

## **2023 Traffic Safety Scholar Social Media Posts**

#### **Mucyo Germain**

I had an incredible opportunity over the past few days attending the 41st <u>Lifesavers National</u> <u>Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle, Washington.

As a scholar, I want to extend my gratitude to everyone who put together this program and all of the mentors I met especially <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> <u>Michelle Khoury</u> for all of their great leadership and willingness to make all of the scholars feel extremely comfortable.

In fact, Traffic safety is an extremely broad topic and encompasses so much more than just Transportation Engineering. It was extremely interesting and eye opening to hear from engineers, psychologists, federal/state professionals, law enforcement, high schoolers, professors, and more on all of their different angles on traffic safety.

I personally had a great opportunity to network with professionals from <u>Laser Technology</u>, Inc. DRIVE SMART Virginia

as well as the <u>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA</u> <u>National Transportation</u> Safety Board and Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA)

I now recommend any college undergraduate or graduate students, especially <u>UHasselt</u> students who are studying or researching anything relating to <u>#trafficsafety</u>, to apply for the upcoming <u>#lifesavers2024</u> in Denver, Colorado. #visionzero #lifesavers2023



#### **Christine Kanana**

Appreciation post!

It was a great honour to be selected as one of the 2023 Traffic Safety Scholars for the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, Washington, from April 2nd to April 4th, 2023.

I had a fantastic time meeting with professional experts from federal, state, and local government, law enforcement, public health, injury prevention, advocacy, and non-profit organizations and all the other involved stakeholders from all around the United States of America who share the same goal of saving lives through Traffic safety.

The workshops were well organized in the following 10 topics that cover road safety: Child passenger safety CPS, Communication COM, Criminal Justice / Law enforcement CJ/LE, Distracted driving DD, Driver training/ Assessment & Licensing UTAL, Impaired driving ID, Occupant protection OP, Pedestrian, Bicyclist & Micro-mobilist Safety PBM, Safe system SS and Vehicle Technologies/ Automated Driving VT/AD.

It's incredibly satisfying to see how many people care about road safety. Most importantly how the safe system approach is being taken up by most, positively.

Traffic safety is a critical and serious concern.

Thank you again to the Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) program for the scholarship to attend this amazing conference and meet my fellow traffic safety scholars especially Yasmine Al Moghrabi.

Thank you to Tara Casanova-Powell, Mary L., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA and my school UHasselt .

Side note, I had an opportunity to visit the United States of America for the first time! #Ifesavers2023 #roadsafety #safety #trafficsafety #safetysystems Transportation Sciences Network YOURS

#### **Ahmed Hossain**

I was selected as a Traffic Safety Scholar (TSS) to attend the 2023 <u>Lifesavers National</u> <u>Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle, Washington.

It was a great opportunity for me to gain state-of-the-art knowledge and ideas on transportation safety research. I was really amazed to meet people from other domains including doctors, highway patrol officers, and policymakers, and knowing how they contribute to transportation safety.

Attending this conference, helped me grow as a researcher and understand the 'real world application' of safety research. I would like to thank <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> and other organizers for organizing such an interactive conference.

I look forward to attend the conference next year in Denver, Colorado!



## **Nischal Gupta**

I had an incredible opportunity to represent <u>Michigan State University</u> at the 41st <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> held in Seattle this year as a Traffic Safety Scholar.

I got the opportunity to meet several people and attend a diverse range of workshops focused on traffic safety. I would like to thank the planning committee and especially <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> for this wonderful experience.

