



Brittany Nicole Waggener
MarTREC's Outstanding Student of the Year

Brittany Waggener completed a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 2008 at Tennessee Technological University, a Juris Doctor in 2011 from Samford University, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Urban Studies at the University of New Orleans. Brittany has completed research on short sea shipping, updates to multinational agreements related to tariffs, the Louisiana State Rail Plan, and the development of LNG facilities in southern US ports through her position at the UNO Transportation Institute. She is currently working on projects related to tariff rate adjustments for Plaquemines Parish and chassis supply issues in the United States.

Brittany counts her top academic accomplishment of 2021 to be successfully defending her dissertation proposal to her committee. Outside of academics, she considers surviving cancer during the Covid-19 pandemic to be her top accomplishment.

Brittany was nominated by her advisor Dr. Bethany M. Stich, Professor, Planning and Urban Studies at the University of New Orleans and Dr. Heather Nachtmann, Director of the Maritime Transportation Research and Education Center at the University of Arkansas.