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Diversifying the Field of Architecture through Scholarship and Service

WASHINGTON, DC. (February 22, 2020)—The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship Foundation will award an outstanding candidate a scholarship toward their architecture exam. These scholarship 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 awarded Sharlita Olaleye (NY) in the The Black Women in Architecture category. We wish her much success in their future as she works 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. The committee 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 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. Since 2018, The Foundation has awarded DVC Scholarships in three categories: 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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