2018 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities Traffic Safety Scholars Social Media Posts



Jeff Rollman, Johns Hopkins University – Bloomberg School of Public Health M.A., Public Health (Facebook)



#Lifesavers 2018

It's such an amazing conference! I'm so grateful and honored as a traffic safety scholar! Which gave me the chance to hear studies and stories from governors, advocates and practitioners~not only academy~So glad to make new friends from public health, transportation engineer, psychology, education, and others! We all do traffic safety~

If you or your friends are students (undergraduate, graduate or Phd) study transportation safety, I highly recommend to apply the Traffic Safety Scholar 2019I

PS: Great Bonus from the conference, the San Antonio Fiesta! Cavaliers River Parade~



Huiyuan Liu, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, PhD Civil Engineering (Twitter)

Li Li, Ohio State University, Epidemiology (Facebook)





Dan Xu, Auburn University, Civil Engineering (Facebook)





Neha Trivedi

PhD Candidate at University of Maryland School of Public Health

Last weekend, I had the honor of attending the 2018 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a Traffic Safety Scholar in San Antonio, TX. I had the opportunity to present my research on distracted driving among college-aged students, and discuss various evidence-based practices to help combat risky driving behaviors. This was a fantastic experience and opportunity to meet leaders in the field of traffic safety, and learn about exciting new research! #Lifesavers2018

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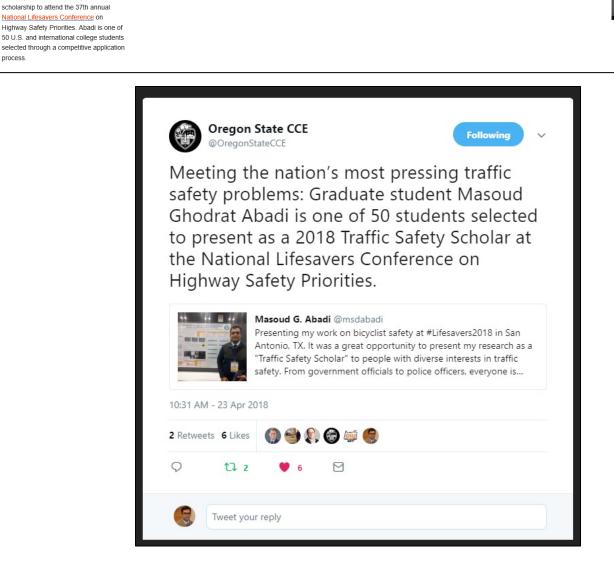
Neha Trivedi, Univ. of Maryland School of Public Health, PhD. Behavioral & **Community Health** (LinkedIn & Instagram)



Masoud Ghodrat Abadi, Oregon State University, Civil and Construction Engineering (College e-Newsletter & Facebook)

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Abadi named 2018 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholar Masoud Ghodrat Abadi, a civil and environmental engineering graduate student, was awarded a \$1,000





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Karimpour,
University of
Arizona, Civil
Engineering &
Mechanics
(LinkedIn)



Officer Kenneth Byrd was recently selected as one of 48 Traffic Safety Scholars to attend the 2018 Lifesavers Conference on Traffic Safety in San Antonio, TX. Officer Byrd serves the CPD 5th Precinct in Patrol Operations and regularly seeks to promote increased highway safety through DUI enforcement. He is one of just 20 drug recognition experts in the state of Virginia, and also serves collaterally as a Crash Reconstruction Investigator and Crisis Negotiator.

Officer Byrd is pursuing his Master's Degree from the University of Oklahoma focusing on impaired driving. He attended the conference as a proud representative of his school and the Chesapeake Police Department.



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Kenneth Byrd, University of Oklahoma, MS Criminal Justice; Chesapeake (VA) Police Officer (Facebook)

Sina Arefizadeh, Texas A&M University, Civil Engineering (Facebook)

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Lifesavers conference is one of the National Conferences in the field of safety. It

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Lifesavers #conference 2018

Katherine (Katy) Turner, University of Houston, Organizational Leadership & Supervision (Facebook)



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 38,000 Americans were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2016, which is an average of 102 people per day.

Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the nation, with an attendance count at over 2200 this year.

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to attend this conference as a Traffic Safety Scholar, along with 47 other full-time college students. I applied in Novermeber 2017 and received my acceptance email at the beginning of 2018. I was awarded a \$1000 scholarship to cover the costs of the conference.

As a Traffic Safety Scholar, I got to meet and network with many traffic safety professionals and prospective employers.

I had a great time at the conference with some of my favorite people learning new things and experiencing the beautiful city of San Antonio!!

I can't wait to attend The 2019 Lifesavers Conference in Louisville, Kentucky!

Save the link below if you are interested in the conference or the Traffic Safety Scholars program. https://lifesaversconference.org/

I'm driving on the #RoadToZero!

#Lifesavers2018 #DriveFriendly #IfYouLoveltClickIt #ClickItOrTicket #TalkTextCrash



April 25 at 8:15pm · San Antonio, TX · Public

Jeff Edmonson, University of Alabama, Civil & Environmental Engineering (reddit, Ethical Driving)





Chennan Xue, Auburn **University, Civil Engineering –** Transportation (Facebook, **Twitter & LinkedIn)**

Chennan Xue

Ph.D. student at Auburn University 1w • Edited

#2018LifesaversConference We will present a poster titled "Interchange Deceleration Lane Design Based on Naturalistic Driving Speed and Deceleration Rates". We both received the Traffic Safety Scholar Award. Dan Xu

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Chennan Xue

#Lifesavers2018 Please check out our recent publication of an innovative traffic control device to deter wong-way driving "Directional Rumble Strips"

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We will start the field implementation and evaluation this summer.