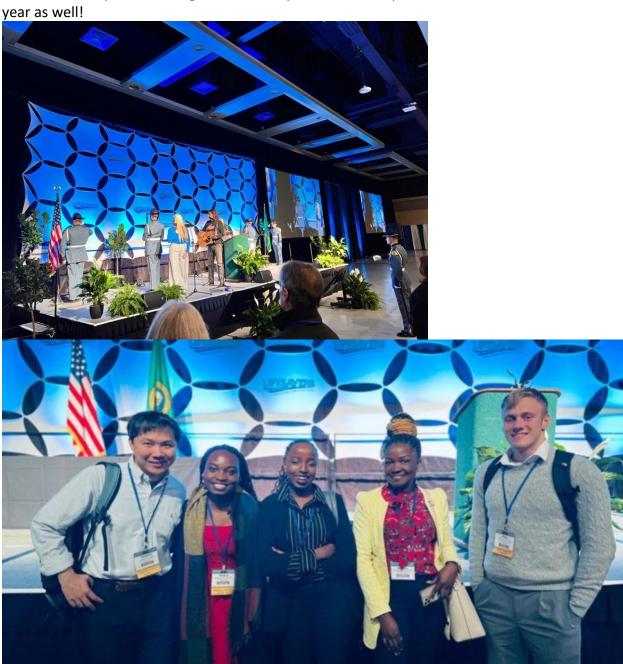
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#### Kirill Rogovoy

Earlier in April I was granted a scholarship to attend the Lifesavers conference in Seattle, as a Traffic Safety Scholar! I had a great time at the conference. I met a lot of traffic safety professionals and learned about new trends

in <u>#data #safety #lawenforcement #autonomousvehicles</u>. My favorite workshop was called: "NHTSA's Latest Data on L2 ADAS System-related Crashes & Lessons Learned ". The workshop discussed data collected from drivers using L2 ADAS systems through studies, and how <u>#adas</u> systems are often mismarketed as Fully Autonomous systems. This misleads consumers and presents dangerous roadway situations. I hope to attend the conference next year as well!



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Angelina Caggiano, EIT (She/Her) · You Graduate Research Assistant at University of Massachusetts Amherst 1w · 🕥

I just got back from attending Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, Washington! I am so grateful to have been selected as a Traffic Safety Scholar this year along with my peers Holly Russell, EIT and Meng Wang. We had the opportunity to meet so many great students and professionals while learning about public outreach, research, technology, and policy to reduce crashes involving speeding, distracted driving, driving under the influence, teenagers and young drivers.

I used to think "traffic safety" was a narrow field within transportation engineering, but this conference proved that it is much more than that. I got to learn from law enforcement, high school and middle school students, communication and marketing specialists, engineers, researchers, psychologists, and everyone in between. These professionals taught me that there is so much more to traffic safety than I previously thought. I am so glad I am apart of this community and cannot wait to see what we can accomplish.

I want to especially thank Tara Casanova-Powell for the work that she did to incorporate the traffic safety scholars into the conference and made sure we had a great experience. I highly encourage anyone interested in traffic safety from any perspective to attend the next Lifesavers conference in April 2024 in Denver, CO and if you are a student, please apply to be a traffic safety scholar!





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#### Holly Russell

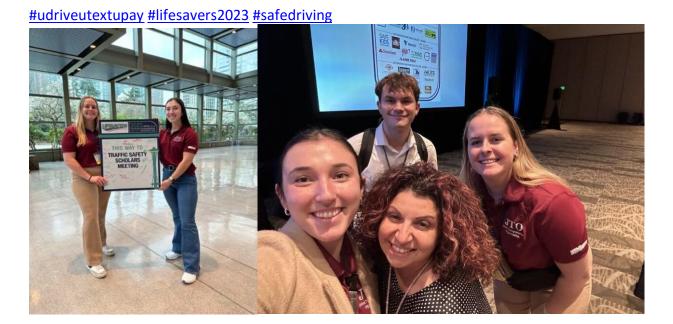
This past weekend I had the privilege of attending the <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle, Washington as a Traffic Safety Scholar. It was an honor to be named a scholar alongside my two classmates, <u>Angelina Caggiano, EIT</u> and <u>Meng Wang</u>, from the <u>University of Massachusetts Amherst</u>.

I want to thank everyone who put together this program and all of the mentors I met this past weekend especially <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> for all of her great leadership and willingness to make all of the scholars feel extremely comfortable in a new city with many new professionals.

Traffic safety is an extremely broad topic and encompasses so much more than just Transportation Engineering. It was extremely interesting and eye opening to hear from engineers, psychologists, federal/state professionals, law enforcement, high schoolers, professors, and more on all of their different angles on traffic safety.

