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Front Row: Tahira Faquir, Enrique Gonzalez-Velez, Nagesh Nayak, Dale Cody, L. A. Griffin. Back Row: Matt DAngelo, Andy Lucyshyn, Shawna Kennedy.

ITS Florida is pleased to award three awards this year for the 2008 Anne Brewer Scholarship. There were two award winners present at the meeting to receive their awards. Present were Nagesh Nayak and Enrique Gonzalez-Velez. Patricio Alvarez was unable to be present but sent a wonderful letter of appreciation.



Nagesh Nayak was presented with the top awarded of \$2,500. He is a graduate student at the University of South Florida (USF) pursuing a Master of Science in Civil Engineering. His area of concentration is transportation engineering and his expected date for graduation is Summer 2010. Mr. Nayak is the Marketing Chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers Student, Chapter at USF and a member of the ITE at USF. Additionally, Mr. Nayak serves as a teaching assistant at USF. As a future transportation engineer, “he wants to apply his knowledge and expertise to confront the traffic challenges in the State of Florida and develop sustainable solutions that are beneficial to our communities.”

Enrique Gonzalez-Velez was awarded \$2,000. He is a doctoral candidate at University of South Florida (USF). His area of concentration is transportation engineering and his expected date of graduation is Spring 2010. Besides his membership with many professional organizations, Mr. Alvarez is a member of the National Scholars Honor Society. He is currently a research assistant with the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) and has previously served as a teaching assistant at the University of Puerto Rico. Mr. Gonzalez-Velez has published several articles for industry journals and has given presentations at national meetings and conferences. He is currently working on FDOT sponsored projects to improve transportation safety. After receiving his Doctorate, “he intends to teach so that he can help in the development of beginning engineers that will be facing new challenges in the transportation industry.”



Patricio Alvarez will receive his award of \$2,000 at a separate meeting. He is a doctoral candidate at Florida International University (FIU). His area of concentration is transportation engineering and his expected date of graduation is December 2010. Mr. Alvarez is very active in professional organizations, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Chi Epsilon the National Civil Engineering Honor Society and he serves as the Vice President of the FIU ITE student chapter. He earned the Outstanding Masters Graduate Award from the College of Engineering and Computing at FIU in 2008. He currently works as a research assistant on FDOT sponsored projects using simulation models to evaluate transportation improvement alternatives.