

2017-2018 Etkin Johnson Student Scholars

The Etkin Johnson Student Scholar Program is designed to immerse its participants into the thriving real estate industry in Colorado. From October 2017 through May 2018, the participants will attend ULI Colorado events, committees, become volunteers, shadow developers and network with ULI members to enhance their scholastic endeavors and learn the benefits of ULI membership.

Our 2017-2018 scholars include....

Camron Bridgford, Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, UC Denver



Over the past decade, Camron has pursued professional and graduate education opportunities with the intent of creating more livable cities, especially in the realm of community and economic development, place making and social equity. Currently, Camron is a master's candidate in urban and regional planning at the University of Colorado Denver, where she also serves as a qualitative research assistant on urban planning-related projects ranging from green gentrification to school transportation. Prior to graduate school, Camron was an administrative officer for Denver Public Library, where she conducted resource development via fundraising and partnership-building. Preceding her work with the library, she served as a managing associate for Joining Vision and Action—a public-sector consulting firm focused on social and community change—where she led a team of grant writers and fundraisers that raised \$76 million for non-profit and government clients. Camron has also garnered experience in program design and management, coalition-building, political advocacy and communications through positions for the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition and Foothills Art Center. In addition to graduate school, Camron works as a freelance journalist addressing urban issues, with her writing found most recently in *Confluence Denver* and *DenverUrbanism*. Camron received a bachelor of science in journalism, a bachelor of arts in art history and a minor in political science from the University of Colorado Boulder, and a business certificate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She also recently completed the Downtown Denver Partnership's Leadership Program in 2016.

Adam Buehler, Masters in Architecture, UC Denver

I am very interested in affordable housing and finding creative ways to address the need for attainable housing stock within Denver. I hope to be involved in the design and project management of commercial and residential projects large and small in our city- with an emphasis on addressing social equity. A highlight of school last semester- I worked on the Confluence Hall student project in Moab, UT with the school's [Design Build program](#)- a great learning experience on how design transfers to construction. I am also a proud new parent- our son Oscar just turned one year old last month and is keeping me and my wife Sarah on our toes. Big time. When possible I'll get away and practice my [painting](#)- I'm drawn to abstract expressionism.



Tyler Cande, Masters of Science in Real Estate, CU Boulder



Tyler Cande is an experienced energy management professional with 9 years of experience identifying and implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in multifamily, office and industrial properties. As a Program Manager with TRC Companies Inc, a publicly traded engineering consulting firm, he authored the five year strategic energy plan for the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority, the nation's third largest transit agency. Mr. Cande was responsible for securing more than \$7M in capital funding, managing the completion of over 35 energy efficiency projects currently saving \$850K annually, and certifying 1.9M ft² of space to LEED Standards on behalf of the client.

Mr. Cande is a graduate of Boston College and currently resides in Golden, Colorado where he independently consults to real estate owners on large energy projects while pursuing a Masters in Real Estate from the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Jane Daniels, Masters of Science in Real Estate and the Built Environment, University of Denver

Ms. Daniels is a graduate student in the Burns School of Real Estate & the Built Environment at the University of Denver studying real estate finance, site/property evaluations, and business management as it pertains to historic property development. She holds a B.A. in Geography/Environmental Studies from the University of WI-Madison, and a M.A. in International Studies/Environmental Management from the University of Wyoming. For nearly ten years, Ms. Daniels has worked in the nonprofit sector as executive director or project manager for Colorado Preservation, Inc. or the Main Street Program in Laramie, WY, organizations that dedicate their work to historic preservation, downtown development, and community engagement. She currently operates her own small business focused on consulting, and grant writing and grant management for historic preservation projects. After completing her graduate studies, Ms. Daniels hopes to: work with a local developer on historic properties; partner with non-profits on green building, hands-on historic rehabilitation, and community development; and assist under-represented communities in historic preservation projects. Ms. Daniels loves to play tennis, swim, hike, camp, read, travel abroad, explore great architecture, and spend time with her family.



Eugene Funke, Masters in Business Administration, CU Boulder



Eugene "Shockey" Funke is a first-year MBA student at UC Boulder LEEDS School of Business. Previously, he was the Co-Founder and Operating Officer of Metropolitan Farms, a year-round urban aquaponic farm in Chicago, IL specializing in growing and sourcing Certified Naturally Grown lettuces, herbs, and tilapia throughout the Chicagoland region. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including most recently the Leeds School of Business Scholarship and the BHGR Fellowship for academic excellence and interest in entrepreneurship. When he isn't busy learning a new technology, or studying for an exam, he enjoys conquering cardboard territories in strategy games, rock-climbing, and skiing. He is currently pursuing the real estate track at LEEDS.

