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R&LHS 2021 scholarship winners announced

Ward, Myers, Hilton awards are made to three students

The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society has announced the winners of its 2021 scholarship awards. These scholarships are named in honor of the R&LHS members who endowed them. The awardees are both graduate and undergraduate university students studying aspects of railroad history and operations.

The winners are as follows:

Bruce R. Ward Scholarship

- The Bruce R. Ward Scholarship was awarded to Stanton Schmitz. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering at the Michigan Technological University and has a particular interest in the application of artificial intelligence to rail transportation.

Edward Myers Scholarship

- The Edward Myers Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Parkes. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Illinois and seeks a career in the railroad industry.

George W. Hilton Scholarship

- The George W. Hilton Scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Kletzer. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at the University of California-San Diego and is writing a dissertation on the development of the Chinese National Railway.

These three students were selected from a field of 12 applicants. Each scholarship is worth \$3,000.

George W. Hilton was an economics professor at UCLA, and also an accomplished historian, writing a

number of books on railroads and ships, including *The Ma & Pa* (Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad), *Great Lakes Car Ferries*, and *The Night Boat*. Readers of *Trains* magazine in the 1960s frequently came across his articles, as he was a favorite of then-editor David P. Morgan. A longtime member of the R&LHS, Hilton died in 2014 at age 89.

Bruce R. Ward (1934-2010) was a California engineer who worked for Lockheed Corp., and was a live-steam model railroad enthusiast, steam historian, and photographer. A member of R&LHS, he was also a 46-year member of the Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum. He traveled the world in search of steam locomotives to photograph, visiting Canada, Mexico, England, Denmark, Germany, France, and South Africa.

Edward T. Myers of Matteson, Ill., a member of the R&LHS for more than 35 years, had been editor of the trade journal *Modern Railroads* magazine for 25 years when he retired in 1980. He died in 2003 at age 89.