

# 2019 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities Traffic Safety Scholars Social Media Posts

 **Farzaneh Azadi** is with Adika Iqbal Sharif in Louisville, Kentucky.  
April 4 at 3:42 PM · 🌐

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**Farzaneh Azadi, University of Missouri, PhD. Engineering**  
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 **Adika M Iqbal**  
PhD Student at Civil Engineering Department, Clemson University  
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I am truly honored to attend the Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a scholarship recipient. It is such an incredibly encouraging and unforgettable experience. The Lifesavers is the largest national non-profit gathering of private and public groups and individuals dedicated to improving traffic safety in the US. It was great to meet the group of amazing students and professionals. Thankful for the opportunity!



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 **Youngjin Heo** Congrats, Adika!!  
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**Hannah Via** is with Ylc Coordinator in Louisville, Kentucky.  
 April 2 at 3:56 PM · Instagram · 🌐

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**Cameron Bennett**  
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I recently attended the Lifesavers conference in Louisville, Kentucky on a scholarship through the NHTSA Traffic Safety Scholars Program. The conference gathered transportation safety professionals from across the US and many different industries, ranging from engineering, to education, to law enforcement. I enjoyed learning about the programs, data, and priorities that drive many engineering design decisions, and the way that projects are valued by the communities they are built in. I plan to take what I've learned and apply it to my future experiences as a transportation engineer and planner.

#Lifesavers2019 #transportationsafety





Enid Colon

April 6 at 11:45 AM · 🌐

Thanks to the LifeSavers 2019 Committee and the Traffic Safety Scholars sponsor NHTSA I had the opportunity to attend the Lifesaver 2019 Conference in Louisville, Kentucky as one of the fifty Traffic Safety Scholars. This opportunity provided me with information that it's helpful to continue writing my master thesis: Safety Based Analysis of Speeds in a School Zone Using a Driving Simulator. Also, I participated in the Vision Zero for Youth Advisory Meeting as well as some interesting sessions. This opportunity led me to network with highly recognize officials and motivated people that are focused on safety in Transportation for peds, bikes, and drivers. I had the opportunity to visit downtown and the Churchill Downs race track. Thanks to the TSS Committee.

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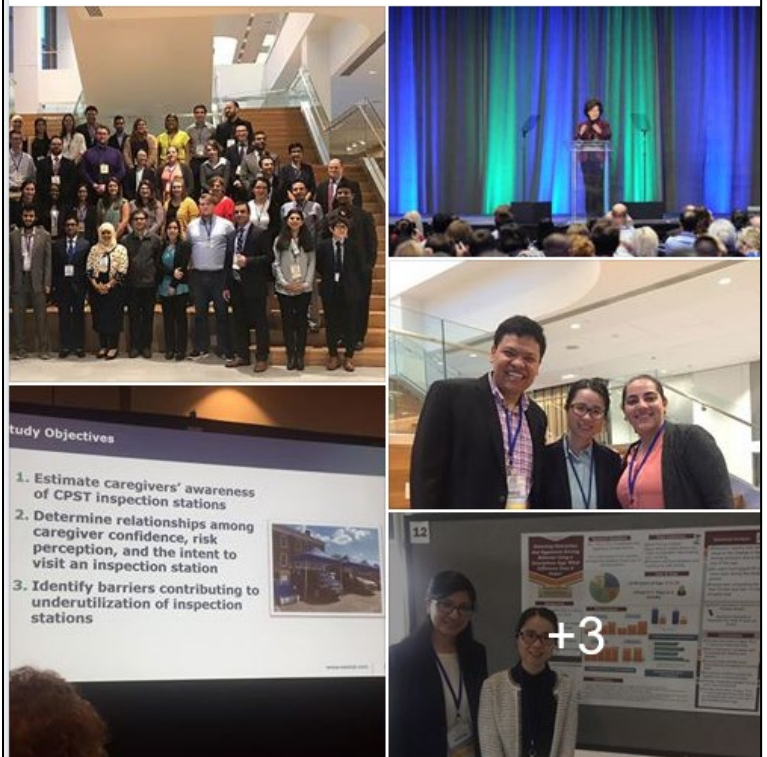
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## Enid M. Colón-Torres, University of Puerto Rico, Civil Engineering

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#Lifesavers2019# So proud to be a returning Traffic Safety Scholar! I appreciate Lifesavers committee and TSS sponsor NHTSA gave me the opportunity to attend the 2019 Conference. It's great to talk and network with transportation safety people from academics, practitioners, NGOs and officials. Also as a CPST, I attended the pre-conference workshop and some other great presentations on child passenger safety. Which help me get some new thoughts for my dissertation ideas! Besides, I'm so excited to see some old friends and catch-up with each others! Again, if you're a student interested in transportation safety, the TSS program is highly recommended!



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**Yaa Amanua Osafo**

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Louisiana  
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I had two room mates at the conference, [Adika M Iqbal](#) and Armana Sabiha Huq. Interestingly, I had met them both separately at two other conferences previously, the Southern District ITE 2018 in Alabama and the 2019 TRB Conference in Washington D.C. I also met [Peter Enyonam Kornyoh](#) who I did my undergraduates studies with. It was a great experience connecting with these colleagues and learning about what they are working on currently. Lastly, whenever you are in Louisville, do visit Churchill Downs!  
[#LifesaversConference2019](#) [#TrafficSafetyScholar](#)



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## Yaa Amanua Osafo, University of Louisiana, Civil Engineering

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On how I got to attend the Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities: I was privileged to be a part of the 50 students selected across the nation and beyond to be a part of the largest gathering of Safety Professionals in the United States. As a Traffic Safety Scholar at the conference, my task was simple; network, contribute to discussions and learn as much as I can. And oh I did!

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**Yaa Amanua Osafo**

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Earlier this week, I spent some time at the Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, Kentucky. Even though I already knew about the 4E's of safety (Engineering, Enforcement, Education and EMS), interacting with the other disciplines gave me a clearer picture of how to go about my engineering. Hearing the perspective of the Chief of Police Steven R Casstevens on roadway crashes and how the police report them gave me a better approach to analyzing crash data. One of the many reasons why the Road to Zero Crashes is an interdisciplinary effort. [#Lifesavers2019](#) [#TrafficSafetyScholar](#)



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**Emma Gaster** is with Sommer Wilmeth and 5 others.  
 April 8 at 7:38 PM · 🌐

Last week I was in Louisville Kentucky at the Lifesavers Conference as a Traffic Safety Scholar. It was such an incredible experience getting to meet people from all over the nation who share my passion. It's also always great to see old friends too! There were many great workshops and networking opportunities to continue educating ourselves and others. Together we can reach ZERO deaths on our roadways because that is the only acceptable number!

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**Traffic Safety Research and Evaluation Group (TSREG)** shared a post.  
 April 10 at 6:37 AM · 🌐

Our group's graduate student, Ash Warnock, was fortunate to be able to attend Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, KY due to the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Program. Thank you!

**UGA College of Public Health**  
 April 9 at 7:00 AM · 🌐

Traffic Safety Research and Evaluation Group (TSREG) staff Dr. Carol Cotton, Lila Ralston, Elliott Daimler and Ash Warnock attended the 2019 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, KY March 31-April 2.

Lifesavers is the largest conference of traffic safety professionals in the US, with attendance of approximately 2000 each year including law enforcement officers, policymakers, researchers, public health professionals, safety and prevention specialists, and other stakeholders.

The last week I and my partners Maria Rojas and Enid Colon Torres as a Civil Engineering and Surveying Department graduate students of University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Campus went named 2019 Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) and awarded \$1,000 scholarships to attend the 37th annual Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, March 31-April 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. They are pursuing graduate degrees in Civil and Transportation Engineering and we were three of 50 U.S. and international students selected through a competitive application process. This is the fourth year of the Traffic Safety Scholars program, which provides college students the opportunity to attend the Lifesavers Conference, the largest gathering of traffic safety professionals in the U.S. The program's goals are 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.

We presented two posters titled "Alcohol Consumption and Driving: Facts, Perception and Simulation" and "Evaluation of Safety Enhancements in School Zones with Familiar and Unfamiliar Drivers". These posters were developed as part of the highway safety research conducted under the advice of professors Didier Valdes Díaz, Benjamin Colucci Ríos and Alberto M. Figueroa Medina in the University Transportation Center Safer-Sim.