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Fangda Zhang shared a post. May 26 at 9:58am · @

Fangda Zhang, University of Massachusetts Amherst. **Mechnical & Industrial Engineering (Facebook)**



Fangda Zhang

May 26 at 9:57am

It was a great pleasure to be part of the LifeSaver's family last month in San Antonio, where I met a group of great people who are striving for improving transportation safety. I really enjoyed my time at this year's conference, I got inspired by other people's fantastic work, they did provide lots of workshops with high quality, the host was friendly and responsible as well. I really hope I could attend the next year's LifeSaver's Conference. #LifeSaver's



I was fortunate to be one of the 48 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) this year. The program is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). I was also one of the 10 returning scholars from last year (I received this prestigious scholarship in 2017 as well).

The TSS program awards \$1,000 to undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in a career in traffic safety and helping save lives on the roads. Students use the scholarship to help defray the cost of attending the conference and present a poster to a panel of experts. The scholarship is open to students from around the world.

Lifesavers conference on highway safety priorities is a place where practitioners from across multidiscplinary fields (public health, engineers, business, researchers, scientists, psychology, police officers and fire-fighters) discuss the effectiveness and drawbacks of applied research. We are all working towards one vision which is ZERO FATALITIES on our roadway networks. Fatalities and serious injuries can be prevented with the appropriate roadway design and countermeasures, enforcement, education and emergency medical response. It is appalling to know that even though we live in a technologically advanced era, more than 35,000 people lose their lives in the U.S. every year due to road accidents. We should all work together as one community to address this important issue.

I am very grateful for being awarded the TSS scholarship as I got the chance to interact with various professionals and most importantly I made new connections and friends.



George Elias Bou Saab, Iowa State University; Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering (Facebook)



The past few days I spent in San Antonio, Texas! I was honored as a Traffic Safety Scholar at the National Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference, which allows safety leaders from around the country to come together to collaborate on traffic safety issues. In addition to meeting other student scholars focusing on a transportation-related issue, I had the opportunity to attend several workshops, specifically attending those focused on child passenger safety. I also presented a poster highlighting my current research on Place of Last Drink and I met several professionals in the field. I urge you to spread the word about this opportunity to other students interested in traffic safety and to consider applying for future conferences as a scholar! I am proud to be involved with this scholarship program, and I hope you will all visit the great city of San Antonio! As they say- "Viva La Fiesta!"



Tara Helm, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MPH Community Health Promotion (Facebook)



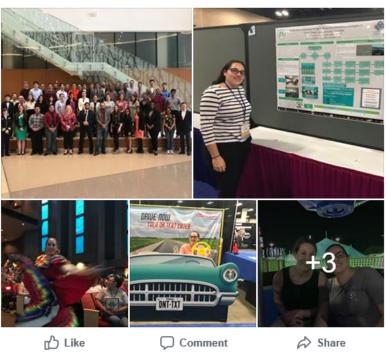
Last week I participated in the LifeSavers 2018 conference as a Traffic Safety Scholar. As part of the conference, I did a poster presentation of my ongoing research Performance Evaluation of Speed Reduction Compliance Strategies in School Zones Using a Driving Simulator. We had the opportunity to meet students of different curriculums all just focused on Traffic safety. San Antonio was fun not just to meet new people but also, we were able to see the Fiesta San Antonio festival.

For those interested in Traffic Safety is a great opportunity and experience to participate in the lifesavers conference. The 2019 LifeSavers will be held in Louisville Kentucky.

#LifeSavers2018#VivaFiesta#SanAntonio

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Rawduh Gómez Enid!! Bien merecido, felicidades!! And you know one of my favorite people ever George Elias Bou Saab

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George Elias Bou Saab replied · 1 Reply

Enid Colon Torres, University of Puerto Rico, Civil Engineering & Surveying/Transportation (Facebook)

Lauren Hunt, University of South Carolina, Health Promotion Education & Behavior (LinkedIn)



2018 Lifesavers Conference Published on May 1, 2018

Lauren Hunt

Graduate Teaching Assistant at University of South Carolina



I had a great time last week networking and learning in San Antonio during the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. I was selected as a Traffic Safety Scholar where I had the opportunity to attend the conference and learn from a host of professionals working on a topic that I am passionate about... roadway safety. According to NHTSA, over 37,000 lost their lives due to automobile crashes in 2016, making this a definite a public health problem.

As the Lifesavers Conference is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States, this is an integral place to unite various people in one location, so we can learn from each other in a central setting. As a member of the public health community, I always enjoy interacting with these people from a variety of disciplines as we work on the joint task of making our roads safer for all users. I encourage anyone interested in highway safety to plan on attending next year in Louisville! I would also love to talk with any interested students about the process of becoming a traffic safety scholar and the awesome opportunities the position allots for.



I was in San Antonio (April 21 - 24) attending the 36th <u>Lifesavers Conference</u> as one of 48 <u>Traffic Safety Scholars</u> (TSS) who have been selected from many universities nationwide along with a few who were attending from Puerto Rico and Canada. That was great opportunity to learn, share, and network.



