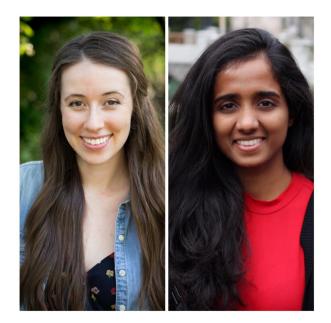


## **SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

### Two WSU PacTrans Student Researchers recognized by Association for Faculty Women



Early in April, two PacTrans student researchers and Graduate Students at the Washington State University, Ayumi Manawada and Chelsea Pardini were awarded the Karen P. DePauw Leadership Award and the Harriette B. Rigas Award, respectively, by the Association for Faculty Women(AFW).

Ayumi Manawada is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Structural Engineering and Chelsea Pardini is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Economics at the Washington State University.

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### PacTrans Partners UW's Urban Freight Lab Launches Last-Mile Delivery Pilots in Downtown Seattle



PacTrans' partner, The Urban Freight Lab, housed at the University of Washington's Supply Chain Transportation Logistics Center made headlines earlier this month with the deployment of one of the nation's first zero operating emissions, last-mile delivery pilots in the Uptown neighborhood of Seattle. This work was done in collaboration with the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) as well as tech and delivery companies like REEF, BrightDrop, Coaster Cycles and AxleHire.

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PacTrans Partner OSU's Student Team won Western District ITE Traffic Bowl, UW's team came in 3rd



Recently, the Oregon State University student chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) competed in and successfully won the Western District ITE Traffic Bowl, earning them a spot in the 2021 ITE International Collegiate Traffic Bowl. Also from the PacTrans consortium, the third spot was taken by the University of Washington Student chapter team.

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PacTrans Associate Director at OSU Receives 2021 Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award



David Hurwitz, Associate Director of PacTrans at the Oregon State University was recently awarded the 2021 Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an educator who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation profession by relating academic studies to the actual practice of transportation. The award seeks to recognize transportation educators that help their students advance their professional development, enhance their opportunities to network with practicing transportation professionals, and become active participants in the profession.

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#### WHERE ARE THEY NOW: A Look Back at Past Michael Kyte Award Winners

2018 Maged Mohamed



Maged Mohamed received the Michael Kyte Region 10 Outstanding Student of the Year Award in 2018. Currently located in Butte, Montana, Maged is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Civil Engineering Department at the Montana Technological University.

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW: A Look Back at Past Michael Kyte Award Winners

## 2017 Alireza Mostafizi



Alireza Mostafizi received the Michael Kyte Region 10 Outstanding Student of the Year Award in

2017. Currently located in Corvallis, Oregon, Alireza is the Director of Data Engineering at Intermx.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



The Pacific Northwest Transportation Consortium (PacTrans) is the Region 10 University Transportation Center (UTC) established in January 2012 with funding from the US Department of Transportation (USDOT).

PacTrans is a combined effort of transportation professionals and educators from the University of Washington (UW), Oregon State University (OSU), the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), the University of Idaho (UI), Washington State University (WSU), Boise State University (BSU), and Gonzaga University (GU). With two active centers focusing on both Safety and Mobility, PacTrans serves as an engine and showcase for research, education, and workforce development in the Pacific Northwest.

The goal of PacTrans is to create an environment where consortium universities and transportation agencies within Region 10 work together synergistically. The PacTrans program focuses on the USDOT-identified priority of Improving the Mobility of People and Goods. This priority includes the following nonexclusive topic areas:

- Increase access to opportunities that promote equity in connecting regions and communities, including urban and rural communities;
- Smart cities;
- Innovations to improve multimodal connections, system integration, and security;
- Assistive technologies for those with physical or cognitive disabilities;
- Data modeling and analytical tools to optimize passenger and freight movements;
- Innovations in multi-modal planning and modeling for high growth regions;
- Novel (non-traditional or alternative) modes of transport and shared use of infrastructure; and
- Regional planning and setting of transportation priorities.

The Pacific Northwest offers a unique blend of opportunities to examine a variety of transportation issues, including those related to urban centers, rural communities, diverse geographic features (e.g., coastal plains, mountain ranges), and a growing population of pedestrians and bicyclists. This diversity makes the Pacific Northwest a natural laboratory in which to investigate transportation solutions that are applicable both locally and nationally.

PacTrans is dedicated to collaborating with transportation agencies, companies, and research institutions to jointly develop safe and sustain-able solutions for the diverse transportation needs of the Pacific Northwest.



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