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Welcome

to the new Weiser Newsletter



Weiser Center Completes Inaugural South Florida Real Estate Trek

Last week, the Weiser Center for Real Estate successfully completed its **first-ever South Florida Trek**, bringing 24 enthusiastic students to the Miami and West Palm Beach area for four packed days of learning, networking, and exploration. Throughout the trip, students visited real estate firms of all sizes and specialties, gaining firsthand insight into one of the fastest-growing markets in the country. From staying in Brickell, to visiting Wynwood, to exploring downtown West Palm Beach, the group made the most of every moment, asking thoughtful questions, engaging in meaningful conversations, and learning as much as possible about the opportunities and challenges shaping the region's real estate landscape.

Trip Highlights

Day 1: Exploring Wynwood

Students arrived in Miami and began the trek with a visit to Wynwood Walls, the renowned outdoor art gallery featuring work from artists around the world. Located in the heart of one of Miami's most rapidly evolving neighborhoods, the visit offered an early look at how culture, development, and real estate growth intersect in the Wynwood district.

Day 2: West Palm Beach & Related Ross Experience Center

The group started the day bright and early, catching the first Brightline train from Miami to West Palm Beach. Students spent the day at the Related Ross Experience Center, where they toured the city by trolley, met with industry professionals, and had the special opportunity to hear from and ask questions directly to Stephen Ross. The day concluded with a highly successful networking reception at the Experience Center, welcoming more than 80 alumni and

Day 3: Development, Design, and Hospitality

Another full day took students back to Wynwood to tour a new development project before heading to the Design District, where they learned about the neighborhood's history and its transformation into a global destination for luxury retail and mixed-use development. The day wrapped up with site visits to prominent hotels in both Brickell and along South Beach, giving students a close look at hospitality real estate in one of the country's most dynamic markets.

industry professionals who joined students for an evening of conversation, connection, and shared insight.

Day 4: A Unique Finale

The trek concluded with a private tour of Hard Rock Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins. Students even had the chance to see Stephen Ross's private suite, closing out the trip with a memorable behind-the-scenes look at one of South Florida's most iconic venues.

The South Florida Trek was an incredible success from start to finish. We at the Weiser Center for Real Estate would like to thank all of the alumni, firms, and hosts who made this experience possible—but most of all, our students, whose curiosity, professionalism, and enthusiasm made the trip truly special. What a way to represent Michigan. **Go Blue!**

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
**INTERNSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**
2026
Applications Due by Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 5PM EST

Internship Scholarship Program Spring/Summer 2026

Applications Now Open!

This Spring/Summer 2026, we are offering two scholarship funds for housing, travel, and other related expenses to support eligible students who have secured real estate internships and need financial assistance.

At the Weiser Center, we believe that the cost of living and travel should never be a barrier to pursuing meaningful real estate opportunities. These scholarships are designed to help you focus on gaining valuable, hands-on experience without the added financial stress.

Applications Due By: Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 at 5PM EST

Notice of Funding Approval/Denial will come on a rolling basis

Financial Awards: Mid-April

[Find More Info Here](#)

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**MONROE BROWN
CRE
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CHALLENGE**
Build your modeling skills, boost your confidence, and connect with industry pros!
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Monroe Brown CRE Modeling Challenge

Weiser Center has launched a new **rolling challenge** designed to strengthen your financial modeling skills,

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**Future of Real Estate
Competition 2026:**
Strategic Shift - The CRE Turnaround Challenge
COMPETITION LAUNCH **MAR 25 2026** Virtual
Enter the competition to win a piece of the **\$25,000 prize!**

2026 Future of Real Estate Competition | Strategic Shift – The CRE Turnaround Challenge

build confidence, and connect you with industry professionals. Participants will **complete the GetREFM Certification**, apply those skills in a real-world case study, and take part in a mock interview with an alumni advisor. Along the way, you'll earn a Michigan-branded gift after Step 1 and receive an invitation to an exclusive dinner with alumni and peers upon completing the full challenge. You can start at any time, but all steps must be completed by August 1, 2026.

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Begin the Challenge](#)

In 2026, the "Office Apocalypse" enters its next chapter—The Great Repurposing. Back for its fourth year, the Future of Real Estate Competition challenges students to tackle this moment in the market with bold ideas and fresh perspectives. With **\$25,000 in prize money on the line**, this year's competition promises bold ideas, thoughtful debate, and meaningful connections with real estate leaders. Find more information on the competition, key dates, and team rules requirements on our website.