To any college undergraduate or graduate students who are studying or researching anything relating to traffic safety, I highly recommend you apply to be a Traffic Safety Scholar for the 2024 LifeSAVERS Conference in Denver, Colorado. I felt it was an extremely beneficial conference to attend and it really helped me grasp the idea of how widespread traffic safety is and how important it is that we spread our knowledge to keep our roadways safe to achieve our Vision Zero goal.

Thank you and remember to stay safe on our roadways!





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Great honor to be selected as one of the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities scholars and attend the conference with my colleagues from UArizona Center for Applied Transportation Sciences! Have learned a lot new knowledge from presentations and other scholars.

Glad to see that Arizona is one of the states that has the hands-free law! We are SAFE! I feel a sense of pride in seeing the growing involvement of women in traffic safety areas, as their contributions play a crucial role in creating safer roads and promoting responsible driving habits. I hope I can contribute more in traffic safety fields!



#### Asif Mahmud

Recently, I had an opportunity to attend <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> at Seattle, Washington. It was a great honor to be awarded <u>#TrafficSafetyScholarship</u> to attend the conference.

A wide range of topics on traffic safety including distracted driving, driving automation system, and child passenger safety were covered in this conference and I got to see how people from different domains are tackling safety related challenges. I have gained valuable experience on different methods & technologies and eager to apply them in my research.

Hats off to <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> and other organizers for pulling off such a big event successfully. Looking forward to attending the next conference in Denver, Colorado.



#### Joshua Depp

Recently I had the honor of attending the <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety</u>

<u>Priorities</u> as a Traffic Safety Scholar. I am beyond grateful for this experience and everyone who helped put it together.

For those who do not know, Lifesavers is the nation's largest gathering of highway safety professionals. It is a conference full of informative sessions, moving stories, and life-saving technologies. While in attendance I met many great people and learned how important a holistic view is to approaching and solving problems.

As an engineering student I am looking forward to using all the information and strategies I learned in my future courses and career. I am really looking forward to continuing my journey and attending the 2024 Lifesavers in Denver, Colorado.

For any student looking to break into the Traffic Safety Field, feel free to reach out to me. I would be happy to show you about the great opportunities Lifesavers offers and help with the Traffic Safety Scholarship application process.



#### Meron Alemu Metekia

I am grateful to attend the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, <u>#Lifesavers2023</u>, as a Traffic Safety Scholar in Seattle, Washington. I have attended several workshops about vehicle technology and the implementation of the safe system approach. It was such a fantastic platform to connect with several traffic safety scholars and organizations in the US. The conference reminded us that we could make a difference and must exhaust our effort to create safe roads.

I want to extend my special and heartfelt gratitude to <u>#Lifesavers2023</u> organizers @Mary Lofgren and <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> for their hard work and dedication.

# #Lifesavers Conference



#### Yasmine Al Moghrabi

This month, I had the honor of being selected as a Traffic Safety Scholar and attending the 41st Annual <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle, Washington. Attending this conference gave me the opportunity to meet individuals who share my passion for traffic safety, as well as an insight into the broad scope of the transportation safety field.

I've found it fascinating to hear from professionals from different fields, such as engineers, policymakers, psychologists, federal and state professionals, law enforcement, scientists, and professors, offering their perspectives on traffic safety.

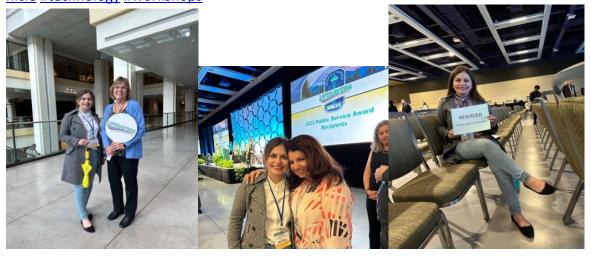
The most memorable part for me was the simulated driving experience as a drunk or distracted driver. As someone who always obeys the traffic law and doesn't drink alcohol, I was able to experience these situations through simulation and moving from data statistics to real experience.

