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ASIRT Explores Future Road Safety: Roads of Tomorrow

ASIRT's Annual Gala 2021 highlighted forward-thinking keynote speaker **Hilary M. Cain**, Vice President of Technology, Innovation and Mobility Policy at the Alliance for Automotive Innovation. Ms. Cain presented the state of the autonomous vehicle industry, focusing on exciting technology manufacturers are poised to offer consumers that will have a tangible impact on road safety.

Noteworthy honorees from around the country and from as far away as South Africa were recognized. Included was an impressive student road safety public service announcement [**video contest**](#); and [**video**](#) from the University of Connecticut and Connecticut Transportation Institute Highlighting the use of driving simulators to study drivers and autonomous vehicles of the future. Post-Gala multi-interest breakout rooms enabled the 200 virtual guests to delve deeper into the topics that arose.

Congratulations to the 2020 ASIRT Honorees:

Stephen Wood, Former Assistant Chief Counsel for Vehicle Rulemaking and Harmonization, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
ASIRT Government Leadership in Road Safety Award

Zoleka Mandela, Child Health Initiative Global Ambassador and Road Safety Advocate; Granddaughter of the late President Nelson Mandela
ASIRT Global Road Safety Champion Award

Atlas Workshops, Cornell University, University of Georgia, William & Mary
Represented by Natalie Mello, Vice President for Programs, Training and Services, The Forum on Education Abroad
ASIRT Road Safety Leadership in Education Abroad Award

Zoe Tishaev, Duke University Class of 2024, 2020 National PTA Youth Advocate of the Year, Action Committee for Transit Board Member, Former Vision Zero Youth Ambassador. Montgomery County, MD, Councilmember Evan Glass presented the award.
ASIRT Road Safety Youth Advocate Award

Special thanks to **Andrew Koblenz**, Executive Vice President/Legal and Regulatory Affairs, National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), who did an extraordinary job as the Gala Master of Ceremonies! And bravo to Gala Chair **Isabel Einzig** for lending her time and creative energy and to Pianist **Paul J. Blank** and **Levine Music** for providing the evening's entertainment.

If you missed the Gala, please consider making a [**contribution**](#) to ASIRT so that we can continue to expand our work to protect you and your loved ones on the roads at home and throughout the world.