The Center for Real Estate at The Ohio State University is pleased to announce the recipients of the John D. McGurk/Almanac Realty Investors Fund for Veterans Scholarships for the Academic year 2020-2021. The Scholarship is awarded annually to students at OSU with military experience who are interested in pursuing careers in real estate. Particular emphasis is given to students who have been in active duty and deployed to combat areas.

The scholarship is funded by the Managing Principals of the Almanac Realty Investors business of Neuberger Berman in honor of Almanac’s Founding Partner, John D. McGurk (1943-2018). John was a mentor and friend to the Almanac team, his investors, the management teams of the companies he invested in, and many others in the industry. John served in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War, and achieved the rank of Ensign.

This year’s Scholarship recipients are drawn from an exceptional group of students. Their background and interests align well with the donors’ intentions. We are grateful to these veterans for their service, and grateful to the Managing Principals of Almanac Realty Investors for making this possible.

Shayne J. Reynolds
Major: Construction Systems Management
Expected Graduation Date: December 2021
Branch of Service: United States Marine Corps
Rank: Sergeant
Interests: Marksmanship, Fishing, Golfing, Industrial Construction.
“Why Real Estate” "Real Estate will forever dominate as the true sign of wealth and freedom throughout the world as we know it."

Dustin Highnote
Major: Construction Systems Management with Real Estate Minor
Expected Graduation Date: Dec 2022
Branch of Service: 9 years active-duty Navy and 2 years in the Navy Selected Reserves
Rank: E6, Petty Officer First Class
Interests: Travel, Photography, Hiking, Sports; especially college football, Golf, Fishing
“Why Real Estate”
My dream job is to own and operate my own residential construction and Real Estate company with my wife. I want to be able to lead a successful business in accordance with my own vision and values. While I would love to be able to make ample profits, my main goal would be to increase the quality of life of my customers and my community. My wife and I plan to use our success to serve others through generous donations as well as rehabilitating or building affordable housing to serve a vastly underserved community. I’ve always loved being inside a house under construction or in transition, and if I can own a business successful enough to be able to be in that environment every day while also helping people better their lives; I can't think of anything better than that. I feel as if I have a lot of serving left to do, and I genuinely
believe that real estate is how I’ve been called to serve others. This is what drives me on a daily basis.

Edwin V. Juarez, Sr.
Major: City and Regional Planning
Expected Graduation Date: December 13, 2020
Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Rank: Sergeant
Interests: Spending time with my family and addressing social justice, diversity, and inclusion issues through research.

Why Real Estate?
I am very passionate about social justice and combating social inequities. Throughout my graduate studies, I will focus on exploring the factors that contribute to housing instabilities among Latinos, primarily immigrant families. Both because I come from that demography but also because this subpopulation faces unique social barriers along with a lack of representation at all levels of our social infrastructure.

Aaron Kuck
Major: Architecture
Expected Graduation Date: Spring 2021
Branch of Service: United States Marine Corps
Rank: Corporal
Interests: Reading, Painting, Martial Arts

Why Real Estate?
Partnering with a licensed real estate agent or becoming licensed myself, I feel, will help me better connect with clients who otherwise might be out of reach or simply feel they cannot afford an architect. Whether they are planning to build on newly acquired property or a renovation, there are both economic and long-term benefits to this relationship. The architecture profession focuses itself in cities, I would like to bring these services to more rural communities.

The Center for Real Estate at OSU, which is housed at the Fisher College of Business, fosters excellence in real estate education, applied and academic research, and outreach through community and university partnerships. The Center’s main goal is to create a vibrant community touching all aspects of real estate. We do this by serving as a link between our students, faculty, alumni, and friends in various areas of the real estate industry.