REBECKAH BLOSSMAN
Rebeckah Blossman is a native New Orleanian currently working for a local interior designer and running her own specialty cookie business. Rebeckah received her Masters of Architecture from Tulane in 2013.

JC CEASER
JC Ceaser is a developer and entrepreneur who has spent the last ten years within the housing arena as Managing Director of Republic Development Partners, Deputy Housing Director at the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), Project Manager for the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, (LHFA), Financial Markets and Community Investment Analyst for the Government Accountability Office, (GAO) and Housing Policy Analyst for former Governor Kathleen Blanco. His previous developments have encompassed Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Revenue Bonds. Originally from Ville Platte, Louisiana, he attained his MBA from William Carey College and his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland.

MORGAN COLBURN
Morgan Colburn was born and raised in Mandeville, Louisiana. She has worked as a Creative Communications Specialist at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, managing a team of graphic designers and writers tasked with developing collateral material for BCBSLA. In her spare time, she enjoys running and being active outdoors. She plans to pursue a career in the real estate development field upon completion of the MSRED Program. Morgan attended Louisiana State University’s E.J. Ourso College of Business, graduating in 2012 with a B.S. in Marketing.

THOMAS DACEY
Tom is originally from Duxbury, Massachusetts. He has experience with construction and real estate development through prior employment with a general contractor. Upon graduating from Tulane, Tom plans on pursuing a career in sustainable real estate development and green construction. Tom is a 2014 graduate of Denison University located in Granville, Ohio. At Denison, he earned his B.A. in Economics and Environmental Studies, and was a member of Denison’s Varsity Football Team and Sigma Chi Fraternity chapter.
BLAKE GILL
Since moving to New Orleans in 2008, Blake has worked for local outdoor retailer, Massey’s Outfitters, managing all aspects of the companies cycling and paddling business within their five stores, as well as grassroots marketing and community outreach and engagement. Blake’s interest in sustainable development started with his work on the Lafitte Greenway, a 2.6-mile linear park and pedestrian path funded by Disaster Community Development grants and Louisiana Recreational Trails grants, connecting five neighborhoods between the French Quarter and City Park. He is a member of the City of New Orleans Lafitte Greenway citizens’ advisory committee. A native of Juno Beach, Florida, Blake received his undergraduate degree in Communications from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida in 2006.

KYLE GILMORE
Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Kyle worked on disaster recovery projects throughout the Gulf Coast region while also forming a company that specialized in the renovation and sale of houses damaged by the storms. Kyle served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Mali, West Africa where he spent more than 3 years designing and building a large schoolhouse and educational center. Kyle currently works for the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) managing the Post-Closing Unit which tracks and enforces development compliance for more than 2,500 properties. Kyle also helped implement the $29 million NSP2 program which developed more than 450 units of housing as well as the early iterations of NORA’s Alternative Land Use program culminating in NORA’s PitchNOLA: Lots of Progress competition. Kyle enjoys woodworking and is renovating an historic home in the Irish Channel. He earned degrees in Political Science and History from LSU.

RYAN HERRINGSHAW
Ryan is a Louisiana native, born and raised in Baton Rouge. In college, Ryan was heavily involved in student organizations and community outreach design and development programs, witnessing firsthand the effects of poor community planning, development, and management. After graduation from the MSRED program, he plans to focus his skills and efforts in community revitalization and development across the unique urban ecology of southern Louisiana. He attended the Louisiana State University School of Architecture where he earned his professional Bachelor of Architecture in 2013.

TANYA JIMENEZ
Tanya Jimenez has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity building affordable housing, and at Historic Denver as an easement inspector for historic buildings. In 2012, she received her Colorado real estate license. This, along with her background in architecture, sparked her interest to pursue a career in real estate development. Recently, Tanya traveled to Israel where she spent six months volunteering at a Kibbutz. Tanya grew up in Denver, Colorado, and graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Design.

VICTORIA MENCHACA
After working with Social Entrepreneurship and Graphic Design companies, Victoria “Tory” Menchaca decided to pursue her passion in Community Development, Social Entrepreneurship, and Architecture. Her quest lead her to Tulane University where she is currently pursuing a M.Arch and MSRED dual degree and is excited to learn about sustainable environments and avenues to employ catalyst change within developing neighborhoods while maintaining local ties to community. She is currently working on her Master’s Thesis in regards to desert environments. Originally from El Paso, Texas, Victoria graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder with a Bachelor’s of Environmental Design in Architecture.
CLIFFORD MINTZ
Cliff’s past business experience includes shaping and managing the implementation of corporate and business level strategies, developing business performance analytics, and conducting market research. Upon graduating from the MSRED program, Cliff plans to pursue a career in commercial real estate development. Originally from Monroe, Louisiana, Cliff completed his undergraduate degree from Tulane University with a major in Sociology, and his MBA in 2012 at the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University with a concentration in strategic management.

THEODORE NEWMYER
Teddy spent time in Kenya and Tanzania working on water development projects before moving to New Orleans to work for the St. Bernard Project. There, he spent time both in the field and in the office coordinating volunteers and rebuilding houses. He has started to venture into real estate in New Orleans, purchasing and fixing up a house. Teddy is excited to continue to learn through the MSRED program. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, he graduated from Wesleyan University in 2011 where he majored in Environmental Studies.

LYDIA ROBIN
Lydia Irene Robin is from Covington, Louisiana. She is looking forward to learning about sustainable real estate development and living in New Orleans. Lydia graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor’s degree in General Studies and minors in Business Administration, Sociology, and Communication Studies.

J.T. ROBINSON
J.T. was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He spent six years working for Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Company (Twin Shores), a New Orleans-based landscape design build construction company. While at Twin Shores, he was responsible for new client meetings, design development, design project management, construction project management, bidding, estimating and purchasing. J.T. attended the Louisiana State University, graduating with a degree in Landscape Architecture in 2008.

ELIZABETH SMYTH
Elizabeth has worked on the campaign to renew Alabama’s Forever Wild program, a state run program working for the conservation of public lands. She is currently serving as the youth director at St. Mary’s-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Originally from Montgomery, Alabama, Elizabeth graduated cum laude from the University of the South: Sewanee with a history degree in May 2012.