The goal of this scholar was achieved totally, for me was the best experience, a lot of networking. Also, I shared knowledge that help us in our future researches. I enjoyed the Louisville culture, the bourbon city, the Derby city, with its famous Churchill Down and its beautiful women's hats. The excellent Louisville urban mobility for all users. I loved the electric scooters as a part of mobility around the city.

This was my first Lifesavers Conference, but no the last. From my University (UASD) in Dominican Republic, I will continue taking part of this Traffic Safety Scholar, given the opportunity to my students to be there and be LifeSavers.

Thank you very much to the Lifesavers organizers and Traffic Safety Scholar's sponsors, for the opportunity and distinction. I'm so grateful. See you next year in Tampa Florida.

## Yindhira Taveras Canela, University of Puerto Rico, PhD Civil Engineering & Surveying

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**Albert Atique** is with Qing Chang at Kentucky International Convention Center.

April 9 at 9:08 AM · Louisville, KY · 🌐

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It was a great pleasure to be selected as a Traffic Safety Scholar for the third time in a row, which gave me the opportunity to attend the 2019 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. I love attending this conference because of two main reasons. One, I get the opportunity to meet a lot of like-minded people who are continuously contributing to improving highway safety. Second, it gives me an opportunity to interact with a diverse group of people, which includes consultants, researchers, state DOT engineers, law enforcement, psychologists, paramedics, public health professionals, and so forth. The only thing that brings all these people in a common ground is their passion for improving highway safety.

I also had the opportunity to present my latest research on modeling risk of wrong-way driving at partial cloverleaf interchanges.

I would like to convey my thankfulness to the organizers for arranging such a great conference. Hope to see you all next year.

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**Abolfazl Karimpour**

Graduate Research Assistant at The University of Arizona  
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Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities represents one of the essential E's in Traffic safety, "Education." I would suggest to all professionals seeking this component of traffic safety to join the Lifesavers National Conference. I was fortunate to be selected as the traffic safety scholar for the second time to attend this incredible event. #kentucky #louisville #2019



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## Abolfazl Karimpour, University of Arizona, PhD Civil & Architectural Engineering



**Maria Xelena Rojas**

April 9 at 7:51 AM · 🌐

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Lifesavers 2019 Conference, the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the US, as a Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholar. This conference was a special and unique event with workshops from traffic safety and public health professionals, researchers, advocates, among other professionals, all with a common goal of improving traffic safety. It was an excellent opportunity for meeting students and networking with professionals that inspire me to continue my career. Also, I had the chance of visiting the Churchill Downs and learn about the Louisville culture. I hope I can continue attending these conferences so together we can meet the goal because zero is the only acceptable number. #Lifesavers2019

**Maria X. Rojas Ibarra, University of Puerto Rico, Civil Engineering/Transportation**

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## Istiaq Bhuyan, Morgan State University, PhD, Transportation Engineering (Blog & Facebook posts)

### Morgan Doctoral Student Named 2019 National Traffic Safety Scholar

[Morgan State U January 7, 2019](#)



Morgan doctoral student Istiaq A. Bhuyan, who is studying transportation engineering in the School of Engineering's Department of Transportation and Urban Infrastructure Studies ([TUIS](#)), has been named by the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a 2019 National Traffic Safety Scholar ([TSS](#)). Along with this recognition comes the award of a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the organization's 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference event being held in Louisville, KY, from March 31 – April 2, 2019. Istiaq was one of 50 college students selected through a competitive, nationwide application process, to be awarded this honor.



The [Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities](#) is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States; bringing together a unique combination of traffic safety and public health professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research and policy initiatives. The annual event showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising innovative 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 disciplines from engineering, education and enforcement to communications, business, marketing, medicine, public health, political science, counseling, and more.

Istiaq and his fellow scholars will be honored at a pre-conference held on March 31, and will have the opportunity to participate in plenary workshops featuring leading experts covering such topics as distracted driving and walking; child passenger, pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, driver safety; adult occupant protection; vehicle technology; law commercial vehicles; roadway design and more.



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In addition to pursuing his doctorate, Istiaq serves as a research assistant working alongside [Dr. Celeste Chavis](#) at Morgan on her research with the [Urban Equity and Mobility Center](#) and at the University's [National Transportation Center](#).

Congratulations to Istiaq A. Bhuyan for being selected with this honor and representing Morgan State University on this national stage!

<https://news.morgan.edu/morgan-doctoral-student-named-2019-national-traffic-safety-scholar/>

## The National Transportation Center at Morgan State University

January 4 ·

Congratulations to Istiak A. Bhuyan, a doctoral student in Transportation Engineering at the Department of Transportation & Urban Infrastructure Studies!

He has been named the National Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) 2019 and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 38th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities from March 31 to April 2, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Istiak is a research assistant working with Dr. Celeste Chavis for the Urban Equity and Mobility Center (UMEC) at the National Transportation Center (NTC) at Morgan State University.

Istiak is one of 50 college students selected through a competitive application process. The Lifesavers Conference showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising innovative 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 from engineering, education and enforcement to communications, business, marketing, medicine, public health, political science, counseling, and more.

Istiak and his fellow scholars will be honored at a pre-conference reception on March 31, 2019, and will have the opportunity to participate in plenary sessions and workshops featuring leading experts in 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.

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**Annika K. Sidhum, North Dakota State University**

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**Annika Sidhu**

Senior at North Dakota State University  
2w · Edited

So honored to have the opportunity to be a Traffic Safety Scholar again at the Lifesavers 2019 Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. Traffic safety is truly a passion of mine, and I can't wait to continue to learn how to make my community safer. This conference is always so powerful through the stories people share, connections made, and positivity everyone has about the future of our country's roadways.

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**Armana Sabiha Huq Liva** is with Adika Iqbal Sharif and 5 others.

April 15 at 4:51 PM · 🌐

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Honored to be awarded as the 2019 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS). You already got to know that I love to attend conferences. I am showing my wholehearted gratitude to the sponsors for assisting me to present my research in the 37th Annual Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held on March 31 to April 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. This is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals (over 2000 participants) in United States. I am very lucky to meet several highly traffic safety professionals who dedicatedly are spending their whole career to prevent traffic injuries. They are from diversified areas of interest e.g. engineering, education, enforcement, public health, political, communication, medicine, business etc.

To fully utilize my time, I tried my best to attend majority of technical sessions and workshops at this conference. One session I should mention to you which I never witnessed in other conferences, named "Victim Impact". I was just speechless and could not hold my tears while seeing the Victim's description on their struggling life after losing their beloved friends and family. I am so fortunate to choose my career on Traffic Safety and continuously trying hard to contribute on saving lives.

However, this the first time, I visited each and every stole in the exhibition hall. I was highly motivated while talking to the exhibitors who were promoting their amazing innovative ideas and tools for traffic safety campaigns (on distracted driving in particular). Now a day, I keep a small flashing kit in my bag and use it while crossing the road at night. In an addition, recently I do not speed up while seeing yellow signal.

Last but not least, I am grateful to the conference organizers and sponsors of this amazing conference. I cannot wait to attend the 2020 Lifesavers Conference in Tampa, Florida.

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**Armana Sabiha Huq, Florida International University,  
Civil & Environmental Engineering**

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Jeff Rollman

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Thank you to the generous sponsors of Lifesavers 2019 for allowing me to attend the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, KY earlier this month. I am grateful to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Lifesavers planning committee for selecting me as a Traffic Safety Scholar. This was a terrific opportunity to learn from and network with government leaders, engineers, public safety professionals, academics and health care providers all working toward a Vision Zero future. I'm glad that I was able to share my presentation discussing motor vehicle collisions in EMS and it was refreshing to find others who have similar research interests. I was also impressed by the city of Louisville – there were many well-maintained bike lanes and bike paths as well as a great bike share program. Thank you again #Lifesavers2019, I am already looking forward to hopefully attending next year in Tampa!



**Jeff Rollman, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, PhD. Health Policy & Management**





**Keely Greene**

April 22 at 12:33 PM · 🌐

This month, I had the unbelievable opportunity to attend #Lifesavers2019, a conference on traffic safety priorities, as a traffic safety scholar. Those of you who know me know how passionate I am about traffic safety, and meeting other students from varied backgrounds as committed to safer roads as I am renewed my (already very strong, haha) love for the transportation safety community.

