

# MTC scholar of the year and outstanding paper award winner

**D**avid Veneziano, Iowa State University Ph.D. candidate, is recipient of the MTC Transportation Scholar Award for 2002–2003 and the MTC 2002 Outstanding Paper Award.

David earned a master's degree in Transportation Planning from Iowa State University in August 2002. He has a bachelor's degree in Management from St. Joseph's College. Currently,



(from right) Ellen G. Engleman, Administrator of the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) of the USDOT, David Veneziano, and J. Richard Capka, FHWA Deputy Administrator.

David is pursuing his Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering at Iowa State University.

The MTC scholar award includes \$1,000 and a trip to January's Transportation

Research Board annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

During the past year, David has conducted research in highway location and highway safety. He is also currently serving as president of the Transportation Student Association at Iowa State University.

David presented his paper, "Accuracy Evaluation of LIDAR-Derived Terrain Data for

Highway Location," at the fall 2002 Transportation Scholars conference at Iowa State University. In addition to his honor for best paper, David also received \$1,000.

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