Seyedehsan Dadvar, Morgan State University, Transportation & Urban Studies (Personal Website, www.ehsandadvar.com

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (The Conference Venue)

The Lifesavers Conference or "National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities" is an annual event, started in 1982, that brings together many highway safety professionals from different disciplines with diverse backgrounds such as engineering, public health, and law. The conference aims to share best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work, so it is more geared toward practitioners rather than researchers.

Background

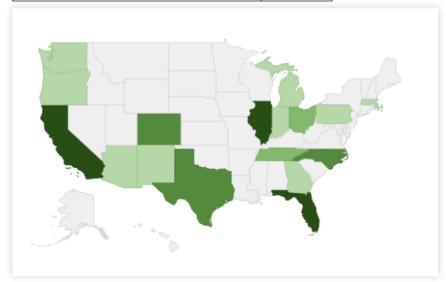
It was the 33rd anniversary of the 1985 Lifesavers conference in San Antonio, which back then was called the "National Conference on Alcohol Countermeasures and Occupant Protection" (this was the conference title for the first six events and then it was converted into "National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities"). The first conference was in Detroit in 1982, and since then 23 cities have hosted the conference with Chicago leading as host (1993, 2003, 2007, and 2015) followed by Denver, Orlando, and San Diego with three apiece. The duration of the conference, which is usually held in the spring, has been 3 or 4 days, and it has been 3 days since Philadelphia (2010); however, there are usually some pre-conference workshops that usually require preregistration.

The Lifesavers Conference Host Cities

City	#
Chicago	4
Denver, Orlando, San Diego	3
Charlotte, Nashville, San Antonio, Washington, D.C.	2
Albuquerque, Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Charles, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Lake Buena Vista, Long Beach, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Seattle	1

The Lifesavers Conference Host States

State	#
California, Florida, Illinois	4
Colorado, North Carolina, Texas	3
District of Columbia, Ohio, Tennessee	2
Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington	1



The Lifesavers Conference Months

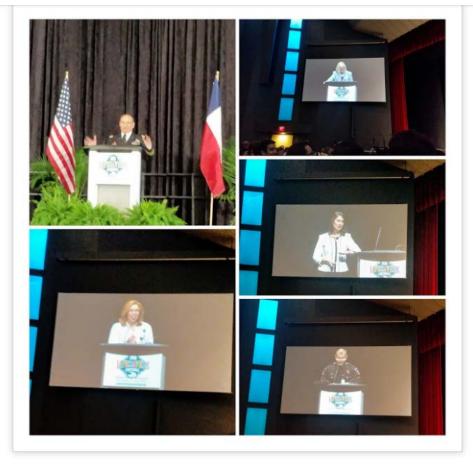
Month	%
March or April	80.00%
June	10.00%
May	7.50%
December	2.50%

Experience

It was amazing to see the welcome message at the San Antonio airport!



Women seemed to be more involved in road safety; the majority of the keynote speakers were women, including Deborah Hersman (President & CEO, National Safety Council), Shirley Gonzales (Mayor Pro Tem, City of San Antonio), and Laura Ryan (Commissioner, TxDOT).



Some of the Keynote Speakers (Clockwise from top right: Shelli Stephens Stidham, Deborah Hersman, Trever Nehls, Shirley Gonzales, and Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. [Closing Plenary Luncheon])

The event was bigger than what I had expected (about 2,300 participants) and I regret that I did not apply and attend in previous years. I will encourage other students to apply and attend in the future.

There were many sessions (some concurrent) so I made a list prior to the event using the conference app (available on <u>Google Play</u> and <u>iTunes</u>). Due to my current project on <u>pedestrian and bicycle safety in Washington</u>, <u>DC</u>, I attended some "Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety" sessions such as "Putting

Data to work solving community bike & pedestrian safety problems" and "Building support for bicyclist & pedestrian safety." I also had the chance to attend some sessions that are not usually common at engineering-themed events such as "DDACTS: A business model that works to reduce crashes & social harm" and "a public health approach to reducing unsafe roadway user behaviors."

There were many workshops, 38 posters, and a large exhibit hall to showcase many exhibitors. The conference mainly covered the following topics:

- Adult Occupant Protection/Vehicle Technology
- Aging Drivers
- Communications
- Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
- Distracted Driving
- Evolving Safety Priorities and Solutions
- Impaired Driving
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection for Children
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety

Teen Traffic Safety

There were some heartbreaking moments during the conference, such as when Mr. <u>Leland Jacobson</u> cried while talking about how his beloved 7-month-old son Luke died in a hot car back in May 2012. Mr. Jacobson is a parent advocate now. During the "Public Service Awards Luncheon," some of the awardees were relatives of victims of impaired-driving (<u>George and Marilyn Murphy</u>) or distracted-driving (<u>Gina Bagnariol-Benavides</u>, <u>Lavera Wade</u>, and <u>Tina Meyer</u>).

Some poster presenters (among traffic safety scholars) complained that because of their location in the exhibition hall their poster did not receive sufficient audience. I recommended using screens instead of traditional printed posters; however, my recommendation was almost rejected!



