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Awards were presented to two top-ranking students of naval science by Dr. Julius A. Stratton, who retires June 30 as President of M.I.T., in a special ceremony Thursday afternoon (June 9, 2:30 p.m.) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Brand Award, which is given annually by the Society of Naval Engineers to the member of the M.I.T. graduating class in naval construction and engineering with the highest academic standing, went this year to Lt. Jerome V. Burchett, USN, of 9 Alcine Lane, Burlington, Mass. Lieutenant Burchett, received the master of science degree in electrical engineering and the Naval Engineer degree from M.I.T. at Commencement exercises Friday (June 10). The Brand Award was established in memory of Adm. Charles L. Brand, who was a 1915 graduate of M.I.T.'s naval construction and engineering course.

The American Bureau of Shipping Prize, which is awarded annually to the graduating senior who achieved the highest academic standing in his third and fourth years in naval architecture and marine engineering or in Shipping and Shipbuilding Management, went this year to Howard A. Chatterton, Jr., of 37 A Quincy St., Medford, Mass. The prize consists of a cash award of \$100. Mr. Chatterton received the S.B. degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from M.I.T. in February, 1966.

Lieutenant Burchett was born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1937, and attended high school in Watertown, N.Y. He received a bachelor of electrical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1959. He is married to the former Donna Tessmer of Gouverneur, N.Y. They have three children.

This is a busy weekend for Mr. Chatterton and Miss Margaret B. Shork, of Sheridan, Wyo. Miss Shork received her S.B. in physics from M.I.T. on Friday. On Sunday she will become Mrs. Howard Chatterton. The couple plan to live in Alexandria, Va.

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