Additionally, I enjoyed learning about vehicle technologies and automated driving, as well as the other topics covered in the workshops.

I want to extend my gratitude to the conference organizers, especially <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> and Mary Lofgren. In addition, I appreciate the support of my advisor Prof. <u>Dr. Mohammed Hadi</u>.

I am looking forward to attending next year's conference in Denver, Colorado.

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#### **Kamar Amine**

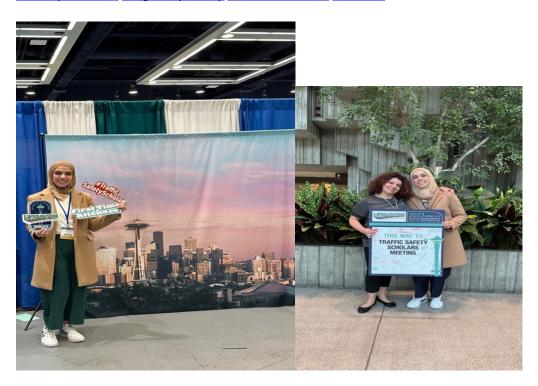
Earlier this year, I was honored with being selected as a Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholar for the 2023 <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle, Washington on April 2-4. This conference, which is the largest in the nation on highway safety, was a great opportunity to meet with professionals, engineers, policy makers and law enforcement who team up to come up with innovative solutions to ensure the safety of our transportation systems.

The conference discussed a wide range of important topics related to safety, with workshops on distracted driving, micromobility safety, achieving vision zero, and vehicle technology.

Many thanks to the Lifesavers Conference Committee who put together a valuable and successful conference and special shoutout and sincere gratitude goes to the hidden soldiers, <a href="Tara Casanova-Powell">Tara Casanova-Powell</a> and Mary Lofgren, who made the Traffic Safety Scholars' experience an unforgettable one! Their relentless work gave us endless opportunities to learn, network, and have fun!

On another note, experiencing the west coast for the first time and the beauty of Washington state was on a different level!





#### **A. Latif Patwary**

It is a great honor to be selected as one of the <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> - traffic safety scholars. By attending the conference, I learned more about the latest safety research, best practices and cutting-edge technologies being used to reduce motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. It also provided me with an excellent opportunity to network and collaborate with fellow safety scholars, safety professionals, and industry leaders. I think this conference is a significant step towards achieving the vision zero goals which is to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries while promoting safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for everyone. <u>#lifesavers2023</u> <u>#trafficsafetyscholar</u> <u>#seattlewashington</u>



#### **Sunday Okafor**

I am honored to attend the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, #Lifesavers2023 as a Traffic Safety Scholar in Seattle Washington State. It was an inspiring experience to learn from Highway Safety Professionals about innovative and best practices for traffic safety improvement. The various workshops on child passenger safety, distracted driving, impaired driving, occupant protection, pedestrian, bicyclist & micromobilist safety, safe systems, vehicle technologies/automated driving, law enforcement, and communications exposed me to fresh perspectives for traffic safety prioritization toward achieving "Vision Zero" where fatality and injury crashes will be eliminated from our roadways. Listening to firsthand narratives of individuals who have lost loved one(s) to road crashes, further motivates me to continue contributing my quota to traffic safety through research and advocacy. I am of the view that no one is safe on our roads until we are all safe. Therefore, as stakeholders, we have roles to play toward achieving "Vision Zero". We have to watch out for each other, so we can all get home safely every day to our loved ones. I want to appreciate Tara <u>Casanova-Powell</u> and her team for organizing such a wonderful conference. Special thanks to the Alabama Transportation Institute and CTOPS at The University of Alabama for their sponsorship.











Amber V. Dillard (She/Her) · You

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Honored to be part of this incredibly talented Lifesavers **National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities** Traffic Safety Scholars Class of 2023 cohort. I'm so grateful for this valuable opportunity to learn about other students' #trafficsafety research, meet National **Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA** leadership, and hear from other #childpassengersafety professionals! If you know a student who is interested in this field, encourage them to apply for this program!