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Register Your Team Here](#)

Study Real Estate

Important Info for Potential Real Estate Students.
Sign Up is still **OPEN!**

You can still take approved real estate courses before declaring the minor, and then count them toward your program requirements later. That means you can start exploring real estate courses now, even if you haven't officially declared yet!

[Find out more information regarding the RE minor, available courses, and minor policies](#)

[Real Estate Development Minor Declaration Request Form](#)

WHAT REALLY DRIVES BILLION-DOLLAR REAL ESTATE DECISIONS?

LEARN FROM RENOWNED GUEST SPEAKER:

MARK PARRELL
CEO | EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 8:30-9:50AM | ROSS R0230

DON'T MISS ONE OF
THE BIGGEST EVENTS
OF THE SEMESTER!

 Equity Residential



Hear from Mark Parrell

THIS Thursday, March 12 8:30-9:50AM | Ross R0230

The **Wolverine Public Real Estate Investment (REIT) Fund** course is excited to welcome guest speaker **Mark Parrell, CEO of Equity Residential** and the namesake donor whose generosity helped establish the class.

During his visit, Parrell will speak on "**What Really Drives Billion-Dollar Real Estate Decisions?**" Drawing on his experience leading one of the nation's largest residential REITs, he will share insights into investment strategy, capital allocation, and the real-world decision-making behind major real estate transactions, offering students a rare opportunity to learn directly from an industry leader.

This session will be open to all students interested in real estate. Attendees are encouraged to join for this special opportunity to hear from a leading industry executive.
Light breakfast and coffee will be served.

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From Vision to Execution:

URBAN REAL ESTATE IN DETROIT



March 19, 2026 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Robertson Auditorium

Detroit is undergoing one of the most dynamic urban revitalizations in the country, and Bedrock is at the center of it. Join leaders from Development, Government Relations, Strategy, and Asset Management for a panel-style conversation about how transformative projects move from vision to execution and what it truly takes to build a city at scale.



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Internships & Job Opportunities



Karney Properties
Asset Management Internship
Santa Monica, CA

[Find Out More Info Here](#)

To Apply, please email Nathan Tabib directly at nathan_tabib@karney.net



Agree Realty Corporation
Real Estate Intern
Royal Oak, MI

[Find Out More & Apply Here](#)



Beal Real Estate
Summer 2026 Internships
Ypsilanti, MI

[Find Out More Info Here](#)

To Apply, please email Ciara@gobeal.com directly with a brief statement of interest, why you would be a good fit for the role, your resume, and your available schedule.

2026 Real Estate Internship

Student Interest Form

Students, still searching for a Summer 2026 internship? It's not too late! While recruitment has wrapped up at some large firms, many companies across the country are still seeking talented students eager to grow their real estate careers. To support you, the Weiser Center Advisory Board has formed a committee dedicated to connecting Michigan students with internship opportunities that align with your career goals. As we engage with employers looking to hire Michigan talent, we're here to help

2026 Real Estate Summer Internship Catalog

Have you accepted a summer internship for 2026? Please help the Weiser Center for Real Estate track and promote you and your opportunity. It's a great way to showcase your success and help your peers. We have an active alumni committee dedicated to fostering

match you with the right opportunity. Help us help you —update your résumé, thoughtfully complete the form below, and we'll work to connect you with an employer in need of an intern. For questions, please contact us at um.realestate@umich.edu.

[Complete the Form Here](#)

relationships that lead to internships and job opportunities for graduating Wolverines. This data will be extremely helpful in tracking progress areas to build relationships and know where to drive new relationships. We appreciate your help!

[Complete the Form Here](#)

2026 CREW Scholarship Applications Now Available

A scholarship opportunity for female students pursuing commercial real estate careers

[Find Out More](#)

[Apply](#)

Meet the Real Estate Clubs of U-M

Click on the images below to visit the club websites



Women in Real Estate

**Women in Real
Estate Club**



**Michigan Real
Estate Club**



**The Michigan
Real Estate Fund**



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Weiser Center for Real Estate

Upcoming Events 2026

NYC Real Estate Alumni Networking Event

May 7, 2026
5:30PM - 8:30PM | 50 Hudson Yards

[Add to Your Calendar](#)

Pre-RECON Networking Event

September 24, 2026
Time | Location TBD

[Add to Your Calendar](#)

Real Estate Conference 2026

September 25, 2026
Location TBD

[Add to Your Calendar](#)

2nd Annual Leaders & Best REIT Challenge

September 30, 2026
The Big House

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