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## News

### **PATRICK DEVINGER NAMED 2008 OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AT ASU'S MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**



*Patrick Devinger  
2008 Outstanding Graduate*

Tempe, Arizona, May, 2008 – Before the diplomas were handed out to this year's graduating class of **Arizona State University's Master of Real Estate Development (MRED) program**, Director R. ("Ryc") Nicholas Loope named Chicago native Patrick Devinger as the Outstanding Graduate of 2008.

"Patrick deserves this award not only for what he has accomplished this year but also for his leadership among his peers," Mr. Loope explained. "He has encouraged active involvement in key industry organizations, including the Urban Land Institute, and has gone above and beyond as a teaching assistant. He's been an integral figure in making MRED a better program for the future."

Loope points out that Devinger acknowledged the importance of sustainability in real estate development by earning Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certification, a designation of the US Green Building Council. The certification denotes a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles. Patrick also helped introduce this accreditation, and the expertise it brings, into the MRED curriculum. What resulted was a LEED Accredited Professional workshop, and now, starting in the 2008-2009 school year, every student attending the MRED program will be LEED-trained.

Loope said, "Patrick achieved this designation while completing a demanding Masters program that condenses into well under a year what other schools achieve in 1½ to two years – not a small feat."

ASU's Master of Real Estate Development program offers an industry-relevant educational experience with real-world linkages, propelled by a rigorous, transdisciplinary exploration of the process and possibilities within contemporary real estate development. The program's accelerated schedule provides information and perspective on issues such as concept design, market positioning, business ethics, capital sourcing, project phasing, affordable housing, sustainability, and public/private partnerships.

Patrick is one of MRED's 36 graduates who come from all over the US and abroad. He will go on to pursue a career in the field of progressive community development.

For more on ASU's MRED program: <http://mred.asu.edu/>, or call 480/298-8225.

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