Without the scholarship I was awarded, I would've never been able to attend, and I am incredibly grateful Lifesavers recognizes and rewards students' value to traffic safety enough to fund 50(!) students' attendance at this conference.

At this conference in Louisville, KY, I was able to attend many workshops, plenaries, and networking experiences, hear from one of my greatest road safety inspirations, Melissa Wandall, tour the historic Churchill Downs, and sit down for an interview for the Lifesavers promo video (currently being compiled by Bryan Delaney, one of my favorite fellow traffic safety nerds).

I'll share that video here when it's released so you can hear me talk about my experience more at length, because I can't possibly fit all I learned over my few days in KY in this post—even if I copied and pasted my dozens of pages of notes, which I'm sure no one wants on their feed 😊

Thank you again, Lifesavers, and I hope to see you in Tampa next year!

## Samantha Keely Greene, Virginia Tech, Sociology/Communications Studies

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**Bryan Delaney** This is awesome! Love this, Keely! You are one of my favorite traffic safety nerds also! 🤩🚗 #NTSBInternSquad

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**Ivy Young**



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**Sandra Jean Cordova** So happy for you my sweet granddaughter. I love you ❤️

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**Jody Litman** Congratulations Keely! Sounds amazing! ❤️

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(continuation of blog)

programas e intervenciones dirigidas a la prevención de choques y lesiones en todas las vías públicas y carreteras de los Estados Unidos y en el extranjero.


Durante mi participación en las sesiones plenarias, talleres, y espacios para interactuar con otros asistentes, identifique los siguientes 5 mensajes que todos podemos aplicar en nuestro trabajo, investigaciones, o prácticas del diario vivir:

1. Datos e información sobre todos los tipos de choques, fatales, no fatales, o solo daños materiales, son importantes: Si nos enfocamos solo en los choques con los resultados más severos, los choques fatales, estamos perdiendo alrededor de 85% de la información que puede ser vital en el diseño de programas de prevención.
2. Modificación de las conductas de conductores y peatones: Si todos los caminos estuvieran en perfectas condiciones, se reduciría el 15% de los choques. Si todos los carros fueran perfectos, se reduciría el 5% de los choques. Si todos los conductores y peatones ejercieran practicas seguras de conducción de vehículos y acataran las reglas de seguridad vial, el 80% de los choques serían prevenidos. Como usuarios de las vías públicas tenemos la responsabilidad ejercer actitudes y prácticas seguras, y de esta forma ayudar a reducir la mayoría de la carga a la salud relacionada con los choques.
3. Beber alcohol y manejar, son dos acciones incompatibles: Cada día mueren 110 personas en carreteras y vías públicas en los Estados Unidos. Un tercio de estos choques fatales están



4. relacionados al uso de alcohol. En promedio cada conductor que ha sido arrestado por manejar bajo la influencia del alcohol ha manejado hasta 89 veces incapacitado por alcohol sin ser detectado. Acciones para reducir el número de conductores bajo la influencia del alcohol deber ser parte de toda acción preventiva.
5. Menores de edad son los más vulnerables en choques relacionados al alcohol: En 1997, hasta el 60% de menores de edad murieron en choques relacionados al uso de alcohol por un conductor. Y en choques relacionados al uso de alcohol en donde un menor de edad falleció, el 71% de los conductores bajo efectos del alcohol sobrevivieron. A medida que la concentración de alcohol en la sangre incrementa, también incrementa el chance que un menor de edad no será colocado en un asiento de seguridad. Programas de educación deben recalcar que el grupo más vulnerable en choque relacionados al alcohol son los menores de edad.
6. El mensaje de seguridad vial debe ser personal: Comunicar mensajes de seguridad vial en una forma personal a cada miembro de nuestras comunidades, nos acercara a la meta final de cero muertes por choques. Por ejemplo, la campaña que realizó la comisión de choques en Victoria, Australia en donde convencen a las personas que el número aceptable de pérdidas de vidas humanas es cero (<https://youtu.be/bsyvrkEjoXI>).

Lifesavers fue una gran experiencia profesional y recomiendo a estudiantes cuyas áreas de trabajo estén relacionadas a la seguridad vial, aplicar al programa TSS para Lifesavers 2020. Para más detalles del programa, pueden visitar <https://lifesaversconference.org/traffic-safety-scholars/>



**Samira Ahngari** • 2nd  
Student at Morgan State University  
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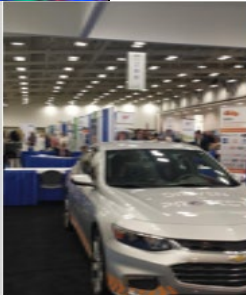


What an honor to be recognized as one of the 50 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars by the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities for my transportation research and experience and awarded \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 2019 lifesaver conference on March 31 to April 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. Attending to the largest gathering of traffic safety professionals in the U.S., was an unforgettable and wonderful experience that provided me with the opportunity to meet new people and connect with professionals that have the same area of interest.

I attended all the sessions and workshops related to my research (Distracted Driving), learn, and benefit tremendously from them.

It was my first experience with the Lifesavers Conference and such a grateful experience encourage me to continue my research in distracted driving to not missing lifesaver conference in next years.

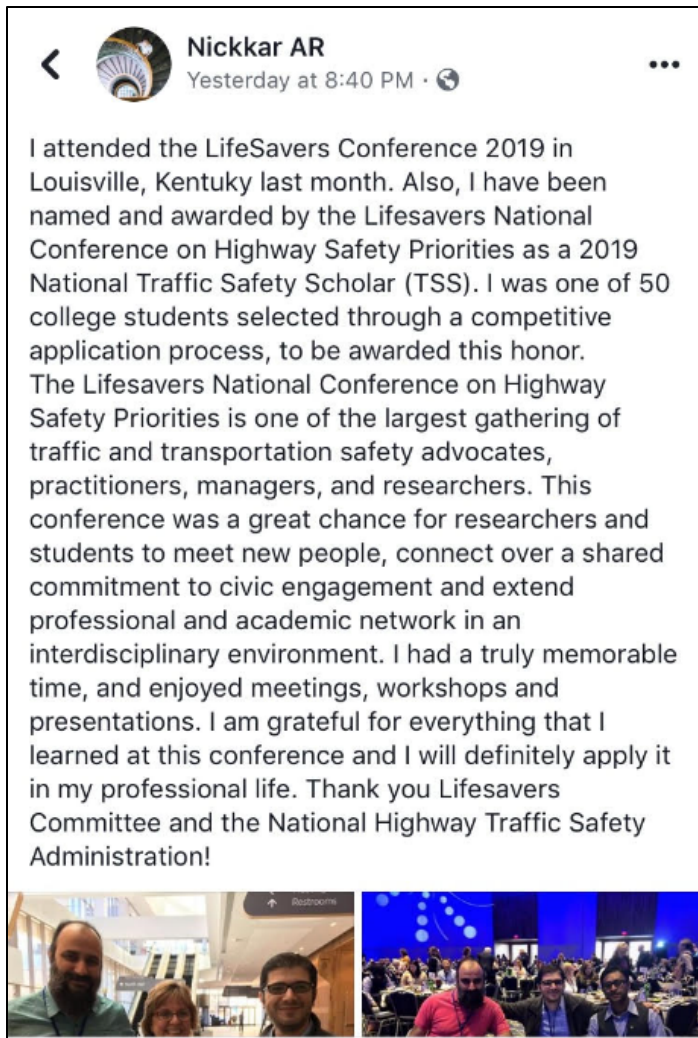
I really appreciate the conference organizers and sponsors for providing me with such an interesting opportunity to attend the 2019 lifesavers Conference.

