Noelle Rauer has been selected as ITE’s 2023 Young Member of the Year. She was named earlier this year as one of ITE’s 2023 Young Leaders to Follow, which recognizes talented members under the age of 35 who have already made a mark on ITE and the transportation industry and are leaders to follow in the years to come. Rauer was selected as the Young Member of the Year from among this outstanding and talented group.

Noelle is an exemplary leader who stands out among her colleagues and is deserving of the Young Member of the Year award. She has remarkable leadership qualities, is active in ITE, and passionate about young professionals and students. Since joining ITE, Noelle has been heavily involved in efforts to support and engage younger members. As the Co-Chair of the Younger Member Committee since 2019, she has been working to create opportunities for professional development and networking within the community. In 2021, she participated in the Student to Young Member Transition Task Force, helping to create the blueprint for ITE’s support of students transitioning to young professionals.

Noelle has also been active within the Southern District and Virginia Section, and as Chair of the Young Member Committee for the Southern District since 2020, she has organized several events and activities to support young members in the region. She has also been a member of the Student Chapter Committee and Strategic Plan Update Committee from 2018-2020 and 2021-2022, respectively. One of the highlights of her involvement with ITE has been collaborating with Student Chapters on planning Student Leadership Summits. Most recently, Noelle visited her alma mater, Virginia Tech, to participate on a Young Member Panel for the 2022 Student Leadership Summit to share experiences and insights with aspiring transportation professionals.

Noelle is a Transportation Analyst with seven years of experience in traffic impact studies, roadway safety assessments, traffic signal design, and traffic operation analyses. She led the safety analyses team, developed and evaluated alternative improvement concepts, and played an integral role in stakeholder presentations and coordination for the Project Pipeline program for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fredericksburg District. In the City of Falls Church, VA, USA, Noelle is part of a team providing timely technical support and subject matter expertise in traffic engineering studies and design. Noelle was also co-author of the decision-making guide for NCHRP 03-118, which evaluated the relationship between safety and operations with various signal phasing types and developed a guide to aid agencies in selecting traffic signal phasing at signalized intersections.

Congratulations to Noelle on this outstanding achievement! Read more about the 2023 Young Leaders to Follow.