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#### **Riffat Islam**

Attending the #lifesavers2023 Conference in Seattle, WA from April 2-4, 2023, as a #trafficsafetyscholar was an incredible opportunity for me. The workshop sessions were inspiring and motivated me to pursue research in the traffic safety field using a safe systems approach. I believe that achieving vision zero, a world with zero traffic fatalities, will require collaborative efforts from both public and private sectors. As a dedicated researcher, I am committed to preventing traffic deaths and making our roads safer. At the conference, I had the privilege of networking with professionals and fellow scholars, reconnecting with old friends from my home country, and discovering the wonders of Seattle. I wish to express my deep appreciation to Tara Casanova-Powell and Mary Lofgren for organizing and guiding us through the conference. I would also like to thank Center for Transportation Operations, Planning and Safety (CTOPS) and Alabama Transportation Institute (ATI) at the University of Alabama for sponsoring the conference. I look forward to the next conference in Denver and aspire to make a meaningful contribution as a presenter. #lifesavers2023 #trafficsafety #rolltide



#### **Yuni Tang**

After I became Dr. Tang at the end of March, I was so privileged to be able to go to Seattle for the 2023 <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> as a returning scholar. I was glad to meet all the fantastic traffic safety experts and scholars in-person and know how passionate they are about their current research, activities, and policies to make sure the safety of all road users, but I felt so heartbroken when I heard so many stories about motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths. I want to spread the word as one of the young folks who just landed in or currently work in this field: "Motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths are preventable, but we must work together to stop the tragedies." I am honored I can be part of this field and work as best as I can to emphasize the issues of traffic safety in the US, and I will keep continuing to work on it and make contributions to road safety! I am more than happy to connect for future research projects and work opportunities! Looking forward to seeing you all next year in Denver! #lifesavers2023 #trafficsafety



#### **Atika Jabin**

I am thrilled to have been selected as a <u>#TrafficSafetyScholar</u> and to have had the opportunity to attend the <u>Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities</u> in Seattle as a representative of <u>Florida International University</u>. The conference was truly transformative and strengthened my passion for Traffic Safety, allowing me to connect with amazing professionals who share that same passion. The workshops and discussions at the conference covered a wide range of topics. I learned so much from every session and I am excited to find ways to apply that knowledge to make our roads safer. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to <u>Tara Casanova-Powell</u> for her tireless efforts in making the Lifesavers National Conference such an amazing experience for us traffic safety scholars. I highly recommend the Lifesavers National Conference to any student or professional who is interested in Traffic Safety and wants to make a difference. I am already looking forward to next year's conference in Denver!







#### Meng Wang

It was a great honor to be selected as one of the Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) 2023 to attend the Lifesavers National Conference 2023 in Seattle, WA. This conference is amazing that it gathers researchers and experts with various backgrounds from engineering and science to public health and law enforcement, yet sharing the same goal of improving traffic safety and reducing fatal crashes. I feel excited that I was able to attend lots of awesome workshops ranging from distracted driving, and safe systems to impaired driving, and pedestrians, motorists, and micromobilities. During the conference, the workshops and sessions impressed me that we are all committed to providing society with a better, safer, and more organized driving environment, especially since we are still at the time of recovering from the post-COVID-19 pandemic. I highly recommend that if you are an undergraduate or graduate student interested in or aiming to improve traffic safety, you gotta check out the Lifesavers conference <a href="https://lnkd.in/eSgTaA-R">https://lnkd.in/eSgTaA-R</a>!

Again, THANK YOU <u>#lifesavers2023</u> for this great opportunity and I can't wait for the upcoming conference. See you in Denver in 2024!



#### Abdallah Kinero

I had an incredible opportunity over the past few days (April 1st-4th, 2023) attending the 41st Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, Washington.

The conference emphasized on different aspects of traffic safety using eye-opening workshops, exhibitions and plenary sessions. I learned alot about traffic safety through these sessions and wonderful professionals and students I met through this conference.

I am grateful to the Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) program for the scholarship to attend this phenomenal conference.

Special appreciation to my advisor Priyanka Alluri, PhD, PE, RSP-2BI for her constant support.

