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Diversifying the Field of Architecture through Scholarship and Service

WASHINGTON, DC. (June 20, 2023)—The Desiree V. Cooper (DVC) Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the awarding of scholarships to outstanding candidates 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, acknowledges the outstanding quality of all applicants. The 2023 awards are given to the following:

- The Black Women in Architecture award is given to **Nichole Osborne**. The jury called Ms Osborne "the embodiment of tenacity and grace in the face of existential obstacles!"
- The DC Memorial Award to is given to **Telicious Robinson**. The jury noted Ms Robinson's commitment "to NOMA and her community which is inspiring given all the other responsibilities she has."
- The Harrisburg Memorial Award to is given to **Alyssa Mitchell**. The jury wrote Ms Mitchell "has a good understanding of the benefits of getting licensed and has the intention of leveraging it to give back to the community!"

The DVC Memorial Scholarship Committee 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 Committee

The DVC Memorial Scholarship Committee 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. The Washington DC Alumnae Foundation Inc supports administration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant.

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