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## Samira Ahngari, Morgan State University, PhD Transportation & Urban Studies

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**Amirreza Nickkar, Morgan State University,  
PhD, Transportation Engineering**

**Seyedehsan Dadvar, Morgan State University, PhD Transportation Engineering**

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I was in [Louisville, KY](#) (March 29 - April 2) attending the 37th [Lifesavers Conference](#) at [Kentucky International Convention Center \(KICC\)](#) as one of fifty [Traffic Safety Scholars](#) (TSS) who have been selected from many universities nationwide (including Puerto Rico) along with a few scholars who were attending from other countries such as Botswana, Colombia, Ireland, and Switzerland ([list of 2019 scholars](#)). That was great opportunity to learn, share, and network. It was the second time that I was attending the *Lifesavers Conference*, I was a scholar last year in San Antonio ([my post for last year conference](#)), too. However, it was the first time that I traveled to Kentucky.





[Kentucky International Convention Center \(KICC\)](#)

### Background

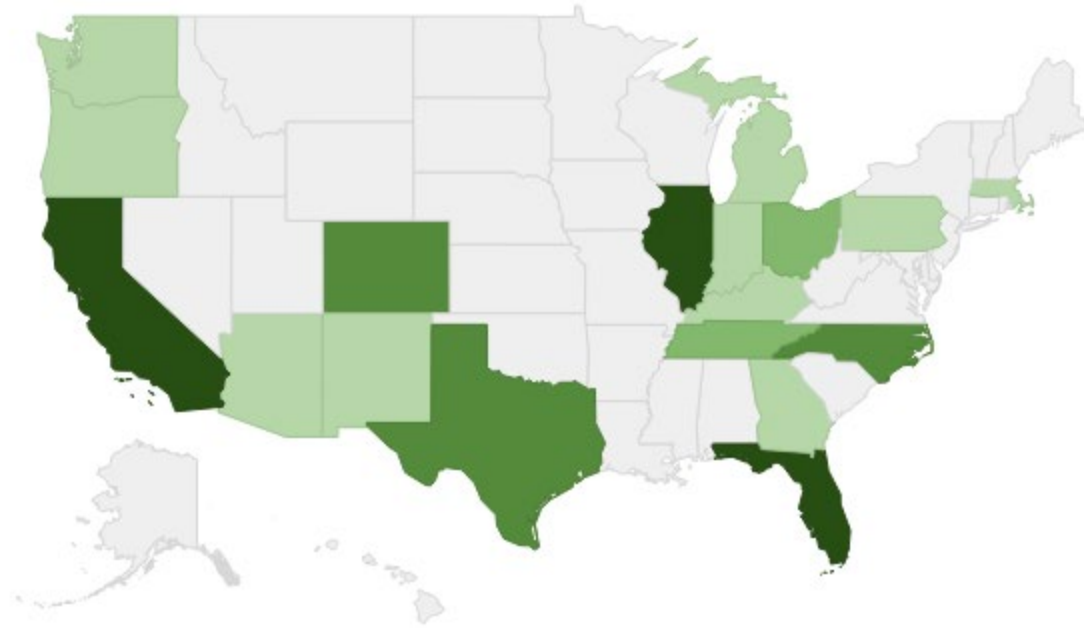
It was the first time that the *Lifesavers Conference* was held in Kentucky. The first conference was in Detroit in 1982, and so far 24 cities have hosted the conference with Chicago leading as host (1993, 2003, 2007, and 2015) followed by Denver, Orlando, and San Diego with three apiece. The duration 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 pre-registration as well.

### *The Lifesavers Conference Host Cities (1982 - 2019)*

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, <b>Louisville</b> , Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Seattle	1

### *The Lifesavers Conference Host States (1982 - 2019)*

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



*Host States of the Lifesavers Conference (1982 - 2019)*

*The Lifesavers Conference Months (1982 - 2019)*

Month	%
March or April	80.95%
June	9.52%
May	7.14%
December	2.38%

Experience

The speakers were selected wisely and the messages were clear, inspiring, and heartening: ***“Bad guys drive cars, too!”*** ([Chief Steven Casstevens](#), First Vice President, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Buffalo Grove, IL), ***“We will be the change!”*** ([Melissa Wandall](#), President, National Coalition for Safer Roads & Founder, The Mark Wandall Foundation; she lost her husband in a fatal crash at an intersection with a red-light runner, she was nine months pregnant at the time of crash), and ***“We should find the messages that work! We care about all modes of transportation: drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and, more!”*** ([Heidi K. King](#), Deputy Administrator, NHTSA). The US Secretary of Transportation [Elaine L. Chao](#) also delivered a thoughtful speech ([remarks](#)): ***“There is no higher calling and greater mission than saving lives and preventing injuries... Research is also ongoing to better understand the relationship between roadway design, traffic volumes, speed and crash outcomes. The Department is also focused on improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety through infrastructure design... As Secretary of Transportation, safety is my top priority. And I want to thank you for what you do. Together, we will advance the mission of making our nation’s roads and highways safer, for everyone.”*** There were many workshop sessions, poster presentations, and networking opportunities.





*Again, it was amazing to see the welcome message at the airport!*



*Clockwise from top left: Melissa Wandall, Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao, Jason L. Yeager (Walking Tour of Louisville), Exhibition Hall, and one of Workshop Sessions*

## Traffic Safety Scholarship

This was great opportunity and experience and I am thankful to their generosity to offer \$1,000 to help cover the expenses of attending the conference. I was a returning scholar among 14 other scholars who have been scholars at least in one of past conferences. Last year, I was the second ever scholar from [Morgan State University](#) (MSU) after *Allison Powell* from Public Health, Policy & Management, who attended the conference in 2017 but this year, there were three other fellow scholars from MSU: [Samira Ahangari](#), [Istiak A Bhuyan](#), and [Amirreza Nickkar](#) all from [Department of Transportation and Urban Infrastructure Studies](#) (TUIS). I highly recommend that students at MSU apply for this scholarship for the following years:

- 2020: Tampa, FL (April 5 - 7)
- 2021: Long Beach, CA (March 31 - April 2)
- 2022: Chicago, IL (March 13 - 15)
- 2023: Seattle, WA (April 2 - 4)

### [Requirements:](#)

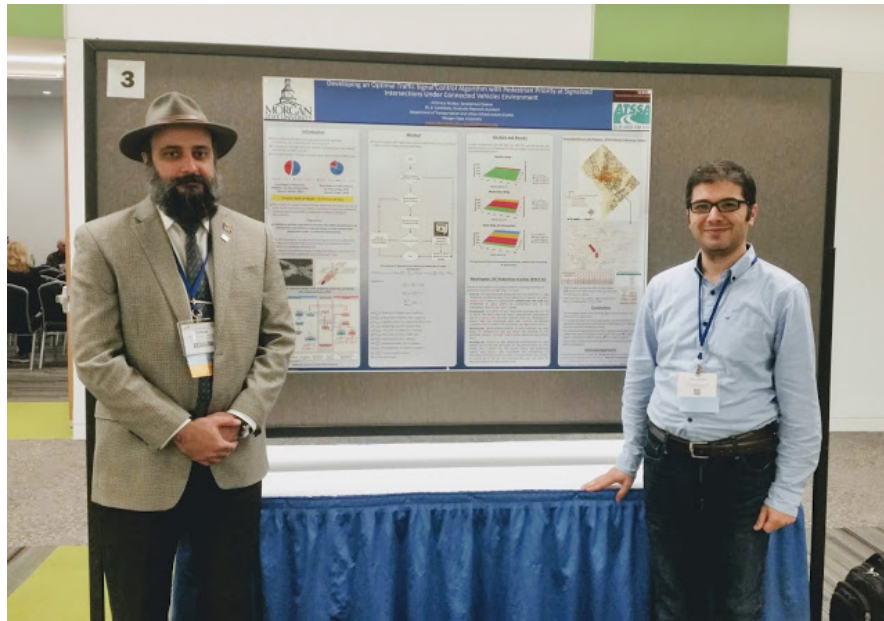
- JPEG of your current student I.D.
- Your faculty advisor's name, title and contact information
- 500- to 1,000-word original essay addressing the question asked on the application.

It is open to **non-US citizens** as well. Applicants are highly encouraged to submit a poster, too. Please note that you only need to submit an abstract and clear wording is very important -- avoid technical language!