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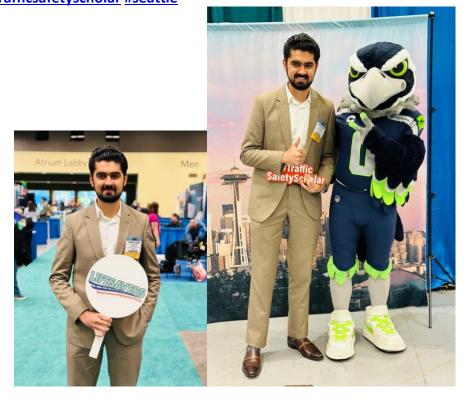


#### **Farooq Azam Khanzada**

Graduate Teaching Assistant UL Lafayette

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I am privileged to be one of the Traffic Safety Scholars who attended the Lifesavers Conference in Seattle, Washington, this year. These young folks were nothing short of amazing, and I really enjoyed the time I spent with them. During these days, I got the opportunity to connect with many people, attend several workshops, and explore the beautiful city of Seattle. The conference brought together some of the brightest minds in the traffic safety field to discuss the latest research, best practices, and policy solutions for reducing traffic fatalities and injuries. I was fortunate to attend several thought-provoking workshops and meet some inspiring professionals who are dedicated to preserving lives on our roads. Overall, the Lifesavers Conference 2023 was an unforgettable experience, and I feel honored to have been a part of it. Thank you to all of the Lifesavers planning committee, sponsors, and attendees who made this event possible. And a huge shoutout to <a href="Tara Casanova-Powell">Tara Casanova-Powell</a>, who made everything really fun. Finally, to all the students passionate about traffic safety, this conference is a great opportunity to learn from and connect with the professionals in Traffic Safety. Next year, the Lifesavers conference will be in Denver, Colorado. So, do not forget to apply. #lifesavers2023 #Trafficsafetyscholar #seattle



#### Yongcan Huang

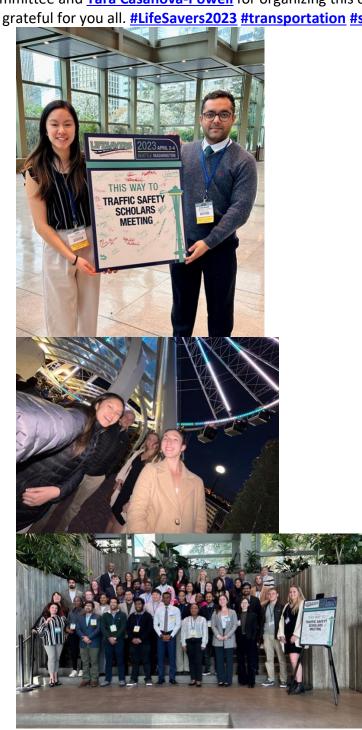
Deep appreciation to the amazing experience of representing The University of Georgia at the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities as a #TrafficSafetyScholar.

4-day stay at the conference in Seattle gave life-inspiring impact on my passion about Traffic Safety and I was also able to make connections with wonderful people who are dedicated to making traffic a safer place. From the chronological story of safety belt in the states, to impaired driving, to autonomous vehicles, all the seminars that interested me made me ascertained a lot. I will keep on moving and look forward to areas that I will be able to practice what I learned as a traffic safety scholar!

Thank you so much for the conference planning and organizing Tara Casanova-Powell . #LifeSavers2023



## **Kezia Suwandhaputra**



## Syed Bagir ul Husnain's profile

I had the privilege of attending the National Lifesavers Conference 2023 in Seattle, where I had the pleasure of meeting a diverse group of wonderful people and forging lifelong connections. I was honoured to have been selected as a scholar to attend this prestigious conference, which provided an excellent platform for like-minded individuals interested in exploring the various ways agencies are working to enhance safety in society. #lifesavers2023 #GoBeaves #safety