Leland Jacobson, Parent Advocate

Nowadays, screens are getting narrower and cheaper, so a simple way is using a screen to showcase the exact poster file instead of printing it and carrying it and most likely never using it again. Presenters can pay a rental fee (less than printing cost). I have had about 10 posters in different events that, except for two, I never used again. Some fellow traffic safety scholars said universities usually pay for posters, but please do not get me wrong; I have also never paid out of my pocket for my past posters, but from a sustainable point of view, the money spent could be used in a more efficient and productive way. The screens allow presenters to go beyond just showing a static file; the media can be dynamic and include audio, video and other features that can be attractive to the conference audience made up of



practitioners. Ms. Pam Fischer (member of planning committee of Lifesavers conference) mentioned "sexy" stuff sell better, and I think screens are sexier than traditional posters! The convention centers usually have this kind of equipment. I also recommended the conference program/website includes a compendium of research papers (or just the posters) in addition to the abstracts of the posters for future referencing. This recommendation was also rejected because it seemed to be too

technical for the conference audience (practitioners).

Traffic Safety Scholarship

This was great opportunity and experience and I am thankful to their generosity to offer \$1,000 helping to cover the expenses of attending the conference. I highly recommend that fellow Morgan State University (MSU) students apply for this scholarship for the following years:

- 2019: Louisville, KY (March 31 April 2)
- 2020: Tampa, FL (April 5 7)
- 2021: Long Beach, CA (March 31 April 2)
- 2022: Chicago, IL (March 13 15)

To the best of my knowledge, the only past TSS from MSU was Allison Powell from Public Health, Policy & Management, who attended the conference in Charlotte, North Carolina last year (2017). We have a <u>Department of Transportation & Urban Infrastructure Studies</u> (TUIS) so there should be more scholars from MSU! C'mon, Bears!

Application requirements:

- JPEG of your current student I.D.
- Your faculty advisor's name, title and contact information







•500- to 1,000word original essay addressing the question asked on the application. It is open to fullpart-time undergraduate graduate students and non-US citizens can apply as well. **Applicants** are highly encouraged submit a poster, too. Please note that you only need to submit an abstract and clear wording is very important -avoid technical language!

Clockwise from top right: Traffic Safety Scholars Reception/Orientation and Public Service Awards Luncheon



2018 Traffic Safety Scholars

San Antonio

The City of San Antonio is large, beautiful, colorful, and welcoming. The Lifesavers conference was within the <u>Fiesta</u> event; thus, the conference logo shared the colorful theme of the Fiesta. There are many historical attractions in the city and I was able to visit some of them.



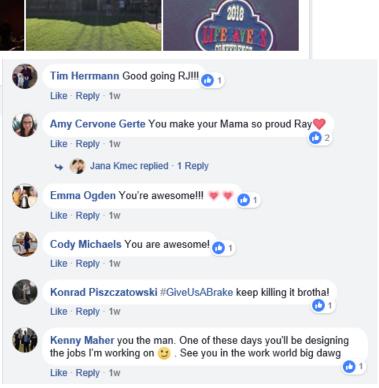
Clockwise from top right: Sunset Station, San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio Riverwalk (at night), Tower of the Americas,
Downtown San Antonio (at night), and The Alamo



Raymond Gerte,
University of
Connecticut, Civil &
Environmental
Engineering
(Facebook)



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Md Atiquzzaman

Graduate Research Assistant at Auburn University

Lifesavers Conference April 21-24, 2018 San Antonio, Texas

This is my second time attending lifesavers conference as a traffic safety scholar (TSS). The experience was even better than the first time. Lifesavers is expanding every year in terms of the number of attendees as well as the number of companies in the exhibit hall. I feel this is a must-attend conference for anyone who is working in traffic safety. The presentation session covered a wide range of important traffic safety issues such as pedestrian safety, teenage driver safety, distracted driving, wrong-way driving, and so forth. I was also delighted to be able to present my research on wrong-way driving in front of a dynamic audience. Given the opportunity, I would definitely attend this conference every year.

#Lifesavers2018 #Conference #Research #Presentation



Md Atiquzzaman, Auburn University, PhD. Civil Engineering (LinkedIn)

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Annika Sidhu added 8 new photos — with Shelby Griffith and 2 others at ♥ Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

April 25 at 3:19pm · San Antonio, TX · 🚱

This weekend I had the honor of being a Traffic Safety Scholar for the 2018 Lifesavers Conference held in San Antonio, TX. I am so thankful for this opportunity. Learning about how to reduce fatalities on our roadways, social media tips for addressing traffic safety, and how public health relates to traffic safety were all different workshops I attended. Attending a conference about something I am passionate about was so rewarding. I learned so

Not only did we have full days of workshop and seminars, we also left some time for fun! Exploring the Riverwalk with a riverboat tour, seeing the 75ft Tower of the Americas, seeing The Alamo, and taking part in some of the festivities going on in San Antonio were some highlights of exploring this incredible city!

#Lifesavers2018 #Exploringtexas



Anniku Sidhu, North Dakota State University, Health Communications (Facebook & LinkedIn)



Annika Sidhu

Public Relations Director- RHA at NDSU

This past weekend I had the opportunity to attend the #Lifesavers2018 Conference in San Antonio, TX. I was one of 48 Traffic Safety Scholars at the conference. This experience has showed me many aspects of safety through workshops in public health in relation to traffic safety, social media, and how we will accomplish zero deaths on our nation's roadways in the future. I am honored to serve as an ambassador for NDSU, NOYS, and as a Traffic Safety Scholar.



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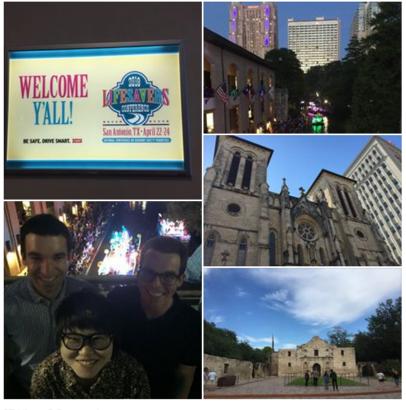


Trevor Wrobleski added 5 new photos — with Jin Wang and Jeff Rollman.

