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Welcome

to the new Weiser Newsletter



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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

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. Tasked with reimagining an office property as a vibrant residential living space, teams will draw on their knowledge, creativity, and ingenuity to deliver solutions that balance visionary design with real-world feasibility. Designed to bridge architectural creativity with real-world financial feasibility, teams of 3–5 multidisciplinary students will renovate a distressed asset and present their vision to a panel of esteemed industry judges.

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.

Competition Launch: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (Competition materials will be launched virtually via the Weiser Center for Real Estate website.)

Applications Close: Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 12:00 AM EST

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Register Your Team
Here](#)



Monroe Brown CRE Modeling Challenge

Join the challenge and receive your **GetREFM Cert** today!

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



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.

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

[Find More Info Here](#)

[Apply Here](#)



REI X BEDROCK

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.

[RSVP Here](#)



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LEARN FROM RENOWNED GUEST SPEAKERS:

STACEY SLATER & JEFF MARTIN

EXECUTIVE VP
INVESTOR RELATIONS, CAPITAL MARKETS &
CORPORATE STRATEGY

SENIOR VP
FINANCE

TOMORROW TUESDAY, MARCH 17 | 8:30-9:50AM | ROSS R0230

BRIXMOR



Hear from Stacey Slater & Jeff Martin of Brixmor

TOMORROW Tuesday, March 17 8:30-9:50AM | Ross R0230

The **Wolverine Public Real Estate Investment (REIT) Fund** course is excited to welcome guest speakers **Stacey Slater & Jeff Martin of Brixmor**.

In tomorrow's class, students will hear from **Stacy Slater, EVP, Investor Relations, Capital Markets & Corporate Strategy at Brixmor Property Group**, and **Jeff Martin, SVP, Finance at Brixmor Property Group**, who will speak about the REIT industry and their experience working at one of the nation's leading retail REITs. Stacy has led Brixmor's investor relations and capital markets efforts for nearly a decade and played a key role in the company's IPO and growth as a public REIT, while Jeff oversees financial asset management, corporate strategy, and capital allocation initiatives.

Together, they will share insights on REIT strategy, capital markets, and the real-world decision-making that shapes public real estate companies.

This session will be open to all students interested in real estate. Attendees are encouraged to join for this special opportunity to hear from leading industry executives.

Light breakfast and coffee will be served.

WEISER CENTER FOR REAL
ESTATE PRESENTS:

NIL IN FOCUS A CONVERSATION WITH **NATE FORBES**

Thurs. March 26th | 1PM EST

Robertson Auditorium
Ross School of Business

- Prominent University of Michigan Alumnus & Philanthropist
- Key Leader & Founder of Champions Circle NIL
- Major Donor to Michigan Athletics
- Co-Chair of the U-M \$7 Billion "Look to Michigan" Campaign
- Business Leader (Somerset Collection & Corktown Development)

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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

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 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](#)

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 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 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

[Add to Your Calendar](#)



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