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2019 BIC Scholarship Award Winners announced

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The winners of the 2019 BIC Scholarship awards have been announced.

The scholarship program was launched in 2015 to help support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and to encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the intermodal container industry. Eligibility extends to university and maritime academy students enrolled in a program related to container transportation. Candidates were judged on the basis of academic achievement as well as an essay related to container safety, security, standardization or sustainability. Six Awards were available in 2019:

The undergraduate winners for 2019 are :



Derrick KASOZI finished his second year as an undergraduate student in Transport and Logistics from the Makerere University Business School, Kampala, Uganda. He has a strong interest in logistics and inventions. He made a very passionate essay requesting engagement and support by BIC to 3rd world countries in order to disseminate "logistic" culture among customers, farmers, exporters.



Sirajul ISLAM is finishing his undergraduate program from the prestigious Bangladesh Marine Academy under Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University. He has done cadetship in Brave Royal Ship Management Limited. He has always wanted to be a master mariner and has a strong interest in port management. He reads different publications on maritime related issues which provides him great knowledge and he wonders about how a mariner can acquire professional knowledge and develop it.

The graduate winners for 2019 are :



Kateryna TARAN is in her final year of MSc in Supply Chain Engineering and Management at Jacobs University, Germany. Seeing the processes and history behind the main port cities in Germany, she felt very inspired to study Logistics. She is interested in technological developments in current supply chains and how it connects to the construction sector. She completed a BSc in Civil Engineering at the University of Alberta, Canada. On her free time, she enjoys travelling and painting.



Lau RUI WEN is currently pursuing a Master of Supply Chain Management from National University of Singapore. She also holds a degree in Maritime Studies from Nanyang Technological University. As a student, she is interested in various topics & trends in the shipping industry – trade wars, regulatory and technological disruptions. To fuel her interest, she enjoys reading shipping industry related articles during her free time. Moreover, while pursuing her studies, she is also working on various global, regional and local supply chain implementation projects in her current company – Kerry Logistics Singapore.



Matthew KENSEN completed his MSc in Port Management at the World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree (Double Major in Geography and Land-Use Planning) and Postgraduate Diploma in Climate Change at the University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus in Fiji. He moved to Malmö, Sweden in 2013/2014 under the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship to complete his first MSc in Sustainable Urban Management at WMU. He is the first student from Vanuatu to be sponsored by the Sasakawa fellowship program of Japan to attend the World Maritime University.



Ba Huy VU worked as a maritime surveyor in the Sea-going Department of Vietnam’s Maritime Administration and realized that Maritime Energy Management (MEM) would be the next priority in his country’s maritime industry, including Port Energy Management Plans (PEMP) in container terminals. He figured that the understanding of the new IMO regulations relating to MEM and their implementation on a national level would be important. This year, he completed his MSc in Maritime Affairs with a specialization in MEM at World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden which has provided him with a holistic view on energy management in ports, shipyards, and ships.

The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2019 winners and to thank all this year’s candidates for their submissions.

About the BIC: Founded in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization, the BIC promotes the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of containerization and intermodal transportation. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC was appointed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1972 as the industry’s global container prefix registry, a role further endorsed by international customs conventions. The BIC has over 2500 container-operating members in 120 countries. The BIC’s new BoxTech Technical Characteristics Database allows for efficient sharing of container characteristics, including tare weights for SOLAS VGM declarations.

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