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Diversifying the Field of Architecture through Scholarship and Service

WASHINGTON, DC. (February 19, 2018)—The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship Foundation announced that they will award three outstanding candidates scholarships toward their architecture exam in its inaugural year. These scholarships will supplement expenses for the Architecture Registration Exam (ARE).

The jury, consisting of friends, colleagues and family of Desiree Cooper, felt that all of the applicants embodied the mission of the scholarship and were deserving of recognition. Ultimately, the jury desired to award Michelle Robinson a full award and merit awards to Kionna Walker and Tiara Hughes all in the The Black Women in Architecture category. We wish these women much success in their future as they work toward completing the licensure process and advancing in the architecture profession.

The DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation is committed to increasing the number of minority licensed architects. In 2018 and beyond, the Foundation looks forward to increasing its impact and offerings by increasing financial support and resources for future architects.

About The DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation

The DVC Memorial Scholarship Foundation seeks to honor the life and legacy of Desiree Vonita Cooper by championing the things she was passionate about in her professional career and personal endeavors: providing continual service to her communities and encouraging minorities and women in the advancement of their careers in architecture. The Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of the DVC Scholarships for 2017: The Black Women in Architecture Award, The Harrisburg Memorial Award, and The DC Memorial Award. The NOMA Foundation is the fiscal sponsor of the program.

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