



The CENTER for REAL ESTATE EDUCATION & RESEARCH

Nardozza Establishes Scholars Program

The Francis J. Nardozza Scholars Program in the College of Business has been established by **Frank Nardozza** through a generous gift to encourage scholarly research on a wide range of real estate and urban economic issues. Of special interest is work focused on understanding Florida's property-related issues such as the effect of public policy decisions on the real estate community, businesses, individuals and the environment (built and natural). Earnings from the Nardozza Endowed Fund will provide continuing support to Nardozza Fellows and their research. When fully endowed, Nardozza Fellows will be named each spring.

The Nardozza Scholars Program is unique to the College of Business, and serves as a model for establishing other similar programs. Funding will be used to support student and faculty work, and to assist the College of Business in attracting the best to FSU.

[\[The Nardozza Scholars Program\]](#)

Program News

Bob Breslau, President, Stiles Retail Group, and **Bobby Byrd**, President, Byrd Corporation, were featured guest speakers for the Evan D. Jennings Executive Speaker Series in the spring. Mr. Breslau's talk was entitled "The Retail Market and Development Process." Mr. Byrd discussed "Deal Making and the Developer." [\[The Jennings Speaker Series\]](#)

Mr. Byrd also served as an Executive-in-Residence to the program during the spring, speaking to several of the classes and working closely with students in the MBA program and the Graduate Certificate Program in Real Estate Development.

In April, the Real Estate Society traveled to Jacksonville to meet with executives of the Joyce Development Group, Inc. and the LandMar Group, LLC.

Melissa McRoy, an undergraduate major in real estate and finance, was awarded a 2007 scholarship from the Educational Foundation of the CCIM Institute. [CCIM Foundation](#)

In addition to the courses offered in Tallahassee this summer, real estate program classes are scheduled to be held in London, England; Valencia, Spain; and Florence, Italy as part of the FSU International Program. Professors **Glenn Boggs**, **Alvin Stauber** and **Bill Woodyard** will be teaching classes for us in the International Program.

The **2007 Real Estate Trends & Networking Conference** is scheduled for October 4 & 5. Registration materials will be sent out in late July and August. Please contact [Loreen Kollar](#) or [Laura Waltke](#) as soon as possible if your company is able to serve as a sponsor.

Program placement has been exceptionally strong. If you wish to recruit students, please see the "Student Recruiting Guide" or "Job Posting Link" located under the "For Employers" section on our website. [\[Links for Employers\]](#)

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Executive Board Appointments

The following were named as new Directors to the Board: **Thomas Brown, Sr.**, President, TOM BROWN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC, Bradenton, FL - **John Crossman**, President, CROSSMAN & COMPANY, Orlando, FL - **J. Everitt Drew**, President, SOUTHGROUP, Tallahassee, FL - **Patrick Kelly**, President, RUBIN REAL ESTATE, INC., Clearwater, FL - **Galen Kilburn**, KILBURN FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LLLP, Atlanta, GA - **E. Edward Murray, Jr.**, President, TALCOR Commercial Real Estate Services, Tallahassee, FL - **Michael Pou**, President, HABERSHAM CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC., Atlanta, GA - **Kyle Riva**, President, EPOCH PROPERTIES, Winter Park, FL - **Cyrus Sharp, III**, Managing Director, NATIXIS REAL ESTATE CAPITAL, Atlanta, GA - and **Steven Smith**, President, SOUTHEAST INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, Alpharetta, GA.

The following were elected as new Conference Committee members: **Marion Champion**, Executive Vice President, THE FERBER COMPANY, INC., Clearwater, FL - **Joel Embry**, SVP and Director of Community Development, CNL REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT CORP., Tallahassee, FL - **Chuck Ernst**, SVP and Market Manager, LASALLE BANK, N.A., Tampa, FL - **Melissa Hornsby**, Counsel, THE ST. JOE COMPANY, Tallahassee, FL - **Michael Wallace**, Assistant Vice President, COLLATERAL MORTGAGE CAPITAL, Weston, FL and - **Lee Weaver**, Vice President, NORTHMARQ CAPITAL, INC., Tampa, FL

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Faculty Notes

Stacy Sirmans and **Vaneesha Boney** (Ph.D candidate, FIN) were awarded a grant from the Real Estate Research Institute (RERI) for their project entitled, "REIT Exchange Traded Products and the Volatility of REIT Returns."

Barry Diskin's article entitled, "Nuclear Waste Disposal: A Taxing Real Estate Issue" (co-authored with Jack Friedman) received honorable mention for the 2006 William S. Ballard Award. The Ballard Award is presented annually to an author or co-authors in recognition of the contribution and quality of their work published in Real Estate Issues this past year.

Dean Gatzlaff, Stacy Sirmans (FSU Center for Real Estate Education and Research), David Macpherson, Stefan Norrbm, and Don Schlagenhauf (FSU Pepper Institute) are working with a University of Florida research team to examine the effects of proposed changes to Florida property tax policy in a study for the Florida Legislature and its upcoming special session.

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