*2019 Traffic Safety Scholars*





*Our Poster: [Developing an Optimal Traffic Signal Control Algorithm with Pedestrian Priority at Signalized Intersections Under Connected Vehicles Environment](#)*



*Clockwise from top left: Traffic Safety Scholars from MSU, Public Service Awards Luncheon, Amazing Churchill Downs & The Kentucky Derby Museum Event, and photo with dear Mary Lofgren on the last day of the conference*





**Peter Enyonam Kornyoh**  
 Graduate Research Assistant, LTU  
 3w · Edited

It was such an honour to be selected as part of the scholars for this year's Lifesaver's Conference in Kentucky. I learnt a lot and I am really challenged to be the best of myself.

#LifesaversConference2019  
 #MyExperience  
 #scholars



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## Peter Kornyoh, Lawrence Technological University, Civil Engineering

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## Qing Chang, Auburn University, Civil Engineering

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**Qing Chang** is 😊 feeling thankful at Kentucky International Convention Center.

Great opportunity to be a Traffic Safety Scholar! Great opportunity to attend the 2019 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities. Lots of great people here trying to improve highway safety. GOOD TO MEET THESE Consultants, researchers, state DOT engineers, law enforcements! Gladly working with these people improving highway safety. Really appreciate the organizers for arranging such a great conference. THANKS MARY! Hope to see you all next year!

#lifesavers2019 #Conferences #Awards #Research #phdlife  
 #posterpresentation #trafficsafety #transportationengineer #trafficengineer #trafficoperations



April 9 at 5:20 PM · Louisville, KY · Public

**Peter Kornyoh** is with Bryan Delaney and 2 others.  
 April 11 at 5:19 PM · 🌍

The most beautiful thing in life is the gift of the people God bring your way. Just a smile can make a whole lot of difference. Being in Kentucky was a splendid experience. Henrick, Armana, Raman, Rebecca, Amanua, my undergrad classmate, and many others. I appreciate and enjoyed your company. You guys a just fantastic.  
 #Enjoy  
 #LifesaversConference2019  
 #Kentucky

line Cash and 75 others  
 2 Comments





**Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh**

PHD at University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
4d · Edited

I was selected as one of the recipients of the Traffic Safety Scholars in Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, KY. This is truly a great honor for me! This conference was a great opportunity for me to meet public health and traffic safety scholars from all over the United States.  
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## Amin Mohamadi, University of Tennessee, PhD Civil & Environmental Engineering

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## Zhihua Zhang, University of Tennessee, Civil & Environmental Engineering

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**zhihua zhang**

Graduate Research Assistant at University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
4d · Edited

Three weeks ago, I was honored to be selected as one of the 50 Traffic Safety Scholars to attend the Lifesavers Conference on Traffic Safety in Louisville, KY. As a Traffic Safety Scholar, I was awarded a \$1000 to cover the costs to the conference. I had a great time at the conference and had the opportunity to meet people from different fields including engineering, public health, law enforcement, and education.

Many thanks to all people from 2019 Lifesavers conference board committees for giving me the opportunity to meet people from such diverse fields, while all are focusing on transportation safety-related issues. It was a fantastic experience, and I hope I have the chance to attend the 2020 Lifesavers Conference in Tampa, FL. If you and your friends are interested in traffic safety, I highly recommend you attending the 2020 Lifesavers Conference. Learn more:

<https://lnkd.in/eQqh62z> #lifesaver #trafficsafety



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April 25 at 9:56 PM · 🌐

The University of Tennessee Knoxville graduate students Numan Ahmad, Mojdeh Azad, Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh, Nitesh Shah, and Zhihua Zhang were named 2019 Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) and received an award of a \$1,000 scholarship at the 37th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in Louisville, Kentucky, from March 30-April 2.

Shah who is pursuing his master degree along with Ahmad, Azad, Hezaveh, and Zhang who are pursuing their doctoral degrees in Civil engineering were the five students among 50 students who were selected through a competitive essay application process. In this competition, students were to explain how their study could help countries move closer to achieving the goal of having zero fatalities on roadways.

"It is my honor to have been selected as one of the traffic safety scholars. I had a wonderful experience at the conference while meeting professionals from both academia and industry," said Ahmad. "I believe that such programs would encourage young safety scholars to contribute more efficiently to the safety mission and help in reducing valuable life losses due to road crashes".

"I was so honored to be selected as one of the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars and get the opportunity to participate in this conference," said Azad. "This conference gathered professionals from different disciplines with one goal of improving traffic safety, and I got a chance to present my study on the safety of Vulnerable Road Users along with other students who work on different safety-related topics. It was a great opportunity to meet with professionals and practitioners and learn about best practices," she added. "I want to thank the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Committee for their support and generosity and allowing me to attend this conference and hear how the collaborative efforts from engineering, law enforcement, education, and trauma care are helping to achieve zero fatalities."

"I was very much excited to know that road safety matters a lot to a diverse group of professionals. There have been initiatives to reduce crashes and fatalities in the roadway, but we have learned from past experience that there is no simple approach" said Shah. "I was motivated that the road safety initiation was seriously considered as a multifaceted problem with professionals like traffic engineers, public health, communication, and such working on the same objective to make the road safer." On moving towards zero, he said" the discussion about Vision Zero, which is an innovative

benefit tradeoff of human life with safety investment, was encouraging. I enjoyed interacting with professionals from engineering as well as non-engineering background and learn more about road safety."

"Lifesavers conference is such a good gathering of highway safety professionals which bring together people from different fields including engineering, public health, law enforcement, and education," said Zhang. "Many thanks to all people from 2019 Lifesavers conference board committees for giving me the opportunity to meet people from such diverse fields, while all are focusing on transportation safety-related issues," he said.

All five Scholars from UT and their fellow Traffic Safety Scholars were honored at a pre-conference reception on March 30 at Kentucky International Convention Center where they met with fellow scholars, Lifesavers Conference Planning Committee members, and traffic safety professionals representing government, NGOs and the private sector. Keynote Address was given by Elaine L. Chao, the Secretary of Transportation during the opening plenary. The Scholars had the opportunity to participate in over 80 workshops on Adult Occupant Protection/Vehicle Technology, Aging Drivers, Communications, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Distracted Driving, Evolving Safety Priorities & Solutions, Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection for Children, Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety, and Teen Traffic Safety.

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# MOJDEH AZAD

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**Mojdeh Azad,  
University of  
Tennessee, Civil &  
Environmental  
Engineering**

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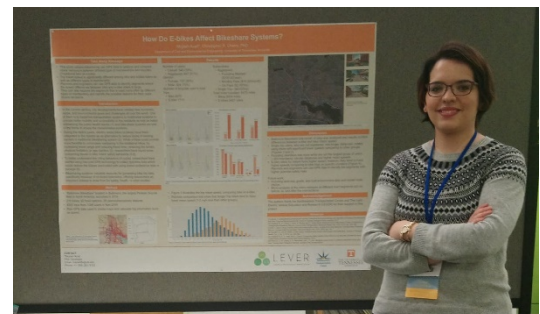
Dear Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Committee,

I was sincerely honored to be selected as one of the 50 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars and get the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Lifesavers conference in Louisville, Kentucky. I am very thankful for the time and generosity that you and each members of the Lifesavers family gave to the scholars.

This conference gathered professionals from different disciplines with one goal of improving traffic safety, and I got a chance to present my study on the safety of Vulnerable Road Users along with other students who work on different safety-related topics. It was a great opportunity to meet with professionals and practitioners and learn about best practices.

I am so thankful to Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Committee for their support and helping me to attend this conference and hear how the collaborative efforts from engineering, law enforcement, education, and trauma care are helping to achieve zero fatalities.

Sincerely,  
Mojdeh Azad





Sommer Wilmeth is with MK Anderson and 3 others.

April 3 at 7:05 PM · 🧑🏻‍🦱

This year I was able to attend the lifesavers conference in Louisville Kentucky as a Traffic Safety Scholar for a second year! At this conference I always learn so much about how we can reach zero lives lost on the roads. It is an incredible experience, coming together with so many from all over the nation who have the same passion as I do!

Also was so good to be with my SADD family again! It is never a dull moment when spending time with the people who mean so much! Blessed to be apart of an organization that truly empowers teens, engages parents, mobilizes communities, and changes lives! #lifesavers2019

### Sommer Wilmeth, Minnesota State University, Psychology



### Rebecca Liller, University of South Florida, Public Health



Rebecca Liller

March 31 at 2:01 PM · 🧑🏻‍🦱

Day 1 of the Lifesavers conference! I attended the opening plenary session, presented my poster, and networked with some of the best in the field of traffic safety! I am so honored to have been chosen as 1 of 50 to be a traffic safety scholar! This experience has been incredible!!

