

MRED Student and Alumni Happy Hour Event



On June 27, MRED alumni and students gathered for a networking happy hour at Bar Deco in Washington, DC. We had a great turnout with over 20 alumni and current students! We even had a few faculty stop by. Looking forward to the next one in September in College Park (details to follow)! Thank you all for coming out!

HAND Annual Meeting & Housing Expo



One Wednesday, June 12, MRED students, alumni, and staff attended **The Annual HAND Meeting and Housing Expo** at the Omni Shoreham Hotel & Conference Center in Washington, DC. Every year, HAND hosts over a thousand affordable housing and community development professionals. This year's theme was ***Deconstruct our Past: Redesign our Future***. Keynote speaker, **April DeSimone**, spoke about systemic housing segregation, income equality, and how we can better design the built environment for inclusivity.

Site Visit to Gallery Bethesda



Professor Rob McClennan, Andrew Miller, and Students

On Saturday, June 23, Professor **Rob McClennan** took his **Construction Methods & Materials** students to the Gallery Bethesda development project in Bethesda, MD. **Andrew Miller**, Project Engineer, and **Jack Thome**, Quality Control Manager, from **Donohoe Development Company** led the tour. Students learned about building structures, utilities, materials, and finishes. Thank you to Andrew and Jack for hosting our students!

MRED Student Profile: Catherine Ryckman

Catherine Ryckman is a December 2016 graduate of Virginia Tech. She holds a B.S. in Business and a B.S. in Real Estate. Catherine is also a Graduate Assistant for the Colvin Institute of Real Estate Development at UMD. She has previously interned at Fortune 500, **Corning Incorporated** and affordable housing non-profit, **Arbor Housing and Development**. Catherine is ARGUS certified and a member of NAIOP, ICSC and ARES. Her hometown is in Corning,



NY. After graduating from the MRED program this fall, she hopes to pursue a career in workforce housing development. Catherine says, "I feel very fortunate to have grown up in a town of only 10,000 people. I want to take what I've learned in the MRED program and bring it back to my home state of New York. I've seen firsthand the strong impact that police, firefighters, and nurses have had on our community. In real estate development, these middle-income public servants are typically left out of the picture. I hope to work for a developer that shares my desire of creating affordable housing for those who give back to our community

most."

