Steven Humphrey Named 2009 URITC Student of the Year

The University of Rhode Island Transportation Center selected Steven Humphrey of Tiverton, RI as its 2009 Student of the Year in recognition of his outstanding academic record, research achievements and the leadership skills he demonstrated as a spokesperson in URI’s supply chain management program.

“Supply chain management is a new major in the URI College of Business Administration and student leadership is critical to attracting students to a new discipline,” said URITC Executive Director Deborah Rosen. “I am confident that Steven will continue to be a leader in this field in which transportation plays a key role.”

Humphrey received his certification in transportation and logistics from the American Society of Transportation in fall 2009 and graduated from URI’s undergraduate program with a degree in supply chain management in the spring. He assisted in transportation network design and in modeling and assessing business capabilities for containerization at the Port of Davisville in Quonset Point, RI.

“Supply chain management and transportation have a great overlap in process flow and logistics,” explained Humphrey. “They involve the same abilities. I used the skills I was taught to map out transportation network designs that optimize efficiency.

In addition to his academic endeavors, Humphrey dedicated a lot of his time as an undergraduate to serving multiple leadership roles in the URI Mentor Program, URI Freshman Orientation and Student Alumni Association.
It was his involvement with the Orientation program that helped shape his career goals.

“In my third year with the program, I was a student program coordinator. This included training orientation leaders and planning their schedules and events. We evaluated the program as a whole and used logistics to plan the best and most efficient way for it to work,” Humphrey said.

Completing these tasks led him to consider a career choice that involves similar responsibilities.

“It confirmed my interest in project management and called on both of my strengths in logistics and analytics while allowing me to work with people,” Humphrey said.

Humphrey is currently enrolled in the MBA program at URI. He keeps an open mind about the future and uses the program as a tool which will allow him to explore career paths in business and transportation.

As part of the program, Humphrey interns with the URITC. As a research assistant, he is completing a project in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to create an annual report by researching and tracking data from various RIDOT departments.

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