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2021 BIC Scholarship Award Winners announced

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The winners of the 2021 BIC Scholarship awards have been announced.

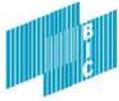
The scholarship program was launched in 2015 to help support the container industry's leaders of tomorrow and to encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the intermodal container industry. Eligibility extends to university and maritime academy students enrolled in a program related to container transportation. Candidates were judged on the basis of academic achievement as well as an essay related to container safety, security, standardization or sustainability.

Eight Awards were available in 2021:

The undergraduate winners for 2021 are:



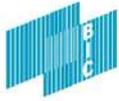
Purbitta Datta has finished her undergraduate program in Marine Engineering from Indian Maritime University, Kolkata Campus and is currently working as a trainee engineer on board a vessel, with Wilhelmsen Ship Management. She is passionate about sustainability and hopes to work towards bringing sustainable changes to modern industries, in the future.



Arnad Ganguly is a final year student at the Indian Maritime University Chennai (India) in Bachelor of science (Nautical Science). He has developed a keen interest in learning about various issues concerning the shipping industry such as technological advancements due to artificial intelligence, laws pertaining to Marine pollution, Clean and efficient fuel for the shipping industry to minimize Carbon emission etc., along with that also enjoys learning about working and operation of Naval Forces. He wishes to become a proficient Master mariner in future and contribute for the betterment of the Shipping Industry.



Edward Wong Jun Yang is a 3rd Year Penultimate student undertaking a bachelor's in Nanyang Technological University Maritime Studies. He is interested in economic and sustainability trends in the shipping and how the measures taken by the various players paves the outlook of the industry. Possessing a strong interest towards the industry, he also enjoys undertaking opportunities to explore the various sectors of the field while enhancing his skill sets.

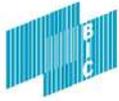


Ms **Lim Zei Wong Wong** is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Maritime Studies, specializing in International Trading at Nanyang Technological University Singapore. She is also working on a final year project related to smart energy management in container ports. Upon graduation, she aspires to be part of Ship Operations, ensuring the safe and efficient transportation of goods internationally. In today's VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous) world, the industry needs to accept and embrace change as a constant. Hence, in the future, she also hopes to have the opportunity to be involved in innovative and sustainable projects that can strengthen the maritime industry in the long run.

The graduate winners for 2021 are :



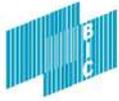
Mr Nadhir Khoulebeb is from Tunisia and currently pursuing a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management at Jacobs University Bremen. Before joining Jacobs, he studied at Lakeland University Japan and Rochester Institute of Technology USA, where he graduated with a bachelor of science in Electrical Engineering. He has working experience in IT project management and is Cisco certified Network Engineer. He's passionate about technology and believes that it is the mean to confront the complexity of today's supply chains.



Ms Xiaotong Fan is a second-year student of M.Sc. Supply Chain Management at Jacobs University Bremen, Germany. She obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in her home country, China, and studied Business Logistics in Finland as an exchange student funded by China's Scholarship Committee. She is inspired to study logistics by her previous internships at Siemens and Airbus, where she saw the importation and exportation practices happening on a day-to-day basis. She wishes to be a part of the bridge to connect the logistics footprint between China and Europe.



Mr Abul Basar has just completed his MSc in Maritime Affairs at the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden, specializing in Maritime Energy Management. He is a ship surveyor and examiner at the Department of Shipping, Bangladesh. He represents Bangladesh during plenary sessions of IMO committees. Before commencing his career as a maritime administrator, he sailed onboard ocean-going ships from cadet to Chief Engineer. His current interest is to focus on research related to de-carbonization of international shipping through the reduction of greenhouse emissions from ships.



Mr Aymen Abdaoui is from Tunisia. He graduated from the Naval Academy as Marine Engineer and has been sailing for almost 10 years as 3rd, 2nd, and Chief Engineer onboard Passenger and Cargo ships. He has recently completed his Master's degree in Maritime Energy Management at the World Maritime University in Malmö and his focus in research is now on renewable energy resources and alternative solutions to achieve energy transition and sustainability of the maritime industry.

The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2021 winners and to thank all this year's candidates for their submissions.

About the BIC: Founded in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization, the BIC promotes the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of containerization and intermodal transportation. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, the BIC was appointed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in 1972 as the industry's global container prefix registry, a role further endorsed by international customs conventions. The BIC has over 2600 container-operating members in 125 countries. The BIC's new BoxTech Technical Characteristics Database allows for efficient sharing of container characteristics, including tare weights for SOLAS VGM declarations.

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