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— AWARDS AND RECOGNITION —

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### RECIPIENT OF CYNTHIA WOODS MITCHELL FUND FOR HISTORIC INTERIORS GRANT

Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) is pleased to announce that we have received a National Trust for Historic Preservation [Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors](#) grant for a Historic Interior Lighting Study of Union Station. The study will document the lighting, both artificial and natural, in the interior historic spaces over the station's history. The study will commence in August 2017 and we anticipate completion by early 2018.

Initial document collection has already been undertaken by Sarah Mayersohn, USRC Document/Archive Manager, and Amani Bey, USRC Summer Historic Document Management Intern. [Building Conservation Associates, Inc.](#), project consultant, will conduct fieldwork and prepare the study. USRC plans to use the study's findings to inform on future station projects.

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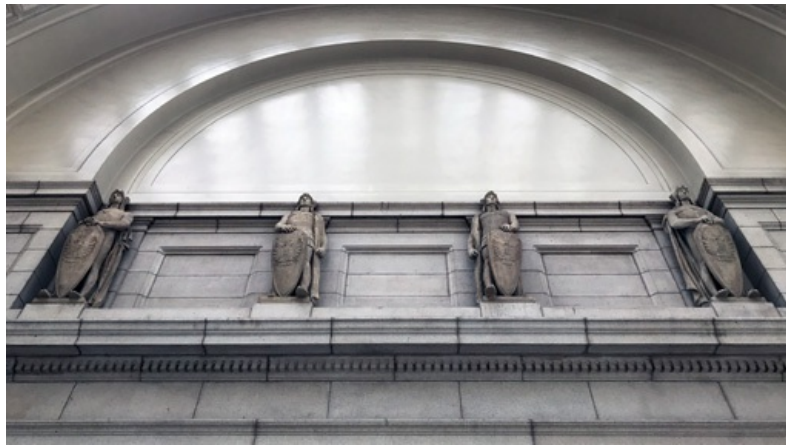
### WEST HALL ROMAN LEGIONNAIRES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$40,000

From May 2 to July 15, 2017, in collaboration with the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) (NTHP), [Heineken USA](#), [Indiegogo](#), and [Bruno Mars](#), USRC ran a fundraising campaign to restore the four Roman Legionnaires in the West Hall of Union Station.

In return for contributing to this worthwhile cause, people could select from the following great prizes:

- two tickets to a Bruno Mars: 24K Magic World Tour concert;
- a Cities Campaign T-shirt;
- a one-year subscription to NTHP's award-winning, quarterly magazine *Preservation*;
- an exclusive illustration of Union Station;
- a set of art prints from all ten Cities Campaign projects; or
- the "I Love Cities Bundle", which included a Cities Campaign T-Shirt and a subscription to *Preservation*.

USRC would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fundraising campaign. On account of your support, we raised over \$40,000 for this important endeavor and the four Legionnaires in Union Station's West Hall will now be conserved. We anticipate the restoration project to kick off this fall. So, please keep an eye out for progress in the months to come. Thanks again to everyone who made this restoration project possible.



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## UNION STATION MAIN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT – WINNER OF THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S AWARD

USRC is pleased to announce that Union Station won the 2017 State Historic Preservation Officer’s Award for the [Main Hall Restoration Project](#). The [DC Office of Planning](#) and [Historic Preservation Office](#), in partnership with the [DC Preservation League](#) and the [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) (DAR), presented the 14th annual District of Columbia Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation on May 23, 2017 in the historic DAR Constitution Hall. To learn more about this important initiative, please watch this [video](#).



(Photo and Video Credit: DC Preservation League)

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### — NEWS AND EVENTS —

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATED AT UNION STATION

To commemorate Independence Day, American flags were hung on the south side of Union Station.

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## UNION STATION TOURS

Recently, USRC has received several requests for tours of the station. Here are the highlights:

### Atlas Obscura Tour

On July 16, 2017, in collaboration with [Atlas Obscura](#) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley and Archivist Sarah Mayersohn led a group of 26 people on a behind the scenes tour of Union Station. In addition to stops in the West, East, and Main Halls, the participants were taken to areas usually not accessible to the general public, including:

- the Presidential Suite,
- the balcony area to see the Roman Legionnaires up close, and
- the H Street Bridge underpass.

The tour participants really enjoyed learning about the station and its history. Many thanks to all who attended. Atlas Obscura, NTHP, and USRC are planning another tour in the fall.



#### WTS Tour

On June 23rd, USRC hosted a [Women's Transportation Seminar](#) (WTS) group in Union Station. Taking part were 27 young women from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, DC, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington who are all interested in STEM-related careers. The participants were selected through an application process by their WTS chapters. Additionally, there were 26 chaperones/mentors from the academia, construction, engineering, and transportation sectors. USRC staff gave an overview of Union Station and their career paths, after which they took the WTS group on a tour of the station.



