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Bi-State to Honor FMCSA Administrator Raymond P. Martinez



The Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers is proud to announce the recipient of its 2018 Malcom McLean Award: Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration Administrator Raymond P. Martinez.

The Malcom McLean Award, named for the industry visionary who revolutionized worldwide commerce with containerized shipping, is the highest honor given out at the Bi-State’s annual Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon (*this event will be held on September 17, 2018; please see page 2 for full details*). The award is given to a recipient who exemplifies the traits of Malcom McLean: a strong leader who has made positive contributions to the advancement of the transportation industry.

“Administrator Martinez was chosen to receive this award in recognition of his strong leadership and forward-thinking ideals,” said Executive Director Dick Jones, “which have resulted in a high level of communication between the FMCSA and the motor carrier community, directing us towards a climate of greater understanding and cooperation, with safety as our common priority.”

As the Administrator for the FMCSA, Ray Martinez works to maximize safety on U.S. roadways, a task to which he has dedicated much of his career, having also served as the Chairman and Chief Administrator for the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle, and Chairman of the NYS Highway Traffic Safety Committee. The McLean Award recognizes his long-standing commitment to safety and compliance, and the positive impact these efforts have had on our industry.

Past recipients of this award include New York Shipping Association President John Nardi (2017), and Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero (2016).



Administrator Martinez recently met with members of the Bi-State to discuss issues of importance to the port community

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USDOT Interstate Pilot Program for Young Drivers

Earlier this month, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced that the Department of Transportation will launch a pilot program to permit 18-20 year olds who possess the U.S. Military equivalent of a commercial driver’s license (CDL) to operate large trucks in interstate commerce. “This program will allow our Veterans and Reservists to translate their extensive training into good-paying jobs, operating commercial vehicles safely across the country, while also addressing the nationwide driver shortage,” said Secretary Chao.

The pilot program will grant a limited number of individuals between the ages of 18 and 20 to operate large trucks in interstate commerce, provided they possess the Military equivalent of a CDL and are sponsored by a participating trucking company. [Additional information is available on the FMCSA website.](#)

Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon: Join us on September 17th!

The Bi-State's annual [Golf Outing and Awards Luncheon](#) will be held on Monday, September 17th at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ. Please click the image at right to [download our Invitation](#).

Our primary honoree this year is FMCSA Administrator Ray Martinez, who will receive the prestigious Malcom McLean Memorial Award. Other awards to be given out: the Chairman's Award, the Fallon Award for Best On-Pier Terminal, and the Dick Jones Awards for Outstanding Customer Service.

Participants at our Golf Outing will take part in a variety of skills contests with a chance to win prizes, and all will receive goody bags. The Luncheon will feature door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon provides an opportunity for our members to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work put forth by members of the port community during the past year, recognizing and acknowledging the collaborative effort that is required in order for the intermodal industry at the Port of NY & NJ to grow and thrive. Proceeds from the event fund our Scholarship program and all Bi-State activities throughout the year.

Tickets are \$300 per single golfer (includes cocktail reception and luncheon) or reserve a foursome for \$1,100. Tickets are available for the Luncheon-only at \$125 each, or save over 10% on a reserved table of 10 for just \$1,100.

Golf Packages, Event Journal Ads, and Hole Sponsorships are also available—[please see the invitation for details](#).



Please support our Awards Luncheon Ad Journal!

For assistance with creating an ad, contact LisaY@thebistate.com



Event Timeline

- 7:00am - Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30am - Shotgun Start**
- 1:00pm - Cocktail Hour**
- 2:00pm - Awards Luncheon**

2018 Samuel L. Cunninghame Scholarships Awarded

Our 2018 Samuel L. Cunninghame Scholarship Award recipients were in attendance at our July Membership Meeting, along with two very special guests: Sam’s daughter, Marianne and his son, Billy.

This year’s scholarship winners are Shannon O’Hea, a college student at SUNY-New Paltz, sponsored by C & K Trucking, and Leigha Stuiso, a recent high school graduate who will attend The College of New Jersey this Fall, sponsored by BEST Transportation.



Along with a check for \$1,000, Shannon and Leigha each received a Joint Legislative Resolution from the New Jersey Legislature, provided by District 20 Assemblyman Jamel Holley, and a Commendation of Excellence from the Bi-State. The sponsoring companies also received a certificate of recognition.

Thank you to all of the members who have contributed to the Cunninghame Scholarship Fund. Donations to the fund are accepted throughout the year, and proceeds from our Golf Outing are also put towards the scholarship given in Sam’s memory.



Top photo: Executive Director Dick Jones, proud father Chris O’Hea from C & K Trucking, Shannon O’Hea, President Jeff Bader, and Sam Cunninghame’s children, Bill and Marianne.

Bottom photo: Dick Jones, Tom Heimgartner of BEST Transportation, proud mom Patti Stuiso, Leigha Stuiso, Jeff Bader, and Sam’s children Bill and Marianne.

Legislative Update: Meeting with Assemblywoman Quijano

Association President Jeff Bader met with District 20 representative Assemblywoman Annette Quijano at her legislative office in Elizabeth to go over topics of concern to the Bi-State membership. They discussed the Bi-State’s ongoing efforts to preserve the independent contractor model in New Jersey, the need to establish consistent gate hours port-wide, the impact of the truck replacement mandates and the need for increased funding for that program, and ways in which the Bi-State has been working to increase job growth in the region and encourage local workforce development in the fields of trucking, logistics and warehousing. The Assemblywoman’s continued support for the port community, as demonstrated by her dedication to keeping the lines of communication open with our organization and its members, is greatly appreciated.



Vehicle Cybersecurity Recommendations from the NHTSA

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, the advent of vehicle technology tools has led to a growing concern over the security of such devices.



“Advanced driver assistance technologies depend on an array of electronics, sensors, and computer systems,” the agency said. “In advancing these features and exploring the safety benefits of these

new vehicle technologies, NHTSA is focused on strong cybersecurity to ensure these systems work as intended and are built to mitigate safety risks.” Additional information is available on the NHTSA website: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/technology-innovation/vehicle-cybersecurity>

For those seeking guidance on steps that can be taken to keep your devices secure, a free handbook, Cybersecurity Best Practices for Modern Vehicles, is also available at this link: https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/documents/812333_cybersecurityformodernvehicles.pdf.



DID YOU KNOW?

Summer heat wave temperatures can wreak havoc on heavy-duty truck brake systems. Brake fade occurs when a buildup of heat reduces friction, decreasing your ability to stop quickly. According to the USDOT, brake failure is one of the leading mechanical causes of heavy duty truck accidents. Adhering to a proper maintenance schedule and performing routine brake checks are essential.

Stay safe!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 14	General Meeting
Sept. 9-15	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
Sept. 11	General Meeting
Sept. 17	Golf Outing & Awards
Oct. 9	General Meeting

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting*
Tuesday, August 14th
@ 1000 hours

NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street
Elizabeth, NJ

**Meetings are for Bi-State Members only, and are not open to the public.*