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R&LHS 2022 scholarship winners announced

Hilton, Myers, Ward awards are made to five students

The Railway & Locomotive Historical Society has announced the winners of its 2022 scholarship awards. Scholarships are given in the names of those who endowed them, Professor George W. Hilton, Edward T. Myers, and Bruce R. Ward. The awardees are both graduate and upper-level undergraduate university students studying aspects of railroad history, engineering, or operations. Each scholarship is worth \$3,000. The winners are:

Kaitlyn Drittler of Rincon, Ga., is pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in supply chain management, with an emphasis on logistics intermodal transportation, at Georgia Southern University. She has internship experience and participated in research on implementation of distributed power to reduce the cost of rail service. She competed as a member of a team from Georgia Southern in the Intermodal Association of North America’s inter-institutional academic challenge in Jacksonville, Fla.

Benjamin Kletzer of San Diego, Calif., is a PhD candidate in history at the University of California – San Diego. His specialization is in modern Chinese history, and he is writing his dissertation on the development of the Chinese National Railway. He was also a 2021 recipient of an R&LHS scholarship award.

Joe Krebsbach of Mukwonago, Wis., is pursuing a B.S. in transportation and logistics management at the University of Wisconsin – Superior. He has volunteered at two railroad museums. He aspires to a career as a project manager or railroad safety officer, combining his interest in railroads with that of firefighting and safety prevention, including his service as a volunteer firefighter.

Taylor Lang of Cary, N.C., is pursuing a master’s degree in city and regional planning at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds a B.A. in communication studies from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has been an advocate for expanded passenger rail services in the United States, and especially in his hometown of Raleigh, N.C. He plans to enter the rail industry with an upcoming internship with the North



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Maria Lecompte

Carolina Department of Transportation’s Rail Division, assisting with long-range planning and operations.

Maria Lecompte of Davis, Calif., is a PhD candidate in transportation technology and policy at the University of California – Davis. Originally from Bogota, Colombia, she graduated from the Universidad of the Andes with degrees in civil engineering at both the undergraduate and masters levels, and taught an undergraduate course, Introduction to Transportation Systems. She also holds a masters degree in urban development planning from the University College London. She is currently working on a project for the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

George W. Hilton was an economics professor at UCLA, an accomplished historian, and an author. A longtime member of R&LHS, he 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. Edward T. Myers of Matteson, Ill., a member of the R&LHS for more than 35 years, was editor of the trade journal *Modern Railroads* for 25 years when he retired in 1980. He died in 2003 at age 89.