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Had such a great time at the Lifesavers Conference on Road Traffic Safety in San Antonio, Texas as a Road Safety Scholar! Great opportunity to learn about the research, tools, policies, data, and enforcement officers working every day to make the roads a safer place. With more than 40,000 road traffic deaths a year in the US, it's essential that we develop evidence-based practices to ensure that the roads are a safe place for all users. Like the skies, the only acceptable number of transport deaths and injuries is zero.

If you're interesting in learning more about road traffic safety or attending the next Lifesaver's conference, let me know! It will be in Louisville, KY in 2019!



Trevor Wrobleski, Johns Hopkins University, Master Public Health & Behavior Neuroscience (Facebook)

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Sommer Wilmeth added 35 photos and 3 videos — with **Bailey Niccole Bindle** and **3 others**.

April 27 at 8:08 PM · 🞎

As some of you may know this past week I was in San Antonio representing SADD as a traffic safety scholar! I learned so much at the life savers conference and can't wait to implement that in my community and school! Overall this trip was full of learning new things, meeting amazing people, and making SO many memories! I can't wait for next year! #lifesavers2018

many memories! I can't wait for next









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Bryan Delaney added 4 new photos — with Annika Sidhu and Shelby Griffith.

May 8 at 12:28 AM ⋅ 🚷

Bryan Delaney, Ithaca College, Strategic Communications (Facebook) This past month, I had the honor of attending the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in San Antonio, Texas as a 2018 Traffic Safety Scholar. I, along with over 30 other dedicated student traffic safety advocates, attended presentations on the latest trends in transportation safety, technology, and communications. In addition to attending incredible workshops by the National Transportation Safety Board, SDDOT, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Connecticut DOT, I was able to network with old and new friends! I am so thankful for the opportunity to attend this conference and bolster my knowledge in traffic safety.

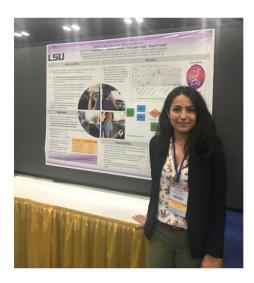


Sogand Karbalaieali, Louisiana State University, Driving Behavior & Education (Personal Website)

2018 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety in San Antonio, TX

I was honored to receive the Traffic Safety Scholarship at the National Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference 2018 in San Antonio, TX. The Lifesaver conference was a unique opportunity to meet with highway safety researchers and professionals. I was very impressed by the speakers in the opening plenary. The keynote speaker Ms. Hersman, National Safety Council CEO, gave an unforgettable talk on how zero-death on the roads should become a standard. Moreover, the lifesaver conference had many workshops and seminars in the diverse subjects. Attending several sessions, I learned about Wrong Way Driving, Distraction in Patrol Vehicles, and data-driven research to investigate drunk driving. Besides, I had a chance to present one of my research projects in crash prediction using The SHRP 2 Naturalistic Driving Study. I have enjoyed conversations with several professionals in NHTSA, TZD, and other students. Last but not the least, I found new friends among the scholars. We had so much fun during Fiesta Festival visiting Market square, River Walk, and La Villita. I highly recommend applying for future TSS to all students in transportation engineering, public health, construction management, and any other major related to the safety of our roads.





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Addison Dlott Follow

Lifesavers National Conference on **Highway Safety Priorities**



I had the honor of receiving a scholarship to attend the annual Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in San Antonio, TX. This was my second time attending as a Traffic Safety Scholar. I had the incredible opportunity to network, learn, and share my passions for traffic safety. My work with the coalition the National Organizations for Youth Safety has offered me so many opportunities to grow as a young professional in the traffic safety realm.

The conference featured hundreds of exhibitors and offered many workshops to attend. I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to participate and learn from the traffic safety community and continue my work with the in this field. Attending this conference for a second time has been an invaluable opportunity, and I look forward to continuing to grow as a community leader and professional.

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Addison Dlott, Ithaca College, Documentary **Studies & Production** (Medium blog)



Jacob Laprade is with Shelby Griffith and Annika Sidhu.

May 16 at 5:31pm · #

Last month I attended the #Lifesavers2018 Conference in San Antonio, Texas. This event is put on by the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, and I was fortunate enough to attend as a Traffic Safety Scholar. This honor is accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship to pay for/defray the cost of attendance.

While I was at the conference I was able to explore San Antonio, enjoying the people and the culture of the historic city. The conference also took place during an event called Fiesta, an 11 day event honoring the memories of the heroes of the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. I was also able to enjoy the food that San Antonio offers, from Southern BBQ to Mexican food.

At the conference I was able to attend 8 workshops, all pertaining to different forms of traffic safety, awareness, advocacy, safety measures and research. I was also able to network with many people from businesses, non-profits, and government agencies as well as general attendees. I was also fortunate enough to attend this conference with new and old friends, Bryan Delaney, Annika Sidhu, Shelby Griffith, Addie Dlott, and Neha Trivedi.

