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**ULI HINES STUDENT URBAN DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION**

A Cornell team was selected as one of four finalists for the 2020 ULI Hines Student Urban Design and Development Competition. The multi-disciplinary team was made up of Lijia Zhu (MPSRE ‘21), Yu Wu (MRP ‘20), Jing Cheng (MHPP ‘21), Oscar Cheng (MBA ‘20), and Guanhwei Ren (MArch, Columbia University). The 113 entrants were tasked with creating a plan to redevelop a six-block area in midtown Miami. Cornell’s team envisioned Cubikko, a mixed-use and transit-oriented development that connected the diverse communities of Wynwood, Edgewater, and Midtown, while enhancing design culture and diversity, and mixed-income communal living to celebrate the vitality and diversity of the City of Miami.

**COLVIN CASE STUDY CHALLENGE**

Cornell’s team of Anangga Wirasatya (MPSRE ‘20), Kunal Kataria (MPSRE ‘20), and May Lueangwattanakit (MPSRE ‘20) placed second at the Fourth Annual Colvin Case Study Challenge, a national intercollegiate real estate case study competition hosted by the University of Maryland. Teams were tasked with documenting a recent innovative real estate project within its metropolitan region. The Cornell team’s project focused on the Brooklyn Navy Yard’s New Lab, a manufacturing incubator space that opened in 2012. Ryan Christopher Sequeira (MPSRE ‘20) and Dustin Jones, Esq., Baker Program Director, advised the team.

**DEVELOPERS’ DEN**

A Cornell team placed third and two other Cornell teams advanced to the semifinals of Developers’ Den, the Schulich International Real Estate Case Competition presented by Schulich’s Brookfield Centre in Real Estate & Infrastructure and the Schulich Real Property Alumni Association. The Cornell team that placed third featured Madhura Kharche (MPSRE ‘21), Joshua Lau (MPSRE ‘21), Jack Haokun Li (MPSRE ‘21), and Nathan Tianran Xu (MPSRE ‘21), while the semifinalist Cornell teams included, on one team, Adriano Aljure (MPSRE ‘20), Ryan Little (MPSRE ‘20), and Ryan Christopher Sequeira (MPSRE ‘20), and, on the other team, May Lueangwattanakit (MPSRE ‘20), Yuyi Ma (MBA ‘20), Akhil Salwan (MPSRE ‘20), and Anangga Wirasatya.
A Cornell team earned second place in The Impact Investing in Commercial Real Estate Competition hosted by the University of Miami Herbert Business School. Teams were to select projects that generated a measurable, beneficial social or environmental impact alongside an appropriate financial return. Cornell’s team comprised Li Xuan Amanda Tang (DEA ‘20), Ryan Christopher Sequeira (MPSRE ‘20), and Shang-Chi Liu (MPSRE ‘20). Their project focused on developing an affordable housing retirement village for low- to very low-income senior citizens in Miami-Dade County.

THE CASE COMPETITION

A Cornell team advanced to the semifinals of The CASE Competition 2020 hosted by the Alumni Association of the MIT Center for Real Estate, the Paul Milstein Center for Real Estate at Columbia Business School, The University of Cambridge, and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Team members included Joseph McFalls (MPSRE ‘20), John Thompson (MPSRE ‘20), Anant Wagh (MPSRE ‘20), and Yiwen Yin (MPSRE ‘20). Competing teams were tasked with creating an acquisition, development, and investment strategy for a waterfront site in Brooklyn. The final rounds of the competition were cancelled as a result of COVID-19.