



Today, the Kuehn Charitable Foundation announced selection of its first class of six Kuehn Fellows, all of whom are recent Masters level graduates of Boston-area universities.

The goals of the Kuehn Fellows program are to inspire and equip men and women at the start of their careers to follow Bob Kuehn's vision and vocation in community preservation and to add capacity to affordable housing nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts. Among other ways, the Foundation supports the Fellows by reimbursing their salaries to their host organization.

Speaking about the Fellows program, Jeanne Pinado, Executive Director of Madison Park Development Corporation, said, "What a tribute to Bob Kuehn and his passionate commitment to affordable housing. With the Fellows' program, our hope is that a couple of these talented young men and women someday may follow in Bob's footsteps. Madison Park is thrilled to be a part of this."

The inaugural cohort of Kuehn Fellows, their alma maters and their host organizations are:

Stephen Donovan, recent graduate of **Northeastern's** School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs with a passion for affordable housing and social justice stemming from experience in AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. Stephen will join the staff at **Urban Edge** in Roxbury.

Virginia (Ginny) Keesler, who will be a graduating member of **Harvard's** Graduate School of Design with a Masters in Urban Planning, and will bring past work interning at Green Communities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to a fellowship with **The Community Builders** in Boston.

David Morgan, a recent graduate from the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the **University of Massachusetts Boston**. David will join **Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly** in Brighton and apply knowledge from his MS in Management of Aging Services as well as a 15 year career in business operations, managing and growing two small businesses.

Ricky Ochilo, a graduate of **Brandeis University's** Heller School with a dual Masters in Public Policy and Business Administration in Nonprofit Management. Ricky will be joining **Madison Park Development Corporation** in Roxbury, bringing past experience in economic development, workforce development and financial empowerment programs.

Rebecca (Becca) Schofield, a 2014 graduate of **Tufts University's** Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning program, who will bring experience from work as a Portfolio Associate at Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation as

well as as a life-long Cambridge resident to work at **Homeowner's Rehab.**, in Cambridge, MA.

Jon Springfield, a 2015 graduate of the **Harvard Graduate School of Design** with a concentration in Housing and Neighborhood Development. Jon, who previously interned with Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development and worked with Citizen Schools, will join the staff at **Preservation of Affordable Housing** in Boston.

The Kuehn Charitable Foundation seeks to foster community preservation through developing and preserving affordable housing, historic buildings and open space. The Foundation continues the legacy of Bob Kuehn who passed away untimely in 2006 after decades as a national leader in affordable housing, historic preservation and developing artists live/work space. Among Bob Kuehn's many noteworthy Massachusetts projects are the Midway Studios in the Fort Point Channel, West End Place in Boston's West End and Baker Chocolate Factory in Dorchester.

The inaugural cohort will begin work in July, and their Fellowships will run two years. It is the intention of the Foundation to award new Fellowships every two years. For further information about the Foundation and the Fellows program, visit www.kuehncharitable.org.

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