This experience has helped me to discover some of my passions and possible career paths, and helping me to grow as a leader and advocate. I am looking forward to attending next year's conference in Louisville, Kentucky, hopefully as a second year Traffic Safety Scholar, and I encourage anyone wanting to learn more about traffic safety, or has a passion in it, to apply for this scholarship! #VisionZero #Road2Zero

passion in it, to apply for this scholarship! #VisionZero #Road2Zero

Jacob LaPrade, Stonehill College (Mass.), Business Administration-Finance (Facebook)



#Lifesavers2018 The Lifesavers Conference is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States. It was not the first time I attend the Lifesavers, but the Lifesavers is always the best. Awarded as an annual Traffic Safety Scholar again, I am so honored and grateful to be recognized in the conference. Being selected to speak at a workshop gave me not only the opportunity to talk about what I do and love sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work, but also the privilege to connect with numerous other committed fellow lifesavers. Each conversation I had with individual public health and safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners, and students, reaffirmed the importance of what we do as transportation safety professionals.

My journey as a transportation professional started from my dream of helping others by doing what I love when I was a kid. Transportation is a necessity of everybody's everyday life, as it has been since the beginning of human history. It is what makes connections between people from different sides of the world possible. Today's transportation problems are more complex, while the needs of the modern society have been creating unparalleled challenges. Being a transportation professional, I, together with my fellows, keep the society moving and make a difference in everyone's everyday life by making transportation safer, faster, and greener.

Again, I would like to thank Lifesavers for the award and inviting me to speak. I left with a lot of valuable experiences and friendships that I would cherish and see grow. I truly appreciate everyone I was able to connect with sharing their unique experiences regarding career and life. I am more eager than ever to shoulder new responsibilities and meet new challenges. I am confident I will be continuing helping people with my skills and life-long devotion to Transportation as a young professional. I believe we together will eliminate traffic fatalities and bring everyone with us arriving the "Destination Zero" (zero fatalities due to traffic crashes). I look forward to attending future Lifesavers conferences!

Jin Wang, Auburn University, PhD Civil Engineering (Facebook)





Ashirwad Barnwal

M.S. in Statistics; Ph.D. in Civil (Transportation) 19h • Edited

Are you a traffic safety enthusiast? Are you looking for a networking platform to connect with other road safety advocates who are committed to saving lives?

If your answer is yes, then the Lifesavers Conference is a one stop solution for you! It is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States who meet annually to discuss proven countermeasures to reduce highway fatalities.

This past April, I attended the conference in San Antonio, Texas, as the traffic safety scholar, and my experience was incredible. I got to attend multiple workshops that addressed critical safety areas such as distracted driving and child safety. In addition, I networked with fellow traffic safety scholars and other working professionals to know how their work areas are impacting the lives of many travelers across the nation.

Ultimately, I would highly encourage everyone who is working toward making roads safer for motorists to get involved with this conference.

#TrafficSafetyScholar #2018LifesaversConference



Ashirwad Barnwal, Iowa State University, MS Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering (LinkedIn)

Nathaniel Moxley-Kelly, McGill University, Psychiatry (Facebook)



Fnu Sirajum "Silvy" Munira, Texas A&M University, Transportation Engineering (Facebook)





Congratulations, Silvy Munira, recipient of the 2018 Traffic Safety Scholarship. Silvy had the honor of attending the 2018 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a Traffic Safety Scholar in San Antonio, Texas. As part of the conference, undergraduate and graduate students competed in an essay competition. Silvy was chosen as one of the winners of the Traffic Safety Scholarships from participants across Universities in the U.S to receive a \$1,000 award.



"Lifesavers is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States. It has been a wonderful experience attending the 2018 Lifesavers Conference which brought together safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students working in various fields to share their research, and policy initiatives," said Silvy. As a Ph.D. student, working in the data-driven safety area, she was amazed to be reminded once again that how each of us can directly contribute to keeping people safe on the road. The conference journey started with the opening plenary

where Debbie Hersman talked about the "Road to Zero Coalition" initiative, continued through the wellorganized workshops, poster sessions and exhibitions of interesting technologies. One of the important aspects of the conference was the award luncheon where certain individuals and organizations were recognized for their vigorous dedication to achieve road safety. Silvy was deeply honored to receive the Traffic Safety Scholar fellowship which came with a great opportunity to connect with people and learn new insights."

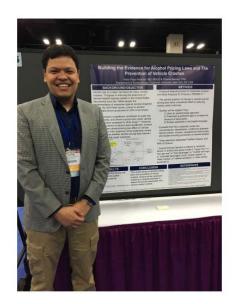
Victor Puac-Polanco, Columbia University, PhD Epidemiology (personal blog promoted via Twitter)



En abril del 2018 fui honrado con una beca para asistir a la conferencia "Lifesavers" en San

Antonio, Tejas. Lifesavers es la conferencia nacional en seguridad vial de mayor importancia y que reúne a más de dos mil expertos y profesionales de los Estados Unidos para compartir ideas, recomendaciones, y soluciones en cómo prevenir choques y salvar vidas.

Mi actual área de investigación se enfoca en conducción bajo efectos del alcohol, que es una de las 11 áreas de enfoque de la conferencia. Mi motivación para asistir a la conferencia fue el poder compartir y recibir sugerencias a mi propuesta de disertación en leyes en precios de alcohol y la prevención de choques vehiculares. Así mismo, quería escuchar a profesionales que implementan medidas de controles de sobriedad sobre cuales son las necesidades en investigación más relevantes y significativas.



Presentación del poster "Construyendo la evidencia para leyes en precios de alcohol y la prevención de choques vehiculares". San Antonio, Tejas, abril 2018.

Editado por Alfredo Morabia.