#### Md. Mahmud Hasan Mamun

I am excited to announce that I have been chosen as one of the Traffic Safety Scholars for the 2023 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities held in Seattle, Washington. The conference provided a unique opportunity to connect and learn about traffic safety from diverse professionals and scholars from various industries and backgrounds. During the conference, I had the privilege of participating in numerous workshops, panel discussions, and plenary sessions on the latest trends and best practices in traffic safety. The conference was particularly inspiring due to the diversity of safety perspectives and experiences represented. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Traffic Safety Scholars Program and the conference organizers, especially Tara Casanova-Powell and Mary Lofgren, for offering me this scholarship and for facilitating this extraordinary opportunity. Furthermore, I am grateful for the constant support and guidance of my advisor Dr. Mohammed Hadi. I am eagerly anticipating pursuing my journey and attending the 2024 Lifesavers Conference in Denver, Colorado. #Lifesavers2023 #TrafficSafetyScholar #SeattleConference #opportunity





#### Sagar Dasgupta

This year, I had the privilege of attending the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, WA as one of the Traffic Safety Scholars. It was an incredible experience to meet experts from both government bodies and industries who are working towards achieving zero roadway fatalities and safer roadway systems by implementing a safe system approach. The workshops on child passenger safety, distracted driving, impaired driving, occupant protection, pedestrian, bicyclist & micromobilist safety, safe systems, vehicle technologies/automated driving, law enforcement, and communications were enlightening and inspiring. I was honored to have the chance to meet notable figures such as Nanda Srinivasan (NHTSA), Katherine McDonald (Uber), Brad Stertz (Audi), Erik Dietz (Michelin) and many others. Learning about the connected vehicle safety from these experts was a truly valuable experience. I would like to express my gratitude to Caroline Cash (NHTSA), Tara Casanova-Powell (Lifesavers) and Mary Lofgren (Lifesavers) for organizing and leading us through the conference. Their hard work and dedication made the conference a valuable and memorable experience. Finally, I want to extend a special thanks to the Center for Transportation Operations, Planning and Safety (CTOPS) and Alabama Transportation Institute for their sponsorship. I am eager to make a meaningful contribution to the improvement of roadway safety through my research. #lifesavers2023 #roadwaysafety #nhtsa #rolltide



#### SAGAR KESHARI

As a #Lifesaverscholar, I had the incredible opportunity to represent Michigan State University at Lifesaver National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities 2023. It was an inspiring event where I met many passionate road safety professionals, policymakers, and researchers from around the country. The conference was packed with informative sessions that provided me with new insights and ideas on road safety.

The workshops were a major highlight of the conference. I attended sessions on the safe system approach, distracted and impaired driving, and other important topics essential to road safety. The knowledge and skills I gained will undoubtedly help me to be a more effective road safety advocate.

Also, I was able to connect with like-minded individuals who are dedicated to making our roads safer for everyone. These new connections will undoubtedly help me in my future career and research endeavors.

I'm immensely grateful to the organizing committee for putting together such an amazing event, and I'm looking ahead to next year's conference in Denver, Colorado. #lifesavers2023 #roadsafety #savelives #gogreen



#### Saguib Mohammed

Last week, I had an amazing opportunity to attend the 41st Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, Washington, from April 1st-4th, 2023. As a Traffic Safety Scholar, along with my fellow UArizona Center for Applied Transportation Sciences scholars Pouya Jalali Khalilabadi and Xi Zhang, I participated in enlightening workshops that focused on various aspects of traffic safety.

I am incredibly grateful to the Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) program for awarding me a scholarship to attend this phenomenal conference and for the opportunity to meet other likeminded students and professionals who share a passion for traffic safety. I strongly recommend attending the upcoming Lifesavers conference in Denver, CO, in April 2024 for anyone interested in traffic safety, regardless of their background or perspective.