Max Golopol, Masters in Business Administration, CU Boulder

Max Golopol is currently in his second year pursuing a Master's in Business Administration with concentration's in real estate and finance at the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business. Hailing from a background in sales and management in the industrial manufacturing sector, Max is looking to build upon his skills in relationship management, operational organization and securing deals, and apply them in the real estate industry. Interested in real estate investing and affordable housing, Max gained insights and strengthened his financial acumen working at the Bascom Group (Irvine, CA) this summer, and is looking forward to engaging and working with local firms as he gets to know the greater Denver real estate community. After Graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a B.S in Economics, Max moved to Oahu, Hawaii where he worked for the last five years until moving to Boulder for graduate school last fall. Trading the ocean for the mountains, Max is happy to take advantage of all the outdoor activities provided by the changing seasons in Colorado.



Krista Krone, Masters in Business Administration, CU Boulder



Kristina Krone is a full-time MBA student with a focus in real estate at the Leeds School of Business. A Colorado native, Kristina grew up on I-70, between school in Denver and ski races in the mountains. She attended Williams College in Massachusetts, and graduated in 2013 with a BA in biology. After spending a year in a laboratory, she moved up to the Vail area and worked for Ski & Snowboard Club Vail (SSCV), a non-profit. She spent her time there first as the Academic Director, and later transitioning into the business administrative role of Member Services Manager. Additionally, after buying a home in Minturn and looking to get more involved in her community, she successfully bid for a seat on Minturn's Town Council. Since working for SSCV, Kristina has pursued studies in real estate and apprenticed with a real estate appraiser to learn more. Today, Kristina divides her time between Boulder for school, Denver for part-time appraising, and Minturn for council meetings and the outdoors.

Alexandra McPherson, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance, Real Estate certificate, CU Boulder

Alex McPherson is currently a junior studying finance and real estate at the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She is the vice president of the CU Real Estate club where she has the opportunity to collaborate on planning meeting topics to help educate other students interested in real estate. Alex is also very involved with the CU Triathlon team where she serves as the team treasurer. Before coming to the University of Colorado, Boulder she was a real estate and urban economics major at the University of Connecticut where she also competed for the NCAA UCONN women's swim team. Alex grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan and has one sister who is also a real estate finance major at The Ohio State University.



**Natalie Poremba, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance,
Real Estate certificate, CU Boulder**



My name is Natalie Poremba and I was born and raised in Denver. I am currently a senior at the University of Colorado Boulder and will be graduating in Spring 2018. I am studying finance and real estate here and am looking forward to gaining further exposure to Denver's commercial real estate market through the Urban Land Institute. Other than learning about real estate, I love to ski, hike, and run. I enjoy meeting new people and am excited to interact with all of the other students and real estate professionals in this program.

Kari Remmen, Masters in Urban, Community and Regional Planning, UC Denver

In her second year as a graduate student in Urban Planning, Kari is striving to integrate the systems thinking of planning with the science of sustainability to create a built environment that promotes happier people and a healthier relationship with nature in our cities. She has experience working in diverse areas from helping build a sustainable jungle town in Panama to the writing an adaptive re-use plan in the Greek Islands. Kari currently works with the City of Denver in their Sustainable Neighborhoods Program which helps Denver's residents organize around greening their neighborhoods. Kari has been a Denver resident for five years since fleeing the bitter cold of North Dakota winters.



**Elle Rich, Masters in Urban, Community and Regional Planning, UC Denver;
Masters in Public Health, Colorado State University**



As a graduate student of urban planning and public health at the University of Colorado-Denver, Elle is passionate about building healthy, livable communities. With a background in interdisciplinary studies and international educational experiences in India, Germany, Greece, and Brazil, Elle has engaged with various urban topics, such as the German refugee crisis in Berlin, disaster recovery, and public health, race and human rights. She loves the urban context and views cities as living laboratories. Elle is currently working with the Colorado Center of Sustainable Urbanism in conjunction with the Colorado Health Foundation on its current program, *Creating Healthy Places through Transformation Education & Design*. Beyond the scope of her urban planning studies, Elle is a yoga practitioner and student of mindfulness meditation.

