Introducing ITE's 2016 Rising Stars

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ITE is committed to engaging the younger generation by providing those individuals opportunities to cultivate and develop their skills to lead our profession into the future. The ITE Young Member Committee was formed in 2014 to help develop new programs and initiatives that center on the development and promotion of these younger professionals. The Rising Star Awards are an annual program designed to highlight the next generation of the transportation profession. The program's primary objective is to create a robust and sustainable young member awards program that helps recognize young members across a broad, diverse cross section while creating a culture of young member involvement and recognition that penetrates all levels of ITE.

The ten individuals in the 2016 ITE Rising Stars Class, all 35 years old or younger, come from diverse backgrounds representing each of the ten ITE Districts. They already have made an impact on the profession by implementing innovative techniques to solve transportation problems and demonstrating the ability to lead the next generation. We look forward to their continued involvement in ITE.

Gerald Bollinger is an engineer with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT) in Indianapolis, IN, USA. He graduated with his bachelor of science in civil engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (2011) and his master of science in civil engineering from Purdue University (2013). In his time at CMT, he has been involved in a wide variety of projects doing various aspects of roadway design, and more recently has been doing more work with safety, capacity, and operational analyses. Gerald's experience in ITE began at Purdue where he was the social event coordinator. After graduation, he joined ITE Indiana and has been involved with the scholarship golf outing committee, serving as chair now for his second year. He has also served on the technical committee for the 2014 Great Lakes District Meeting. Outside of work, he officiates tennis at the junior, college, and adult levels.

Michelle Danila, P.E., PTOE is an associate and senior engineer at Toole Design Group, LLC in Boston, MA, USA. A lifetime resident of New England, Michelle received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University and her master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts—Amherst. Michelle has more than 12 years of experience working on an variety of cutting-edge engineering projects including contributions to the Federal Highway Administration's *Achieving Multimodal Networks* Guide, development of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's *Separated Bike Lane Planning & Design Guide*, and the design and implementation of more than 100 miles of innovative bicycle facilities. Michelle has emerged as a driving force behind the ITE's New England Section and continues to push the limits of design and engineering excellence to provide the transportation options necessary to support healthy, livable communities. Outside of work, Michelle enjoys walking and biking with her husband and two-year-old son.

Meredith Emory, P.E., IMSA TS II has been a traffic/transportation engineer with Kimley-Horn and Associates in Atlanta, GA, USA for more than five years since graduating from Georgia Tech in 2011. Meredith has provided transportation services to both public and private sector clients, specializing in traffic signal and intelligent transportation system (ITS) design as well as traffic operations. Meredith has been an active member in the local ITE Georgia Section for the last five years holding multiple positions including 2016 Mentor Program Chair and receiving the Inaugural Marsha Anderson Bomar Young Member of the Year Award. She and her husband, Josh, enjoy spending time in the outdoors and traveling. They are expecting their first child due in January 2017.

Sara Moridpour, Ph.D. holds a bachelor of science in civil engineering and received her master's and doctorate degrees in transportation and traffic engineering. She has 12 years of work and research experience in the field of traffic and transportation. She has been working in the School of Civil, Environmental, and Chemical Engineering at RMIT University in Australia since 2010. Sara is highly engaged in a range of research and professional activities within and beyond

RMIT. She has published numerous journal papers and presented in many prestigious conferences in traffic/transport engineering. She has served as a technical and organizing committee member of different conferences and editorial board member of journals. She has been invited to speak at traffic/transport conferences, workshops, and symposiums.

Devin Moore, P.E., PTOE is most proud of his successful first seven years of marriage (just getting started!) and his three beautiful children. He is also a transportation engineer at Kimley-Horn in Reno, NV, USA. A bachelor of science graduate of Brigham Young University and master of science graduate from Texas A&M University, Devin is currently pursuing a doctorate from the University of Nevada—Reno. He has six years of professional experience with a passionate emphasis on transportation safety, GIS applications, and multimodal transportation planning. Devin has been involved with ITE since college when a wise ITE student chapter advisor volunteered him as a candidate for the Treasurer position in Brigham Young University's ITE Student Chapter (thanks Dr. Shultz!). Later he served as the President of the Texas A&M University ITE Student Chapter during graduate school. Currently, Devin is the ITE Intermountain Section President and the University of Nevada ITE Student Chapter mentor. He plans to stay involved throughout his career in ITE leadership.

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