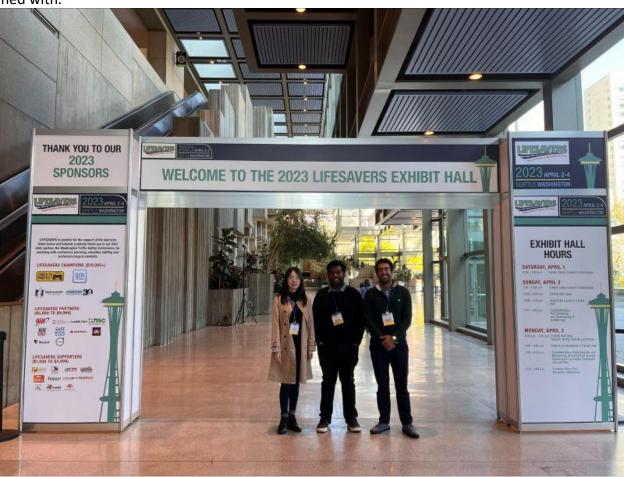
If you are a student, I highly encourage you to apply for the Traffic Safety Scholars program. As a Traffic Safety Scholar, I found the experience invaluable in terms of networking with professionals in the field and gaining knowledge that I can apply to my future career in traffic safety. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

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## <u>UArizona Center for Applied Transportation Sciences</u>

Three of our Ph.D. students, Xi Zhang, Saquib Mohammed Haroon, and Pouya Jalali Khalilabadi, participated as Traffic Safety Scholars at the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities this week in Seattle, WA. At CATS, we recognize the critical nature of safety in transportation and look forward to learning as a team from the knowledge they have returned with.



#### **Samia Akter**

I am excited to share that I was selected as a 2023 Traffic Safety Scholar for the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, Seattle, Washington. The conference provided an opportunity to enrich my knowledge of traffic safety from industry professionals and fellow scholars. The workshops, panels, and plenary sessions were all informative and engaging, and I especially enjoyed the chance to network with other scholars and experts in the field. I am grateful to the Lifesavers Traffic Safety Scholars (TSS) Program for the scholarship that made this incredible experience possible. I would like to thank Tara Casanova-Powell and Ms. Mary Lofgren for organizing such a wonderful conference. Overall, I am proud to have been a part of this year's Lifesavers National Conference and look forward to applying what I learned to my work in transportation safety going forward. #Lifesavers2023 #TrafficSafetyScholar #SeattleConference



#### **Tinsaye Tefera Yishak**

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to represent **UHasselt** alongside other students at the Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities in Seattle, Washington, as a #TrafficSafetyScholar. It was a pleasure to participate in such an enlightening and informative event. The conference was an excellent platform for sharing knowledge, experiences, and ideas from fellow professionals on #human, #road, #vehicle, #environment, and #awareness factors on #roadsafety. Additionally, I had the opportunity to meet with Marilena Amoni, @Juliet Little, Robyn Robertson, and former Uhasselt alumni Ward Vanlaar during the event. The networking opportunities and insightful discussions were invaluable, and I am confident that the lessons learned and connections will be beneficial in my future endeavors. I also explored the beautiful city of **#Seattle** by joining a walking tour and visiting the iconic **#SpaceNeedle**, which offered breathtaking views of the city. I want to extend my special thanks to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA, #Lifesavers2023 organizers @Mary Lofgren and Tara Casanova-Powell for their hard work and dedication in bringing this conference to fruition. Your efforts have made this event a resounding success, and I appreciate the attention to detail that went into planning every aspect of the conference. I look forward to opportunities to collaborate and contribute to advancing our field. #roadsafety #innvovation #trafficsafety #transportation #experience #opportunity



#### Pouya Jalali Khalilabadi

I recently had the chance to participate in Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, which was filled with informative sessions, interesting exhibits, and numerous opportunities for networking. It was a fantastic experience attending this conference alongside my fellow students, Xi Zhang and Saquib Mohammed Haroon One of the primary advantages of attending the Lifesavers conference is the opportunity to acquire knowledge about new trends and best practices in the area of traffic safety. The workshops I attended were enlightening, and captivating, and offered me fresh concepts and perspectives that I can apply at UArizona Center for Applied Transportation Sciences. The conference covered a diverse range of topics, from the latest technological advancements to effective leadership strategies, catering to the interests of all participants. I would like to express my gratitude to all the individuals who organized this program and the mentors whom I had the pleasure of meeting over the past week. In particular, I would like to thank Tara Casanova-Powell. #lifesavers2023 #trafficsafety #highwaysafety

