

Participating in the 2022-2023 Etkin Scholars Program has been the most valuable experience I've had during my undergraduate education. Over the past 3 years, my career interests and major have changed several times. This past summer is when my interest in commercial real estate truly started, and participating in this program has solidified that this is the right industry for me. While all of the events were incredibly insightful and interesting, my favorites revolved around housing. Being able to attend the ULI Carolinas Meeting and learn about a public-private partnership where an affordable housing complex, YMCA, and elementary school all share one site was amazing. I was also able to attend an affordable housing workshop in Atlanta, GA which provided me with great insights into the work of affordable housing developers. This summer I will be interning with North State Development. While the program didn't directly connect me with this opportunity, I was able to discuss many of the experiences and amazing individuals I have met by being an Etkin Scholar in my interview.

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