competition site in Santa Barbara, CA included a new construction development with 48 affordable housing units within 19 three-story town houses, 14 two-story townhouses, and a four-story multifamily development that included a food co-op, a community center, and easy access to a community garden nearby. The team won $10,000 for their accomplishments.

American Real Estate Society Annual Meeting

On April 2, 2016 MRED student Meghan Leahy and MRED Alumna Charishma Hunjan traveled to the 32nd American Real Estate Society (ARES) Annual Meeting held in Denver, Colorado.

Both presented their projects during the Undergraduate and Graduate Student Symposium session, highlighting the interdisciplinary curriculum and approach of the MRED program. Charishma presented her Capstone project titled "The Westin at Sea-Tac", that featured an international airport and hotel on the site. Meghan presented a group project titled "The Shoppes at Frederick Landing", with architecture students working with an MRED Capstone student during her architecture design studio to achieve a new retail destination for the city of Frederick, Maryland.

First Tuesday Luncheon at Bonstra/Haresign

The First Tuesday Luncheon was hosted by Bonstra/Haresign Architects, organized by MRED faculty member Rob McClennan, and with both David Haresign and Bill Bonstra, members of the MRED Council of Advisors, presenting at their DC office on May 3. Over 20 attendees of alumni, staff and industry professionals were treated to lunch and a presentation of design projects that have served to preserve and transform neighborhoods and communities including their offices on 14th Street.

A notable project was The Studio Theater, a converted car showroom, which has been credited with changing the cultural landscape of the 14th Street Corridor. The Woodley Wardman located in the Woodley Park Historic District is a 39-unit residential adaptive re-use/urban infill project that integrates a contemporary addition behind four restored historic townhouses.
built by British developer Harry Wardman. This project successfully integrates contemporary design with historic architecture.

To see more projects visit the Bonstra Haresign website. Join us for our next First Tuesday hosted by Tom Burton, Chief Investment Officer, Alex Brown Realty, Inc. on September 6.