

## 2024 BIC Scholarship Award Winners announced

The winners of the 2024 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.

### 9 Awards were awarded in 2024:



My name is **Xavier Lum** and I am a final-year undergraduate at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Through my Maritime Studies coursework, I have developed a deep understanding of shipping economics and maritime law, cultivating a strong interest in trade and research.

My internship in the transshipment desk at Mediterranean Shipping Company provided a strong foundation in shipping operations. I subsequently expanded my skillset by actively contributing to data analysis and marketing initiatives at a freight forwarding company in Shanghai. Looking ahead, I am eager to play a role in supporting the sustainable growth of the container shipping industry as an analyst, while also exploring opportunities to contribute to the advancement of agriculture and the built environment.



**Giovanni Lim Bo Xian** is a second-year student at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies. He is known for his advocacy for the industry’s seafarers and stevedores, championing their enduring importance in tomorrow’s shipping, and emphasising AI as a beneficial supplement to their work which enhances safety and efficiency without compromising job security. With the close support of educators, peers, and research articles, his time in NTU has helped broaden his knowledge in domains such as green technology, sustainability, economics and geopolitics. Someday, he hopes to become a shipbroker, a shipowner, or a Singaporean delegate to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). Beyond maritime, he reads Ancient and Medieval History as a hobby, exploring the trajectories of bygone civilisations to speculate future developments in the geopolitical and geoeconomic environments.



**Vera Wang** is a penultimate student in Nanyang Technological University Maritime Studies, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Maritime Studies with a specialisation in International Trading. She is captivated by opportunities within the maritime industry, particularly amidst increasing emphasis on decarbonisation and digitalisation. She is eager to explore how sustainability can be integrated into business operation, balancing environmental goals with business growth. She wishes to continue exploring how safe, secure and sustainable containerisation and intermodal transportation can be achieved, contributing to the development of a greener global economy.



**Denzel Goh Kai Zhe**, a final-year undergraduate at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies with a Specialisation in International Trading. Drawn to the maritime sector for its pivotal role in global trade and its evolving challenges, Denzel envisions a future where sustainability and innovation drive the industry forward.

As an NTU Talent Scholar and President of NTU's Entrepreneurship Society, Denzel has championed initiatives to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. During his internship with a global supply chain solutions company, he gained valuable experience in corporate finance, focusing on mergers and acquisitions within the sector.

The Maritime Studies programme has equipped Denzel with essential knowledge and skills, enhanced by the mentorship of experienced professors. He aspires to pursue a career in investments and business development within the maritime sector, while also aiming to establish ventures that promote innovation and sustainability in containerisation and intermodal transportation.



**Phanipha Lee** is a final-year undergraduate at Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Studies with a Specialisation in International Trading. This comprehensive program emphasises crucial aspects of shipping management and logistics, highlighting the critical role of maritime in global trade and the movement of essential raw materials.

Phanipha has gained valuable experience through internships with various stakeholders in the maritime sector, including a shipbroker, shipowner, and charterer. These experiences have provided her with diverse perspectives and insights into the industry's dynamics.

Upon graduation, she aspires to contribute to the sustainable decarbonisation of the shipping industry by exploring sustainable alternatives such as biofuels and other renewable energy sources. Her goal is to promote their use within the sector, which will help minimise greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring safe, efficient maritime transport that complies with sustainable environmental standards.



### **Ma Theint**

I am now working as the logistics operations manager at Myanmar Beston International Logistics Co., Ltd of Myanmar. I decided to enroll at the World Maritime University (WMU) since it is internationally recognized as a premier institution in the field of maritime education and training. Since Shipping management and logistics (SML) was my specialization, I felt the necessity to have a deeper understanding and practical experience in the global shipping and supply chain management systems. The program provided an impressive opportunity to enjoy insights from the leaders of the industry and engage with people having experience in diversified maritime sectors and become ready to become a resourceful contributor to the worldwide logistics and shipping business.



### **Carlota Borges**

I'm from Angola, I studied the MSC of Maritime Affairs with a specialization in Port Management at the World Maritime University as part of the 2024 class. My time there was an incredible journey, where I've not only learned about the latest technologies and strategies in port management but also gained valuable insights from professionals around the world. Being part of such a diverse and dynamic community has opened my mind to new ideas and perspectives, helping me grow both personally and professionally. I'm passionate about the maritime industry and excited about the opportunities it holds as there are so many innovative practices.

### **Md. Rasel Pradania**



I am from Bangladesh. I work in Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) as Assistant General Manager. Before that, I worked in banking and in the power sector. I joined shipping sector in 2018. I have been informed that the World Maritime University is the global centre of excellence in maritime and ocean education. After that it was long cherished dream to become graduated from this University. I express my heartiest gratitude to my donor, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, to make my dream come true. Now, I have so many materials to learn and apply in real life for the betterment of my organization, country and the world as a whole. I have returned back to my previous organization and I try my best with my knowledge, experience and international network developed in WMU and afterwards to have and leave a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable world.

### **Clever Tugume**



I am working as Marine Inspecting Officer at Ministry of Works and Transport under Maritime Administration department in Uganda. I have just completed my Masters in Maritime Affairs, specialisation in Maritime Safety and Environmental Administration. I studied at WMU because I wanted to gain a strong foundation in safety management in the maritime industry and I believed this university was the only institution that was able to provide such an ideal platform to achieve my dream. I also wanted to contribute to enhancing inland water transport safety regulations and enforcement in my country with the aim of creating a safer environment for passengers, crew and cargo. My passion to see a safer industry inspired me so much. Lastly, when I return back to Uganda, I hope to support Maritime Administration in drafting and implementing effective safety regulations using the knowledge and expertise that I have gained during my time at WMU.



My name is **Leith Elzie**. I'm a 2nd year deck cadet at Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, MI. I have work experience on my academies: training ship, Great Lakes freighters, & tugboats. Many of my friends have worked or done internships onboard containers. Their positive experiences combined with my containerization coursework, for my "Dry Cargo" class, has spurred my interest into working on containerships myself on my next cadetship.

**The BIC wishes to congratulate the 2024 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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