#### Girl Scouts Tour

On June 4, 2017, USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley hosted a group from the [Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital](#) (GSCNC) at Union Station. GSCNC CEO Lidia Soto-Harmon, 2 product sales staff, and 13 members, who were top cookie entrepreneurs (collectively selling over 36,000 packages of cookies), enjoyed lunch at Shake Shack and then were taken on a tour of the Main and East Halls and the Presidential Suite. The young ladies were quite impressed that there is real gold on the ceiling in the Main Hall. The outing ended with a ride on the streetcar. The Girl Scouts had a great time learning about the beautiful, historic station.



(Photo Credit: Jinean Carter, GSCNC Product Sales Specialist)

### MDOT Tour

On April 27th, [Maryland Department of Transportation](#) (MDOT) employees had take your kids to work day. In order to teach their children about various forms of transportation, they brought the MARC train down from Hanover, took a ride on the streetcar and metro in DC, and went on guided tours of Union Station with USRC staff leading the way. All participants and tour guides had a great time.



## **PUBLIC EVENTS AT UNION STATION**

Union Station is not just a place where people enter and exit the nation's capital. It is also home to a variety of great, free, public events.

### School Concerts

In June and July, there were free, public performances in the Main Hall by the

following schools:

- Shanghai No. 3 Girls High School Concert Band
- Greeley Children's Chorale (Greeley, CO)

Thanks to the students who came to the station to perform.

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## — UNION STATION PROJECTS —

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### AMTRAK AND USRC INDUSTRY OPEN HOUSE

On June 8th, [Amtrak](#) and USRC hosted an Industry Open House for upcoming Union Station projects which seek to double passenger and train capacity by modernizing and expanding station facilities over the coming decades.

The Industry Open House connected interested private sector professionals with Amtrak and USRC's senior project leadership to learn more about upcoming near-term station and rail infrastructure improvements, including construction management and general contractor solicitations. There was a brief presentation on key projects and solicitation guidelines, as well as station tours and time for networking.

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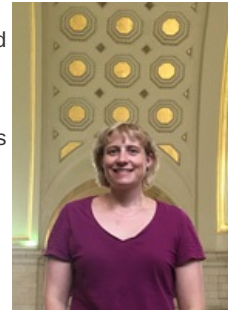
## — MEET OUR STAFF —

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### JILLIAN HESS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND OUTREACH MANAGER

After a short temp assignment in the fall of 2015, Jillian Hess rejoined USRC in January as the Public Relations and Outreach Manager. In her position, Jillian is responsible for creating and disseminating reports, newsletters, and other outreach materials; maintaining and updating the USRC website and social media; liaising with partner organizations and media outlets; preparing for meetings and events; and monitoring media.

Prior to joining USRC, Jillian did external relations and outreach, program management, business development, and education work in the non-profit and public sectors in Belgium, Ghana, Guyana, Japan, and the U.S. She speaks French, German, and Japanese.



Jillian and her husband Jason have lived in the DC area off and on since 2007. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, going to pub trivia, watching sports, attending concerts, and meeting friends for happy hour. Originally from Elrose, Saskatchewan, Canada, Jillian is a patriotic Canadian who cheers for the Saskatchewan Roughriders, the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Toronto Blue Jays.

### EMILY OLDHAM, ARCHITECTURAL INTERN



Emily Oldham joined USRC in May as the Architectural Intern. She will be staying on part-time during the 2017-2018 school year as she continues to pursue Master's Degrees in Architecture and Sustainable Design at The Catholic University of America. As an intern at USRC, Emily is involved in the coordination of many of the ongoing preservation and station modernization projects at Union Station.

In 2015, Emily received her Bachelor's Degree in Art History from George Mason University. She went on to pursue an architecture degree in the hope of working in the field of historic preservation. As a DC area native, Emily felt compelled to protect the historic character of the local built environment from a young age. She is particularly interested in the relationship between preservation and sustainability.

Emily lives in Woodbridge, VA. She is a daily VRE rider and an avid train geek. In her free time, Emily enjoys hiking with her husband and dog, crafting, and exploring local wineries.

### AMANI BEY, SUMMER HISTORIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT INTERN

As the Summer Historic Document Management Intern, Amani Bey catalogued and organized some collections that were donated to USRC by Rosalyn Doggett (former USRC Vice President) and Diana Sun (publicist for Union Station's restoration and reopening in the 1980s). In addition, Amani drafted a preliminary lighting study for Union Station. In her research, she documented the historical changes in the station's use of artificial and natural lighting from 1908 to present day. Amani is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in urban studies. This fall, as part of her course, she will be studying abroad in Brazil, India, and South Africa.

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— A PIECE OF HISTORY —

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A baseball game in the foreground of Union Station circa 1925

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