

## Clemson student wins CAT bike giveaway

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From left: Katie Law, Clemson University junior, is congratulated as the 2010 Clemson Area Transit bicycle contest winner by Cindy Rinehart, CAT administrative assistant; Derrick O'Shields, manager of Clemson Cyclery and co-sponsor of the contest; and Keith Moody, CAT bus supervisor. Law's name was drawn from 3,353 total entries.

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CLEMSON — Clemson University junior Katie Law said she has never won a contest in her life.

However, at the urging of a close friend, Law entered the annual bicycle giveaway sponsored by Clemson Area Transit (CAT) and Clemson Cyclery. While there were 3,353 total entries — making the odds even less that Law would break through — the McLean, Va., native overcame those odds when her name was drawn.

“I was real excited,” Law said, adding that two weeks elapsed from the time she entered the contest until receiving notification as the winner. “My plan right now is to take it home to ride during the summer and get used to it. But I’ll definitely ride it around campus, that’s for sure.”

Not only did Law win a bike described as a crossover between a street bike and mountain bike, she will also receive a helmet and bike lock as well as one-year free maintenance from Clemson Cyclery. Though excited over her good fortune, Law said there is only one “problem.”

“Now she’s (friend) bummed that I got it,” Law said with a laugh.

Cindy Rinehart, administrative assistant for CAT, CAT Bus Supervisor Keith Moody and Clemson Cyclery Manager Derrick O’Shields were on hand to congratulate Law.

“With all the things we’re doing with groundbreaking and our efforts to be green and save energy, we’re very excited a Clemson student won,” Rinehart said.

Moody said the contest, which began more than five years ago, continues to grow in popularity — evidenced by the increase from 3,060 entries a year ago.

“We feel that cyclery and mass transit go hand in hand — especially when it comes to saving the environment,” Moody said. “When someone gets on a bike or uses mass transit, they save 20 pounds of carbon per day.”

O’Shields said cycling benefits riders in a couple of ways.

“With gas prices continuing to go up, bicycle transportation is definitely a way to lessen the environmental impact as well as improving one’s personal health,” O’Shields said.

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