



# College Happenings

## ITE Western District

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### Student Chapters:

- ◇ Arizona State University
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- ◇ Oregon Institute of Technology
- ◇ Oregon State University
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- ◇ San Diego State University
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- ◇ University of Hawaii
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- ◇ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ◇ University of Nevada, Reno
- ◇ University of New Mexico
- ◇ University of Utah
- ◇ University of Washington
- ◇ University of Wyoming
- ◇ Utah State University
- ◇ Washington State University

## 2009 Award Winners

Every year students put in hundreds of hours behind the scenes, some working to win an individual award and others contributing to bring funding to their student chapter. Western District offers many ways for individuals and student chapters to raise money throughout the year. The following recognizes the 2009 award winners:

### **Best Student Chapter**

**Winner:** University of Wyoming

**Honorable Mention:** Montana State University and University of Washington

### **Best Student Paper**

Cody Glasnapp, Montana State University  
“Fuel Cost Parameter in Transportation Demand Models”

### **James H. Kell RFP**

University of California - Berkeley

### **James H. Kell Competition**

Ryan Miller, Cal Poly Pomona  
Ryan Conrad, Portland State  
Enrique Biche, Cal Poly Pomona

### **Outstanding Educator**

Grant Schultz, Phd, PE, PTOE, BYU

### **Western District Fellowship**

TBD

### **Student Website Award**

Portland State University, <http://step.groups.pdx.edu>

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the students and student chapters who submitted to each of the funding opportunities.

## Western District Annual Meeting

The Western District Annual Meeting was held in Denver, CO in July, 2009. The meeting was well attended by students with 61 students from 11 universities! Several events were provided specifically for students over the three day conference including: the James H. Kell competition, the Student Traffic Bowl, the student leadership roundtable discussion, and other social networking opportunities.

### **The James H. Kell Student Competition**

The James H. Kell Student competition is intended to give Student Members attending the Annual Meeting an opportunity to apply transportation and traffic engineering classroom knowledge to a specific “real-world” problem.

The RFP for the competition this year was won by University of California, Berkeley. The students designed a game (modeled after the board game Settlers of Catan) to simulate the decisions transportation professionals must consider with new development. For example whether to build roads, transit facilities, non-motorized facilities, etc.



*Let the games begin!! Students from 11 universities playing a game designed by the University of California – Berkeley students at the James H. Kell Competition.*

The objective of the game was to create a mode and context sensitive community by constructing neighborhoods and a transportation network using the team’s elected mode of travel, and improve accessibility within an urban environment.

A scoring system tracked the points earned by each team, with the first team earning 10 points winning the game. Points were accumulated by developing neighborhoods and connecting them with transportation links.

This year’s first place team included Ryan Miller (Cal Poly Pomona), Ryan Conrad (Portland State), and Enrique Biche (Cal Poly Pomona).

The next Western District meeting will be held in San Francisco June 27 – 30, 2010. For one year only, the James H. Kell competition will be replaced by the MiteY Race, a competition designed after the Amazing Race TV show to introduce attendees to San Francisco. For more information and how to apply visit <http://www.westernite.org/annualmeetings/sanfran10/MiteY.htm> or just tweet **MiteY 2010** for an “inside” look and race updates. See you in San Francisco!

### **The Student Traffic Bowl**

The first annual Student Traffic Bowl was held at the 2009 Annual Meeting and the University of Wyoming was the winner. ITE International will be holding their first Collegiate Traffic Bowl at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Vancouver. The winner of the District’s 2010 Student Traffic Bowl in San Francisco will represent the Western District in the International competition. ITE International will provide \$2,000 to help cover travel costs and complimentary student registrations at the annual meeting.

## Data Collection RFP

The ITE Western District Data Collection Project, which began in 2004, is aimed at engaging transportation students in meaningful professional activity as well as raising funds for student travel to ITE meetings and/or recruitment activities. Student chapters are required to submit proposals to Western District on a data collection project within guidelines set forth by Western District. The program is funded up to \$5,000, allowing up to five \$1,000 allocations.

This fall **12 projects** (the best turnout for proposals to-date) were submitted for review and the following proposals were awarded \$1,000:

- ◇ **Univ. of Washington** – High School
- ◇ **UCLA** – Coffee Shops with Drive-Through
- ◇ **Univ. of California - Berkeley** – IKEA Store
- ◇ **Portland State Univ.** – Mixed-Use Urban Facility
- ◇ **Montana State Univ.** – Downtown Housing Complex

Data collection results from last year as well as previous years can be found on the District's website. For more information about the Data Collection Fund visit [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org).

## Taking Advantage of Western District Services

Western District provides great opportunities for students transitioning into the transportation profession. Services include: mentoring program, internship postings, and a resume service. For more information please visit [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org)

**Mentoring Program** – The Mentoring Program is a strategic effort to develop talented transportation professionals and is available to both young professionals and students. The purpose of mentoring program is to match the learning and development goals of the mentee with the mentor's experience.

**Job Postings** - Students looking for a job can visit the website to see the latest internships being offered by employers within Western District.

**Resume Service** – Students may also post their resume on the Western District and International websites so employers can visit the site in an effort to locate candidates for transportation positions.

## Fellowship and Scholarship Opportunities

- ◇ Burton W. Marsh Fellowship (\$4,000)
- ◇ Harold F. Hammond Scholarship (\$3,000)
- ◇ Western District Fellowship (\$1,000)
- ◇ ITE Transit Council Scholarship (\$1,000)
- ◇ Transoft Solutions, Inc. AOTC (Ahead of the Curve) Scholarship (\$2,000)

*Insider Tip: Very few students apply for the Burton W. Marsh Fellowship and the Western District Fellowship.*

To apply for the above fellowships/scholarships, complete the application and reference forms (located at [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org)) and return to ITE Headquarters **by 5:00 pm on April 1, 2010.**

## Upcoming Spring Deadlines

**Student Chapter Annual Report** - Due April 1st (\$100 just for submitting and \$300 for the winning report plus up to \$1,000 for travel to Western District Annual Meeting)

**Student Paper Competition** – Due April 1st (\$500 for the winning paper plus up to \$500 for travel to Western District Annual meeting)

**Student Website Competition** – Due April 1st (\$200 to the winner)

**James H. Kell Competition RFP** – Not being held this year, replaced by MiteY Race

**Outstanding Student/Educator Awards** – Due April 15th

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## Tid-Bits

### Student Endowment Fund

The Student Endowment Fund continues to grow with generous donations coming in from all over the District. The primary goal of the fund is to attract university Civil & Environmental Engineering students to the transportation profession.

The current balance is over \$200,000, and the current goal is to raise \$300,000. Ultimately a balance of \$500,000 is desired to double the amount of funding allocated for Student Initiatives, which is currently set at about \$20,000 per year.

To find out more about the student endowment fund visit [www.westernite.org](http://www.westernite.org)

### Calling all Student Chapters!!!

We would like to encourage Western District student chapters to send us an update including white papers or news and activities from your section to include in the next College Happenings. If interested, send information to Scott Lee at [scott.lee@transpogroup.com](mailto:scott.lee@transpogroup.com)