



Maritime Transportation Research & Education Center

Outstanding Student of the Year



Kyle Griffith has been selected as the 2014 Maritime Transportation Research and Education Center Outstanding Student of the Year. The 24th Annual Outstanding Student of the Year Awards ceremony is scheduled to take place as part of the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) annual banquet on Saturday, January 10, 2015. For the past 23 years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has honored an outstanding student from each UTC at a special ceremony held during the TRB Annual Meeting. Each student is recognized during the ceremony by a Departmental official; the Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration. Each student awardee receives \$1,000 plus the cost of attendance to the 2015 94th Annual TRB Meeting from his/her Center.

Kyle is pursuing his Ph.D. in urban studies with a focus on freight transportation planning and economic development at the University of New Orleans. A California native with cultural roots in the Caribbean, Kyle attended the University of Miami (FL) College of Engineering where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in architectural engineering. He holds a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia (PA). Kyle's professional career includes engineering design of commercial structures in Southern California and research at both public and private institutions including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

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