



Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan

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ITS MICHIGAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES PURSUING CAREERS IN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

The Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan (ITS Michigan) has awarded competitive scholarships to two recent Michigan high school graduates who are planning to pursue college programs in transportation technology.

ITS Michigan is the state chapter of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America), the not-for-profit organization that was chartered by Congress to foster the use of advanced technologies, known as Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in surface transportation. ITS America is the leading advocate for ITS technologies that improve the safety, security and efficiency of the nation's surface transportation system.

ITS Michigan members include private corporations, public agencies and academic institutions involved in the research, development, design, sales, installation and deployment of ITS technologies. The organization provides a central point of contact where representatives of industry, government and academia can find common ground and work together toward mutual ITS-related goals.

The 2020 scholarship winners are:

- **Gabriel Krumlauf**, a 2020 graduate of Kingsley High School/Traverse Bay Area Career Center near Traverse City. He is attending Michigan Technological University this year and plans to pursue a degree in robotic engineering.

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- **Victor Bailer**, a 2020 graduate of Williamston High School in the Lansing area. He is attending Kettering University this year and plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Both students received \$500 cash scholarships from ITS Michigan. They were selected after participating in a competition hosted by Square One Education Network.

The Square One Education Network is a Southfield-based non-profit educational grant funding organization that creates and funds powerful, relevant experiences for K-12 teachers and students that integrate science, technology, engineering and math using best-practice supported instruction through unique project designs.

ITS Michigan 2020 President Gary Piotrowicz, deputy managing director/county highway engineer at the Road Commission for Oakland County, presented the two students with the scholarship awards. "It is inspiring to see such enthusiastic students who are excited about their future careers in transportation technology," Piotrowicz said. "Meeting these two truly gives me confidence that the future of transportation technology in Michigan is very bright."

Piotrowicz added that ITS Michigan's goal for its scholarship program is to help build interest in the ITS field among high school and college students. "We believe the ITS field, also known as connected and autonomous vehicles, is a significant growth field that will dramatically improve the safety and mobility of people," Piotrowicz said. "We also believe that as the automotive center of the world, Michigan should do everything it can to ensure the ITS field continues to grow in our state. One way ITS Michigan is promoting that growth is by encouraging the next generation of leaders in the field, through activities such as our scholarship programs."

To learn more about ITS Michigan, visit the ITS Michigan website at www.itsmichigan.org.

Editor's Note: Photos are attached of ITS Michigan scholarship winners Krumlauf and Bailer.



Scholarship winner **Gabriel Krumlauf**.



Scholarship winner **Victor Bailer**.