El programa de becarios en seguridad vial o "Traffic Safety Scholars, TSS" me brindo esta oportunidad. Los becarios TSS asisten a reuniones privadas con líderes en entidades del gobierno e instituciones no gubernamentales que trabajan en seguridad vial. Durante estas reuniones, pude compartir la dirección de mi proyecto de investigación y obtuve comentarios positivos sobre cómo mejorar el contenido. Específicamente, sobre cómo

integrar a mis modelos analíticos el componente de aplicación de las leyes que regulan el precio de alcohol en cada estado. Además, pude interactuar con potenciales empleadores en diferentes instituciones que tomaron interés en mi área de trabajo.

El haber asistido a Lifesavers como un becario del programa TSS fue una gran oportunidad profesional y recomiendo a estudiantes cuyas áreas de trabajo estén relacionadas a la seguridad vial, aplicar al programa TSS para Lifesavers 2019. Para más detalles del programa, pueden visitar https://lifesaversconference.org/traffic-safety-scholars/



Jacob Smith, Johnson & Wales University, Business Administration (Facebook)



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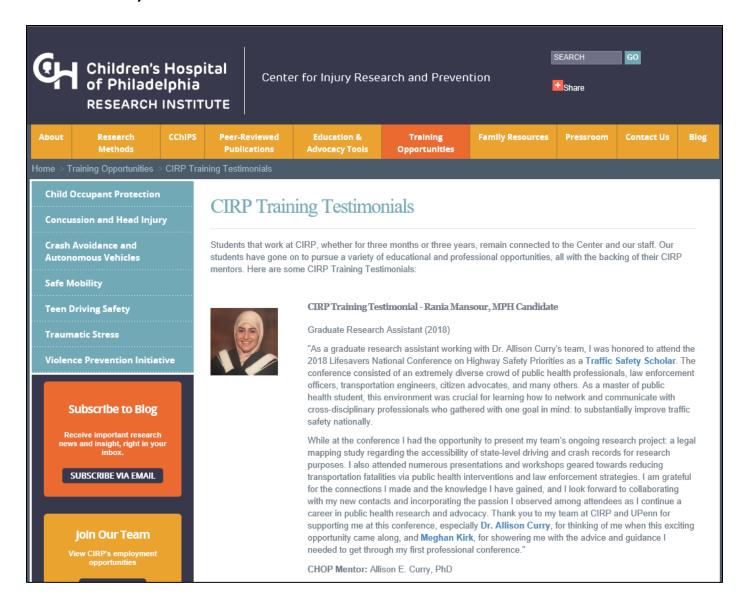
I had a blast at San Antonio! I was lucky enough to be picked as a lifesaver scholar to attend the 2018 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference in San Antonio, Texas. It was extremely inspiring to me being able to meet a group of amazing traffic scholars working on various projects from different academic backgrounds(Surprise! not all of us are engineers). As a senior undergraduate student(soon to be a graduate student lol) it truly set the goal for me: to figure out useful measures, build effective models and utilize these result to improve the highway network! Unfortunately, this year my project wasn't selected to do a poster session but I learned so much from the network session. Hopefully, in the future, I will be able to do a poster at the conference to contribute to this community. I also attended a bunch of workshops about research and programs DOTs around the US are conducting in an effort to increase highway safety.

It's been real San Antonio! Lifesavers, see you next time! #VivaFiesta #lifesavers2018 #donttextanddrive



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Rania Mansour, University of Pennsylvania, MA Public Health (CHOP Website & LinkedIn)



Alexandra Boggs, University of Tennessee, Civil & Transportation Engineering (University News Release)



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Dear Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Committee,

I was honored to be one of the 50 scholarship recipients to be able to attend and participate in the 2018 Annual Lifesavers Conference in San Antonio, Texas. I am sincerely thankful for the time and effort you each gave the Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS).

By far, the Lifesavers Conference is superior to the other transportation safety-related conferences. This conference does not push attendees for papers; rather it pushes them to generate creative practices and policies to reduce transportation fatalities and injuries. During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Kidd from the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS) whose work is a part of my dissertation, and he was able to provide more insight.

The highlight of the conference was Ms. Deborah Hersman of the National Safety Council keynote speech. Her presentation spoke to me by iterating the fact that our countless hours spent on our work matters and to continue pursuing the vision of zero fatalities. Too many loved ones are losing their lives to traffic crashes throughout the world and the Lifesavers conference shares a common goal of mine - reducing this number.

I am appreciative and thankful to be a part of the Lifesavers family.

Thank you,

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Meng Zhang & Alexandra Boggs, Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Tennessee (University website)



UTK CEE Students Named 2018 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars





The University of Tennessee Knoxville graduate students Alexandra "Ali" Boggs and Meng Zhang were named 2018 Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) and received an award of a \$1,000 scholarship at the 36th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in San Antonio, Texas, from April 20-24. Boggs is pursuing the doctoral degree and Zhang got the doctoral degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. They are selected through writing competitive essay which address the problem of roadway crashes.

"As a second-year TSS, I was able to expand my knowledge on innovative methods to combat transportation safety-related issues," Boggs said. She went on to say that the keynote speaker, Deborah Hersman of the National Safety Council, gave a powerful and moving presentation to the attendees of enforcers, researchers, and students that illustrated that our work to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries truly matters. It was an honor to present my research on the shortage of truck parking and its related safety implications to the attendees of the Lifesavers Conference.