**Alex Scott, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance and Accounting,
Real Estate certificate, CU Boulder**

Alex Schott is a senior at the University of Colorado Boulder with a dual emphasis in Finance and Accounting plus a Real Estate Certificate. At CU, Alex has immersed himself in all the opportunities the Real Estate Center has presented him and is currently the President of the Undergraduate Real Estate Club. After interning at a real estate technology startup in Boulder and spending his summer as an analyst intern in private equity, he recently began a new venture as a Real Estate Development Intern at Inspirato in Denver.



Jonathan Smail, Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, UC Denver



Jon earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning at CU Denver. He has elected to attend graduate school part-time and serve his country full-time. Jon is a Staff Sergeant in the Colorado Air National Guard, serving as a Satellite Communication Technician in the 233d Space Communications Squadron in Greeley, CO. He received his introduction to the Planning profession while helping create an Installation Development Plan for the small military installation in Greeley. In 2015, Jon was named the Outstanding

Airman of the Year for the Air National Guard.

Prior beginning graduate school, he spent a year in the City of Greeley Planning Department reviewing current development projects and supporting long range planning efforts. Although passionate about strong, well-planned cities and vibrant Downtowns, Jon realized that he preferred the private sector over the public. He is passionate about developing the built environment, versus simply regulating it. After graduation, he hopes to represent a large developer or builder and provide Planning services. Eventually, Jon hopes to start his own company and complete his own development projects in Northern Colorado.

In addition to his military service, he provides planning consulting services for a small-scale developer in Northern Colorado. Jon is very active in his community, serving on various Board and Commissions, participating in Chamber of Commerce events, and volunteering at Greeley schools. He is a member of the 2017-2018 Leadership Weld County class.

Jon is getting married this November to a 5th grade teacher from Greeley. Outside of educational and professional ambitions, Jon enjoys running, taking his dog for walks, and biking. He enjoys exploring other communities, experiencing their downtowns, visiting coffee shops, and sampling their local food and beer.

Laurel Van Scoy, Masters in Construction Engineering and Management, UC Denver

I am currently enrolled in my first year at the University of Colorado Denver as a candidate for a Masters in Construction Engineering and Management. I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA and recently completed my Bachelor of Science in Architecture from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. While in graduate school, I am continuing my architectural education at Shears Adkins + Rockmore Architects located on Wynkoop St in Lower Downtown.



**Madison Wilsman, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance,
Real Estate certificate, CU Boulder**



Madison is currently a senior at the University of Colorado Boulder pursuing a degree in Business with an emphasis in Finance and a certificate in Real Estate. She was born in raised in Atlanta, Georgia, came out to Boulder for school on a whim, and quickly fell in love with Colorado. While at school, I was lucky enough to learn to ski, rock climb, and enjoy the gorgeous outdoors Colorado has to offer. Throughout her 3+ years in Colorado, she has engaged herself with the real estate world through the amazing opportunities through both her internship experiences and her involvement with CU's Real Estate Center. She has experience working as an intern in commercial debt brokerage, private equity investments, and most recently operations for a multifamily REIT. She is spending her senior year enjoying her last months at the best school in the world and hopes to begin her real estate career in Denver once she graduates.

Elizabeth Young, Masters in Urban, Community and Regional Planning, UC Denver; Masters in Public Health, Colorado School of Public Health



Liz Young is studying to get a dual Masters in Public Health from the Colorado School of Public Health and in Urban and Regional Planning through University of Colorado - Denver, she is hoping to complete her coursework by December of 2018 but is reserving the spring of 2019 to take some more electives, if necessary. She has a professional background in nonprofit program development and teaching, and has found quite a bit of use for her business management undergraduate degree. Liz's main interest in school is figuring out how to plan communities that automatically address "upstream health" issues and promote livability for all residents, despite socioeconomic and demographic differences. Currently, she works as a Sustainability Associate at the Institute for the Built Environment at Colorado State University and works on projects in the Community Vitality sector of the organization. In her free time, Liz volunteers for the City of Fort Collins as a Bicycle Ambassador teaching adult bicycle education classes and doing community outreach; additionally, she loves being outdoors, camping, rafting, hiking, climbing, and biking.