And as always... GO BULLS!! 🐮 #Lifesavers2019





## Jacob LaPrade, Stonehill College, Finance

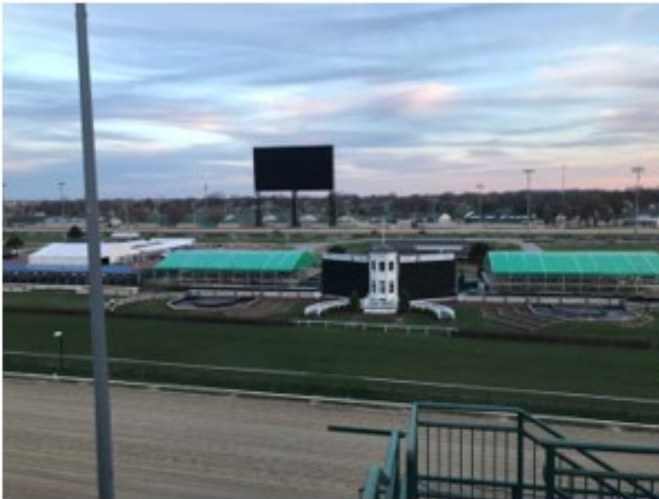
One month ago, I was fortunate enough to attend my second Lifesavers Conference, the National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, Kentucky. I was selected as a Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholar, for my second year, in which I was given a stipend to defray the costs of attending the conference. This is an honor that is given to current students who show a passion for traffic safety. While at this conference I was fortunate to meet many traffic safety professionals and learn about the work that they are currently performing, as well as catching up with friends that I have met at the past conferences.

While at the conference I was able to attend workshops about current initiatives and progress on the topics of distracted driving, impaired driving, and infrastructure improvements. While there have been great strides in recent years to prevent traffic fatalities, myself, with many other professionals, will continue our advocacy until there are zero traffic fatalities. Also, while I was in Louisville I was able to walk around the city and visit the Louisville Slugger Factory, and I was able to visit Churchill Downs with many others at the conference, where we were treated to dinner and we were able to get a tour of the historic track.

The Lifesavers Conference is truly inspirational, and I encourage those who have been affected by or have a passion for traffic safety to learn more about, and potentially attend next year's conference in Tampa Bay.

Learn more at: <https://lifesaversconference.org>







## Morgan Doctoral Student Named 2019 National Traffic Safety Scholar

 Morgan State U  January 7, 2019

Morgan doctoral student Istiak A. Bhuyan, who is studying transportation engineering in the School of Engineering's Department of Transportation and Urban Infrastructure Studies ([TUIS](#)), has been named by the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a 2019 National Traffic Safety Scholar ([TSS](#)). Along with this recognition comes the award of a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the organization's 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference event being held in Louisville, KY, from March 31 – April 2, 2019. Istiak was one of 50 college students selected through a competitive, nationwide application process, to be awarded this honor.



The [Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities](#) is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States; bringing together a unique combination of traffic safety and public health professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research and policy initiatives. The annual event showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising innovative 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 from engineering, education and enforcement to communications, business, marketing, medicine, public health, political science, counseling, and more.

Istiak and his fellow scholars will be honored at a pre-conference reception being held on March 31, and will have the opportunity to participate in plenary sessions and workshops featuring leading experts covering such topics as 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.

In addition to pursuing his doctorate, Istiak serves as a research assistant working alongside [Dr. Celeste Chavis](#) at Morgan on her research with the [Urban Equity and Mobility Center](#) and at the University's [National Transportation Center](#).

Congratulations to Istiak A. Bhuyan for being selected with this honor and representing Morgan State University on this national stage!

### LinkedIn Post

Traffic safety is one of the most prominent issues of recent times. For the year 2017, there were 550 fatalities in the state of Maryland while it was 37,133 nationally. The rate of Fatalities of Maryland was 9.09 while it was 11.40 for the U.S. per 100,000 Population. At present we live in a car-centric society and unlike Europe, most of the U.S. cities and communities are designed to favor motor vehicles. Here, in the U.S. driving is more necessity than a luxury. It is an indispensable part of day-to-day living for most people, and yet this ordinary means of getting from one place to another can be very tragic. With so many people of all ages on the road, practicing traffic safety is a duty. I was honored to be the recipient of **“National Traffic Safety Scholar – 2019”** award after a competitive selection process to attend the 37th annual [Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities](#) March 31-April 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Lifesavers Conference is the largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the United States, bringing 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.

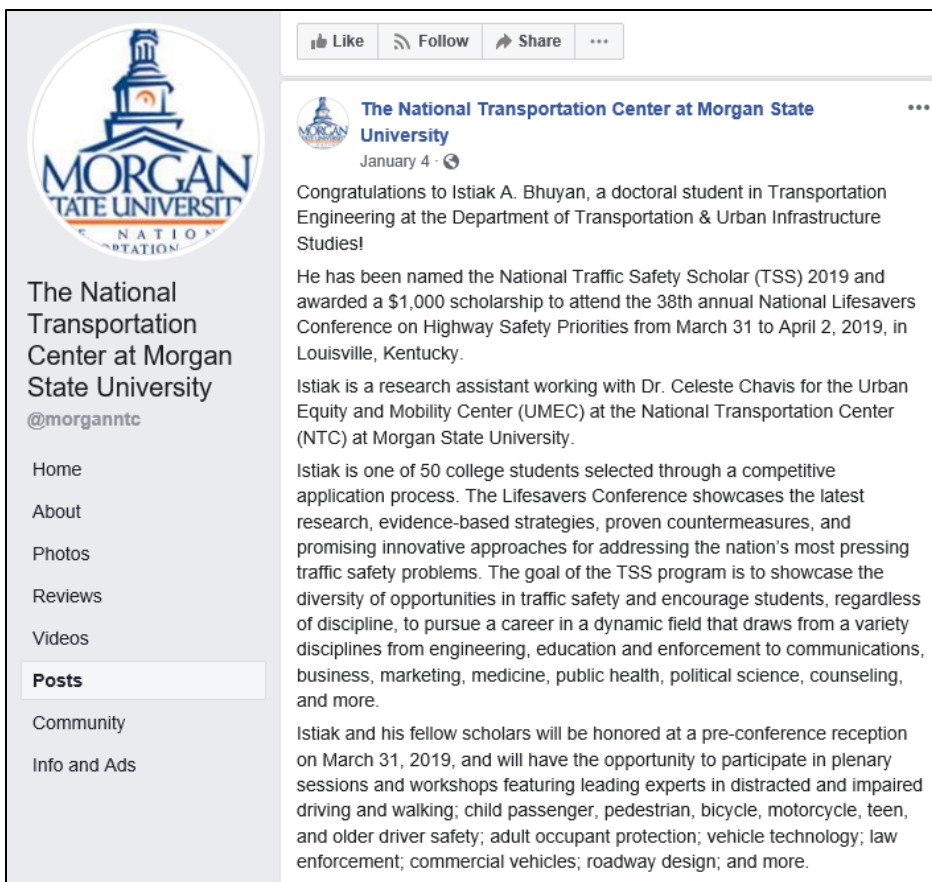
During the conference, the scholars participated in three plenary sessions and 84 workshops featuring leading experts in the fields of distracted and impaired driving and walking; child passenger, pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, teen and

older driver safety; adult occupant protection; vehicle technology; law enforcement and criminal justice; commercial motor vehicles; and roadway design. And the highlight of the conference was to get to hear from the motivational speakers like **Melissa Wandall**, (President, National Coalition for Safer Roads & Founder, The Mark Wandall Foundation), Heidi K. King (Deputy Administrator, **NHTSA**). And finally get to hear from the US Secretary of Transportation, Elaine L. Chao. Secretary Chao emphasizes on traffic safety being her top priority, ..... *“there is no higher calling and greater mission than saving lives and preventing injuries... Research is also ongoing to better understand the relationship between roadway design, traffic volumes, speed, and crash outcomes”*

This was a great opportunity and the experience was possible for the **Traffic Safety Scholarship (TSS)** program which provides aid to cover the expenses of attending the conference. This was my first year to be the recipient of the award and I was fortunate to be accompanied with three of my fellow scholars from Morgan State University: Dr. Seyedehsan Dadvar, Amirreza Nickkar, and Samira Ahangari from the **Department of Transportation and Urban Infrastructure Studies (TUIS)**. In addition to pursuing my doctorate, I serve as a research assistant working alongside **Dr. Celeste Chavis** at Morgan on her research with the **Urban Equity and Mobility Center** and at the University’s **National Transportation Center**. My recent research article address the Equity Gap in **Baltimore Bike Share system**.