"It was a wonderful experience being involved in the Lifesavers conference" said Zhang. "The Lifesavers conference provided a good opportunity for me to communicate with professionals in transportation field, especially from the practical aspect." She said, "The human error, as a key contributing factor to roadway safety, can be reduced through the proper applications, including advanced technologies, education, and law enforcement."

This was the third year of the Traffic Safety Scholars program, which provides college students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees the opportunity to attend the Lifesavers Conference,

the largest gathering of traffic safety professionals in the U.S. The goal of the TSS program is to showcase the diversity of opportunities in traffic safety and encourage students, regardless of discipline, to pursue a career in a dynamic field that draws from a variety disciplines from engineering, education and enforcement to communications, business, marketing, medicine, public health, political science, counseling, and more.

Boggs, Zhang and their fellow Traffic Safety Scholars were honored at a pre-conference reception on April 21 in San Antonio where they were welcomed by Terry Pence, Traffic Safety Director for the Texas Department of Transportation; Erin Sauber-Schatz, Leader of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Transportation Safety Team; and John Ulczycki, Vice President of Legislative Affairs for LMG Holdings, Inc. and Chairman of the Lifesavers Board of Directors. The Scholars had the opportunity to participate in *three* plenary sessions and more than 80 workshops featuring leading experts in the field of distracted and impaired driving and walking; child passenger, pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, teen, and older driver safety; adult occupant protection; vehicle technology; law enforcement; commercial vehicles; roadway design; and more.

To learn more about the Lifesavers Conference and the TSS program, visit https://lifesaversconference.org/

Angela Kitali, Florida International University, Civil & Environmental Engineering (personal website)

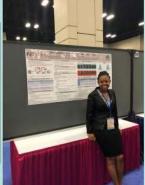
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One month ago I got a chance to be a part of and present at the 36th Annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, April 22-24 in San Antonio, TX. I was honored to be one of 41 U.S., Canadian, and Belgium College students, selected through a competitive application process, who were named, the 2018 Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend this conference.



The Lifesavers Conference brings together a unique combination of public health and safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work. This was the third year of the Traffic Safety Scholars program, which provided college students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees the opportunity to attend the Lifesavers conference, which is the largest gathering of traffic safety professionals in the U.S.





To learn more about the Lifesaver Conference and the TSS program, visit http://www.lifesaversconference.org. #Lifesavers2018 2017: [st Place, FSITE Student Poster Competition

Zhi Chen, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Civil & Environmental Engineering (Facebook)



Zhi Chen

Graduate Research Assistant at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 1d

I was so honored to win the Traffic Safety Scholarship and attend the National Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference 2018 in San Antonio, TX. There were a lot of workshops and presentations that cover various topics including pedestrian safety, teenage driver safety, distracted driving, wrong-way driving, and so on. It's definitely a must-attend conference for researchers working on safety and you can also find many career opportunities there. #Lifesavers2018



Nikhil Ramadhandran, University of Connecticut, Civil Engineering (Facebook)



Two weekends ago I had the great opportunity to travel to San Antonio for the 2018 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference as a scholar! I had a fantastic experience being able to present my research on distracted driving to people all over the world from many different backgrounds. The Fiesta San Antonio also happened to be going on at the same time, which was a blast to be a part of and let me become a bit more cultured

If you are interested in traffic safety or want to prevent distracted driving please take the time to look into the Lifesavers Conference, and consider becoming a participant yourself. Make our roads a safer place 1992











Deja Jackson, University of Florida, Civil & Coastal Engineering (UFTI website)



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Congratulations to Deja Jackson for being invited to the 26th Annual Eno Future Leaders Development Conference in Washington, D.C.! This is the first time Jackson, who is pursuing an Ph.D. in Civil and Coastal Engineering, has been accepted to attend the conference — each year, 20 different individuals are accepted as Eno Fellows and invited to the conference. The Future Leaders Development Conference provides a first-hand look at how transportation policy is developed and implemented. Dr. Siva Srinivasan is Jackson's advisor.



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"All in all, I'm excited to have been selected as an ENO Fellow, and I'm looking forward to attending the conference in May. This will be the perfect opportunity to see first-hand how things like the research that we do on the university level ultimately influences and translates into solutions on the national level via transportation policies. I can't wait to interact with and to pick the brains of transportation policy makers and others regarding the topic of transportation policy in hopes of gaining valuable insight that will add to my dissertation and to help guide my career path."

Additionally, Jackson was recently named a 2018 Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 37th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, April 22-24, in San Antonio, TX. Jackson is one of 50 U.S. and international college students selected through a competitive application process. The Lifesavers Conference showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising new approaches for addressing the nation's most pressing traffic safety problems.

Congratulations Deja!





Saleh Mousa, Louisiana State University, Civil & Environmental Engineering (Facebook & School newsletter pending)





Sogand Karabalaieali & Saleh Mousa, Louisiana State University (Engineering Dept. E-newsletter)

Students Named 2018 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars

Sogand Karbalaieali and Saleh Mousa, both studying transportation engineering, have been named 2018 Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) and awarded \$1,000 scholarships to attend the 37th Annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held April 22-24 in San Antonio. They are two of 50 U.S. and international college students selected through a competitive application process. The Lifesavers Conference showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising new approaches for addressing the nation's most pressing traffic safety problems. The goal of the TSS program is to showcase the diversity of opportunities in traffic safety and encourage students, regardless of discipline, to pursue a career in a dynamic field that draws from a variety of disciplines.



