

## **COMTO Awards \$8,000 in Scholarships**



July 26, 2016--The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) Michigan Chapter, recently awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to six students at the organization's annual awards ceremony.

Recipients were (left to right) Russell Hughes, Wayne State University, \$500; Jamary Taylor, Eastern Michigan University, \$1,000; Elizabeth Anderson, University of Michigan, \$3,000; Brandy Avery, Owens College, \$500; and Noelle Eveland, Michigan Technological University, \$2,000. Nando Felton (not shown) was the \$1,000 high school recipient of the Garrett A. Morgan Transportation Achievement Scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

The scholarship program was held at the MDOT SEMTOC offices in Detroit.

"This year's winners exhibited very high ambitions that inspired everyone on the committee," said Kimberly Avery, COMTO President. "We're pleased to be able to assist them in their journeys to find transportation solutions that will benefit so many."

The awards program also recognized:

*COMTO/MDOT Careers in Transportation Interns:* Raquel Harris, Jamary Taylor and Thomas Moore.

*2016 Innovative Transportation Project Awards (First Place tie)*

- Dearborn Intermodal Facility, Dearborn. Team: Somat Engineering, Neumann/Smith Architecture, SmithGroupJJR, Penhale & Yates
- Route 5 Belle Isle (Market Line), Detroit. Team: Larry J. Tiller, DDOT.

Honorable Mentions

- Babcock Road Bridge Replacement Project, Worth Township. Team: ROWE PSC, Davis Construction, Sanilac County Road Commission
- Express Services to Detroit Metro Airport, Detroit. Team: Larry J. Tiller, Wilford Beal, DDOT.

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