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30 High School Students of Color Selected to Attend The NAIOP-Drexel Summer Program July 10-19

10-Day Program Designed to Educate and Provide Early Exposure to Careers in Commercial Real Estate

Philadelphia – July 6, 2022 – Thirty high school students of color from Philadelphia and around the nation have been accepted into the NAIOP-Drexel Summer Program, an immersive 10-day curriculum that will run from July 10-19 on the campus of Drexel University.

The program introduces high-performing rising juniors and seniors to the commercial real estate industry. It is taught by Drexel University faculty and local real estate executives, and includes tours of the Philadelphia area's most prominent real estate developments, classroom instruction and competitive group project work. Students get a taste of college life, staying on the Drexel University campus in Philadelphia.

"This is a competitive application process and the class, which represents more than 20 schools from around the region and nation, is very impressive," said Sarah Maginnis, Executive Director of NAIOP. "We are excited to offer the entire program - including room, board, materials and trips - free of charge to all 30 students, thanks to the companies that partner with us in support of the program."

Students were accepted based on GPA, available standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT), information about their involvement in extracurricular and/or community service activities, a letter of recommendation and a personal essay. Students attending come from the following schools:

- Abington Senior High School
- Atlantic County Institute of Technology
- Boys' Latin of Philadelphia
- Cheltenham High School
- Chester High School
- Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School
- Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School (New York)
- Germantown Academy
- Germantown Friends School
- La Salle College High School
- Lakeland High School
- Lamar High School (Texas)
- Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus
- Northeast High School
- Roman Catholic High School
- Sandy Spring Friends School
- Simon Gratz High School Mastery Charter
- Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
- St Joseph's Prep
- West Catholic High School
- William Penn Charter High School

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