

Kleysen Award of Excellence in Logistics

The Transport Institute at the University of Manitoba is proud to announce the ***Kleysen Award of Excellence in Logistics*** that will be presented to the outstanding graduating student in the Certificate in Logistics Program. **Hubert T. Kleysen** has established and endowed this award, as part of his continuing commitment to the transportation industry in Manitoba and his recognition of the importance of education in the logistics and transportation field.



As the former Chairman and Owner of Kleysen Transport Ltd., Hubert T. Kleysen has been an outstanding entrepreneur and an innovator. During his long career he has been successful in trucking, railroad building, road building and operating an airline. He holds patents on the forklift of the 5th wheel, a tipping dumping system for unloading potash and sugar beets, and co-engineered an automated spiker for railroad track laying, - inventions recognized and honoured by transport Canada.

Hubert T. Kleysen assumed control of the company in 1960, on the untimely death of the company's founder, Harry Kleysen. Hubert T. Kleysen expanded the company with innovative strategies for the carriage of bulk products. Kleysen Transport became a leader in the movement of sugar beets, cement, potash and nickel. He was also a pioneer with Canada Post in the shift of the national mail to truck movements. In the 1990s, Kleysen Transport built large distribution centers in Calgary and Edmonton to provide warehousing, overhead cranes, bulk hauling, oil field pipe and steel storage. In 2006 Kleysen Transport was sold to Mullen Trust keeping all 1200 employees in their current positions.

Throughout his career, Hubert T. Kleysen emphasized the role of education for his employees. When the Transport Institute began the Certificate in Logistics program in 1995, Kleysen Transport stepped forward with financial support to make it a success. It is appropriate now that this early support will be commemorated annually with the presentation of the ***Kleysen Award of Excellence in Logistics***.