Traffic safety is a multi-dimensional threat. It also requires robust researches on various aspects of it and the policy level recommendations. In simple term, most of the causes of traffic incidents can be linked to human error. So, educating all stakeholders and users of the roads should be given utmost priority. Being on the road either as driver or pedestrian should not lead to unaccepted death. The researchers are already proposing not to use the word “Accident” rather use “Incident” as accidents can happen randomly, but incidents can be preventable by taking necessary measures. I strongly believe that The Lifesavers conference is a great place to start, it showcases the latest research, evidence-based strategies, proven countermeasures, and promising new approaches for addressing the nation’s most pressing traffic safety problems. Finally, I would like to thank Pam Fisher and Mary Lofgren for their awesome organizing skill and running the conference so smoothly.

#Lifesavers2019 #trafficsafety #TSS #bikeequity



The National Transportation Center at Morgan State University

January 4 · 🌐

Congratulations to Istiak A. Bhuyan, a doctoral student in Transportation Engineering at the Department of Transportation & Urban Infrastructure Studies!

He has been named the National Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) 2019 and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 38th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities from March 31 to April 2, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Istiak is a research assistant working with Dr. Celeste Chavis for the Urban Equity and Mobility Center (UMEC) at the National Transportation Center (NTC) at Morgan State University.

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**Farah J. Al-Mahameed**

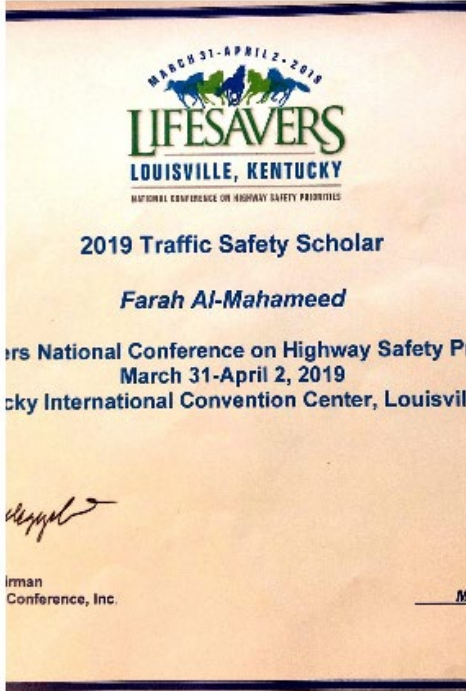
Civil Engineering Intern at City of Milwaukee

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I am honored to be one of the scholarship recipients of the Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities earlier this month. The conference was exciting. I enjoyed presenting my research and It was a great opportunity to meet with professionals and new colleagues at the venue.

#LifesaversConference2019 #TrafficSafety #UWM #UWMilwaukee #Research #TrafficSafetyScholar



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## Farah Al-Mahameed, University of Wisconsin, PhD Civil & Environmental Engineering

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## Mojdeh Azad, Numan Ahmad, Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh, Nitesh Shah & Zhihua Zhang, University of Tennessee, Civil & Environmental Engineering

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### Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

#### Five CEE Students Receive Traffic Safety Scholarships

April 29, 2019

2019 Traffic Safety Scholars. First row, third from right: Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh. Second row, third from right: Mojdeh Azad. Third row, second from right: Numan Ahmad. Fourth row, second from right: Nitesh Shah. Fifth row, first on right: Zhihua Zhang.

Civil and Environmental Engineering graduate students Numan Ahmad, Mojdeh Azad, Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh, Nitesh Shah, and Zhihua Zhang were named 2019 [Traffic Safety Scholars](#) (TSS) and received a \$1,000 scholarship award at the 37th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in Louisville, Kentucky, from March 30 to April 2. The students were five among 50 to be selected through a competitive essay application process where they explained how their study could help countries move closer to achieving the goal of zero fatalities on roadways.

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## Henrick Haule, Florida International University, Civil & Environmental Engineering



**Henrick Haule** is with [Armana Sabiha Huq](#) and [Sajidur Rahman Nafis](#) ...

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I was honored as a Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) and awarded a scholarship to attend the 38th Annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities from March 31 to April 2, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky. I was one among the 50 U.S. and international university students selected as the 2019 Traffic Safety Scholars through a competitive application. Attending the conference was an amazing and eye-opening experience on the on-going nationwide efforts in improving highway safety. I had the chance to attend various plenary sessions and workshops that showcased outstanding work of experts in making our roadways safer. I was astonished by the diversity of experts involved in highway safety which included but not limited to law enforcement, educators, policymakers, and engineers. Also, I was given the opportunity for presenting a poster of my research on traffic safety titled "Influence of Adverse Weather Conditions on Crash Clearance Time." I am thankful to the organizers and sponsors for this opportunity and would love to be a part of the next National Lifesavers Conference in Tampa Florida.

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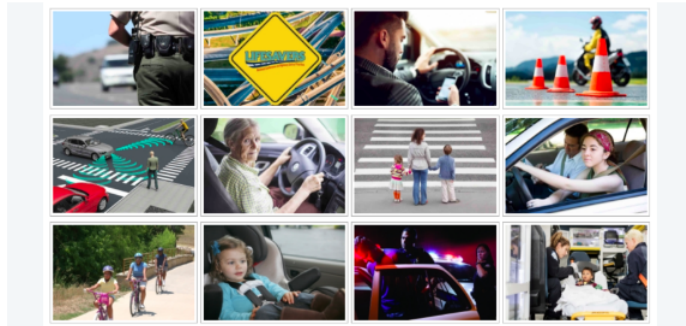
**Anjali Misra**

Graduate Student at University College Cork  
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The Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities is a gem I was delighted to discover this year. I had the pleasure of attending as a Traffic Safety Scholar and flew from Ireland to Louisville, Kentucky at the start of April for a whirlwind introduction to the field of traffic safety.

With a month left of classes in my Mitchell year, now is a time filled with deadlines, assignments, proposals, and planning for the future. Enjoying a weekend where my sole mission was to immerse myself in a topic relevant in every corner of the world was a privilege.

Large scale, worldwide public safety goals are little without the local, regional, and national level work they actually encompass. The public health field can be discouraging at times—recognizing the true scope of a problem as widespread as roadway fatalities is sobering. At the same time, knowing that public health research gives me tools fundamental to addressing this crisis is empowering, and Lifesavers was an excellent opportunity to learn more about how to apply my passion for public safety to action.



## Anjali Misra, University College Cork, Public Health

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## PLEASED TO BE NAMED A 2019 TRAFFIC SAFETY SCHOLAR

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I was honored and pleased to be named a 2019 Traffic Safety Scholar and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 37th annual Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Louisville, Ky. During the conference, my colleagues and I met with state and national traffic safety leaders, explored career opportunities with professionals in the public and private sectors, and participated in plenary sessions and workshops. My colleagues and I had the chance to discover many career opportunities in traffic safety and build brings with the industry leaders. It's definitely a priceless conference and I'm very grateful for this opportunity.

## Mohammed Almannaa, Virginia Tech, PhD Civil & Environmental Engineering

<http://blogs.lt.vt.edu/malmanaa/2019/04/28/pleased-to-be-named-a-2019-traffic-safety-scholar/>

In academia, we tend to fall short on interacting with others who are not specializing in our field. I liked the fact that the conference was multidisciplinary and allowed me to meet and learn from different people outside of my area.

