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Intelligent Transportation Society of Georgia Announces 2015 Shackelford Scholarship Winners

ATLANTA, GA (November 6, 2015) – The Intelligent Transportation Society of Georgia announced the 2015 Wayne Shackelford Scholarship recipients.

“One of the key missions of ITS Georgia is to encourage our bright rising engineers to focus their talents in the field of intelligent transportation,” said Tom Sever, President of ITS Georgia. “This year we recognized three outstanding scholars representing the excellent transportation research carried out in the University System of Georgia.”

The winners are:

Carly Queen – Carly is a third-year, dual master's degree student at Georgia Institute of Technology, pursuing a Master of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of City and Regional Planning, with a focus on transportation systems. Her thesis research involves developing tools to guide planners, engineers, and decision-makers in selecting the most appropriate transit mode(s) for their transit expansion and enhancement projects. Carly is currently working as a Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Kari Watkins and the Social Media Coordinator for NCTSPM in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and as a Civil Engineering Intern for AECOM. After she graduates in May 2016, Carly will pursue a career as a sustainable transportation consultant.

Aaron Greenwood – Aaron is seeking his doctorate in Civil Engineering at Georgia Tech which he will complete in 2015. His research includes developing experiments and collecting and analyzing data for projects involving work zone traffic control and automated vehicle behavior on freeways. He received a B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Tech in 2010 and 2012, respectively. He is active in student government and student chapters of professional transportation societies such as ITE, where he was student chapter president, ASHE and WTS. Aaron plans on pursuing a career as a professor and researcher.

Chieh “Ross” Wang -- Ross' research revolves around utilizing advanced sensing technology for informed infrastructure management decisions, with a focus on pavement rutting measurements and progression analysis. His research interests include infrastructure management, transportation data analysis and visualization, information technology applications in transportation, work zone safety, and intelligent vehicles. Ross is expecting to complete his PhD degree at Georgia Tech in 2016 and is actively seeking job opportunities in which he can contribute his knowledge/experience and continue his research on emerging technology.

The question answered by the candidates was: *In transportation, new data collection and connectivity technologies are creating incredible opportunities to improve the safety and efficiency of our vehicles and highways. Discuss at least two of the benefits and two of the challenges that these new technologies will present.*

The \$3,500 scholarship was divided among the winners based on a ranking of essays. To read the winning entries visit <http://www.itsga.org/2015-best-of-its/#Shackelford>.

About ITS Georgia

The Intelligent Transportation Society of Georgia is a group of organizations that support Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology as a way to significantly reduce congestion and improve the performance, safety and efficiency of our transportation system. ITS Georgia provides a forum for advocacy, facilitation, integration, and for learning more about ITS. ITS Georgia members include federal, state and local transportation agencies, ITS technology and service providers, large private and commercial transportation system users, universities, and other interested parties with missions that involve, or are affected by, the transportation system. Visit www.itsga.org for more information.