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## **CREW Network Announces 2009 Winners of \$100,000 in Scholarships**

**LAWRENCE, KS – August 24, 2009** – Ten college students received a total of \$100,000 in scholarships through the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Network Scholarship Program, the association announced today. The winners will be presented their grants at the CREW Network Convention and Marketplace in Boston. This is the second year of the annual program.

"We are thrilled to be advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by reaching out at the college level. The winners of our second round of scholarship awards are talented, bright people, who will become leaders in the field of commercial real estate," said Gail Ayers, chief executive officer of CREW Network.

Launched in 2008, the CREW Network Scholarship Program will make up to ten \$10,000 grants annually to women pursuing an education that will lead to a career in commercial real estate. Additionally, the program provides each scholarship recipient with an internship in brokerage to encourage women to consider this career choice, and the opportunity to participate in CREW Network's eMentoring program designed to support their career success. As part of CREW Network's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – which is being celebrated throughout 2009 – the association will be raising funds to establish and grow the endowment.

The 2009 winners are from colleges and universities throughout North America:

**Alexandra Hale**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Louisville, CREW Atlanta  
University of Georgia, Junior, International business*

**Ariel Ball**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: NYCREW, AREW, CREW Atlanta  
Emory University, Senior, Real Estate Finance*

**Chelsey Hayes**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Dallas  
University of North Texas, Senior, Real Estate, Finance*

**Cynthia Thiebaut**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Silicon Valley, CREW San Francisco  
University of California, Berkeley, Senior, Business*

**Emma Lane**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: NEWIRE  
Northeastern University, senior, Finance*

**Erika Faith Thompson**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Orlando  
University of Central Florida, Senior, Finance and Real Estate*

**Julie Michelle Markham**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Denver  
University of Denver, Senior, Finance/Real Estate*

**Mara Merutka**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Chicago, Wisconsin CREW  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Senior, Real Estate and Urban Land Economics, Finance and  
Investment Banking*

**Nicole Lackey**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: CREW Atlanta  
University of Georgia, Senior, Real Estate*

**Parul Amin**

*Nearest CREW Network Chapter: ICREW New Jersey  
Monmouth University, Business, Real Estate*

**About CREW Network:**

The mission of CREW Network ([www.crewnetwork.org](http://www.crewnetwork.org)) is to advance the success of women in commercial real estate. CREW Network does this by looking outward to bring more women into the industry, showcasing member successes and serving as a key resource to its members and the industry. CREW Network members represent more than 20 disciplines in commercial real estate - every type of expert required to "do the deal." Members comprise more than 8,000 commercial real estate professionals in 68 chapters across North America.