During this conference, I presented part of my research that was conducted at Virginia Tech Transportation Institute about drivers with arthritis for a statistical methodology course, later published by the Transportation Research Board. Using video and other sensor data from the Second Strategic Highway Research Program naturalistic driving study, the largest light-vehicle study of its kind ever conducted, my classmates and I conducted statistical modeling to analyze driving differences between individuals with and without arthritis and to compare their crash risk. We found that the individuals who had arthritis were 72 percent more likely to be involved in a crash," he explained.



**Nitesh Raj Shah**

Research Assistant at University of Tennessee  
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It was an honor to be selected one of the Traffic Safety Scholar 2019 and attend the Lifesavers Conference in Louisville, KY.

Indeed, traffic safety is a "wicked problem" and experts from diverse fields, like engineering, public health, law enforcement, communication, and more, needs to work together to save every life on the road. Many thanks to conference organizers for bringing all these diverse people at a single place to share their knowledge.

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## Nitesh Raj Shah, University of Tennessee, Transportation Engineering

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The University of Tennessee Knoxville graduate students Numan Ahmad, Mojdeh Azad, Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh, Nitesh Shah, and Zhihua Zhang were named 2019 Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) and received an award of a \$1,000 scholarship at the 37th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in Louisville, Kentucky, from March 30-April 2.

Shah who is pursuing his master degree along with Ahmad, Azad, Hezaveh, and Zhang who are pursuing their doctoral degrees in Civil engineering were the five students among 50 students who were selected through a competitive essay application process. In this competition, students were to explain how their study could help countries move closer to achieving the goal of having zero fatalities on roadways.

"It is my honor to have been selected as one of the traffic safety scholars. I had a wonderful experience at the conference while meeting professionals from both academia and industry," said Ahmad. "I believe that such programs would encourage young safety scholars to contribute more efficiently to the safety mission and help in reducing valuable life losses due to road crashes".

"I was so honored to be selected as one of the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars and get the opportunity to participate in this conference," said Azad. "This conference gathered professionals from different disciplines with one goal of improving traffic safety, and I got a chance to present my study on the safety of Vulnerable Road Users along with other students who work on different safety-related topics. It was a great opportunity to meet with professionals and practitioners and learn about best practices," she added. "I want to thank the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars Committee for their support and generosity and allowing me to attend this conference and hear how the collaborative efforts from engineering, law enforcement, education, and trauma care are helping to achieve zero fatalities."

"I was very much excited to know that road safety matters a lot to a diverse group of professionals. There have been initiatives to reduce crashes and fatalities in the roadway, but we have learned from past experience that there is no simple approach" said Shah. "I was motivated that the road safety initiation was seriously considered as a multifaceted problem with professionals like traffic engineers, public health, communication, and such working on the same objective to make the road safer." On moving towards zero, he said" the discussion about Vision Zero, which is an innovative approach to reducing the total fatality to zero number unlike traditional cost-benefit tradeoff of human life with safety investment, was encouraging. I enjoyed interacting with professionals from engineering as well as non-engineering background and learn more about road safety."

"Lifesavers conference is such a good gathering of highway safety professionals which bring together people from different fields including engineering, public health, law enforcement, and education," said Zhang. "Many thanks to all people from 2019 Lifesavers conference board committees for giving me the opportunity to meet people from such diverse fields, while all are focusing on transportation safety-related issues," he said.

All five Scholars from UT and their fellow Traffic Safety Scholars were honored at a pre-conference reception on March 30 at Kentucky International Convention Center where they met with fellow scholars, Lifesavers Conference Planning Committee members, and traffic safety professionals representing government, NGOs and the private sector. Keynote Address was given by Elaine L. Chao, the Secretary of Transportation during the opening plenary. The Scholars had the opportunity to participate in over 80 workshops on Adult Occupant Protection/Vehicle Technology, Aging Drivers, Communications, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Distracted Driving, Evolving Safety Priorities & Solutions, Impaired Driving, Occupant Protection for Children, Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety, and Teen Traffic Safety.

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## Sajidur Rahman Nafis, Florida International University, Civil & Environmental Engineering

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It was a great pleasure for me to join the Lifesavers Conference 2019. I was awarded a scholarship and was honored as a Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) in the 38th Annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities from March 31 to April 2, 2019, in Louisville, Kentucky. I was one of the blessed people who got the scholarship and had the chance to attend various plenary sessions and workshops with interesting information. The conference showcased outstanding work of experts in making our roadways safer. I am thankful to the organizers and sponsors for this opportunity and would love to be a part of the next National Lifesavers Conference in Tampa Florida. I suggest other students to join next year too



experience this wonderful conference.  
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**Hisham Jashami**  
PhD Candidate at Oregon State University  
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It is always gratifying to acquire knowledge from different perspectives, but it is even better to be awarded to experience it. I had the privilege to attend the Annual National Conference on Highway Safety in Louisville, Kentucky as a Traffic safety scholar. It is the largest gathering of highway safety leaders in the United States attended by people from different backgrounds that share the same passion to address a leading cause of death (car crashes) in the US. It was an honor to be one of the selected scholars of 2019, and be able to hear heartbreaking stories. This will even make me work harder to help achieve Zero Roadway Deaths.

I was able to attend 6 sessions on pedestrians/bicyclists safety, a workshop, and a panel discussion entitled "Young Drivers Today: Where Do We Go from Here?", led by Dr. Donald Fisher. I learned so much!

Lifesavers is a professional and academic conference where you can not only discuss and explore ideas but also find career opportunities. If you are a student working on traffic safety and looking for a job, this is a must-attend event. Next year it will be in Tampa, FL. <https://lnkd.in/gsNKSEW>


I cannot thank enough all the sponsors and organizers for putting all this together and giving us the opportunity to be at Lifesavers2019





**Hisham Jashami, Oregon state University-  
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**Kudos and Congratulations**

PhD Candidate Hisham Jashami was selected as one of 50 Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars from around the world and will participate in a special program at the 2019 Lifesavers Conference on highway safety priorities in Louisville, Kentucky this March. The scholarship review committee was impressed by Hisham's interest and commitment to enhancing roadway safety through his respective field of study.

**Hisham Jashami,  
Oregon State  
University, PhD  
Engineering**

Hisham Jashami @hisham\_jashami · Mar 31  
Kicking off #Lifesavers2019 conference with a great talk by @stevecosstevens about traffic enforcement. @OregonStateCCE – at Kentucky International Convention Center



Hisham Jashami @hisham\_jashami · Apr 1  
Second day #Lifesavers2019 conference.



Hisham Jashami @hisham\_jashami · Mar 31  
Proud to win the traffic safety scholarship and be here at #Lifesavers2019 conference, looking forward for three informative days. @OregonStateCCE



## Lifesavers Conference

Hisham Jashami and Cameron Bennett attended the Lifesavers Conference in Louisville, Kentucky from March 31 to April 2. The two students were awarded travel and registration scholarships through the NHTSA Traffic Safety Scholars Program. The conference gathered transportation safety professionals from



across the United States and many different industries, ranging from engineering to education to law enforcement. Jashami and Bennet enjoyed learning about the programs, data, and priorities that drive many engineering design decisions and the way that projects are valued by the communities they are built in.

Hisham Jashami, Oregon state University- PhD Student Transportation Engineering- Hurwitz Research Group

<http://www.davidhurwitz.org/>

(tweeter and OSU ITE student chapter's Newsletter)

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# Andres Rios, Universidad del Valle, Epidemiology

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Just want to say thank you to all people from the 2019 National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities board comitee, for giving us the best opportunity to work in order to reduce road traffic injuries and to save lives on the road #LifeSavers2019



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# Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

## Five CEE Students Receive Traffic Safety Scholarships

April 29, 2019



2019 Traffic Safety Scholars. First row, third from right: Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh. Second row, third from right: Mojdeh Azad. Third row, second from right: Numan Ahmad. Fourth row, second from right: Nitesh Shah. Fifth row, first on right: Zhihua Zhang.

Civil and Environmental Engineering graduate students **Numan Ahmad, Mojdeh Azad, Amin Mohamadi Hezaveh, Nitesh Shah, and Zhihua Zhang** were named 2019 [Traffic Safety Scholars](#) (TSS) and received a \$1,000 scholarship award at the 37th annual National Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in Louisville, Kentucky, from March 30 to April 2. The students were five among 50 to be selected through a competitive essay application process where they explained how their study could help countries move closer to achieving the goal of zero fatalities on roadways.

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