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Michigan State University senior to receive award from Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission

Quan Nguyen, a senior in Michigan State University's civil engineering program, is being recognized by the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) for his dedication to the statewide traffic signing program.

Nguyen will be honored during the Traffic Safety Awards Virtual Ceremony, via Microsoft Teams, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The GTSAC recognizes organizations, programs and individuals for outstanding involvement in traffic safety.

Nominated for a GTSAC Student Award, Nguyen is commended for his exceptional contribution to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Traffic Signing Unit.

For the past four years, Nguyen has assisted with developing and enhancing program documents for the MDOT Traffic Signing Unit, which provides statewide traffic signing engineering and design services. With more than 400,000 traffic signs and more than 100 signing standards, special details, guidelines, and file sets, there is a tremendous amount of information to maintain on the web for statewide traffic signing. The program often relies on students to assist in creating and updating files and documents.

"Quan has allowed our full-time staff to focus on general project design and management efforts more directly rather than expending a great deal of time editing a vast number of traffic signing documents," said Statewide Freeway Signing Engineer Dean Kanitz in nominating Nguyen. "Quan has even assisted several staff statewide in drawing and laying out sign designs as part of roadway and traffic signing projects."

By working with the entire MDOT Traffic Signing Unit staff and those in other MDOT units, Nguyen was able to make an impact on systemic safety through his document updates. All his efforts came together to enhance traffic signing layouts and practices, making communication better for roadway users and the roads safer.

The GTSAC was formed in 2002 to serve as the state's forum for identifying key traffic safety challenges and developing and implementing plans to address those issues. The commission includes representatives from the MDOT and the departments of State Police, Education, State, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Office of the Governor, the Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. There are also three representatives from local government appointed by the governor.

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