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In the ceremony, I am particularly excited that ITS will recognize outstanding contributions to transportation research and service to the University of California, Berkeley, from 1951 to 2016. The ITS Awards ceremony, the closing event of the spring semester, will honor many individuals who have contributed to the success of ITS. The ceremony will take place on May 17, 2016, 4-5 pm in Banatao Auditorium, third floor Sutardja Dai Hall, reception to follow. The seminar will be on “Technology, Transportation and the Environment” with leading researchers and practitioners in the transportation field.

I was thrilled to hear that ITS is planning to accelerate our research activities in a time of the year that is usually the most productive. As our academic responsibilities slow down, I look forward to accelerating our research efforts. It is also exciting to see the importance of ITS in the broader transportation community, and we are likely to see an increase in the number of collaborations and partnerships.

This month, I am particularly excited to recognize many individuals who have contributed to our success during the past academic year. The annual seminar “Outstanding Contributions to Transportation Research” recognizes our colleagues who have made significant contributions to the field of transportation research.

I am particularly excited about the seminar series, where our colleagues share their research findings and insights. Through these seminars, we are able to bring together researchers and practitioners from around the world to discuss the latest developments in transportation research.

This month, I am also excited to celebrate the rise of ITS throughout the decades. The ITS Awards ceremony will acknowledge several of those contributors. With the end of the spring semester at hand, I would like to contemplate the accomplishments and contributions of the past academic year, and I look forward to increased productivity in the upcoming year. I am particularly excited about the ITS community's collaborative spirit as we engage in our joint research.

The ITS community is a community of individuals who work together to improve transportation systems and address important future problems in the field of energy. The ITS Awards ceremony is an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of those who have helped our Institute continue achieving academic excellence through the seminar series, social events, symposia, larger and larger research collaborations, and by accelerating our research. I look forward to seeing all of you at the ITS Awards ceremony to celebrate these individuals who have helped our Institute continue achieving academic excellence.