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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Your source for the latest and greatest news from WTS Atlanta



## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*President Tonya Saxon*

For over 40 years, WTS International has focused on the advancement of women in the transportation industry. This advancement of women includes all women and without question, black women. As protestors take to the streets in cities all across the globe, expressing their frustration with systemic social injustices and chanting Black Lives Matter, I want to make it abundantly clear that WTS Atlanta unequivocally denounces racism and inequality and is committed to being a part of positive change not just within the transportation industry, but the greater Atlanta community. I am proud of the diversity among our membership and Board of Directors and look forward to strengthening existing programs and finding new ways to increase diversity in leadership in the transportation field.

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## 2020 WTS ATLANTA PRESENTING PARTNER



## UPCOMING WEBINARS AND EVENTS



**June 24th, 11am EST: Implementing ITS Systems**  
Click [here](#) to register.

**July 8th, 12pm EST: Combating Work From Home Fatigue**  
Click [here](#) to register.

**August 19th, 12pm EST: Financial Management**  
Registration will open in July.

## MEMBER SURVEY

As we plan for future events, the WTS Board of Directors wants to hear from its members. Please take a 2-minute survey to provide your feedback. Members who complete the survey will be entered for a chance to win one of two \$50 Amazon giftcards. The survey will remain open through June 19th.

**[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY.](#)**

## 2020 PLATINUM SPONSORS



## 2020 GOLD SPONSORS



## MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

WTS Atlanta is well represented at the International level. Congratulations to Bridgette Beatto, Daveitta Jenkins-Knight and Helen McSwain. We are so proud of you.



Bridgette Beato  
WTS Int'l Board of Directors  
Director-at-Large



Daveitta Jenkins Knight  
WTS Int'l Board of Directors  
Director-at-Large



Helen McSwain  
WTS Int'l Board of Directors  
Director-at-Large

## A BRAND NEW LOOK



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WTS Atlanta has a brand new look and a sleek new website to match. Please visit the new website [here](#).



# WTS ATLANTA BRINGS HOME THE GOLD



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**GOLD CHAPTER**

WTS Atlanta is a Circle of Excellence Gold Chapter. This honor is bestowed upon WTS chapters that achieve benchmarks in membership recruitment and retention, operations, communications and events, and professional development programs. Thank you to all of our members, sponsors, and supporters for helping make WTS Atlanta the outstanding chapter that it is.



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# CORPORATE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



At Arcadis, we believe that all women serve as catalysts to strengthen our organization as “the employer of choice.” As an organization, we are committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive work environment, one that supports women in career advancement. Through various programs that encompass our Arcadis Women’s Network, we help one another and Arcadis build a strong, high-performing organization.

**ARCADIS CELEBRATES DIVERSITY.** Arcadis is proud to be a national sponsor of WTS. For us, diversity is more than a word – it is a commitment underpinned by our core values and is at the heart of our purpose, Improving Quality of Life. As a global organization, we are made up of many diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences. Those differences are what unite us as an Arcadian family. Arcadis actively promotes inclusiveness across the workplace, creating an environment where each individual has equal opportunity to achieve his or her full potential, where human differences are valued, and where employees feel respected and empowered in the decisions that affect them.

**DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL MOBILITY FOR GEORGIA.** Our organization’s commitment to diversity and inclusion provides the foundation for us to deliver high-quality transportation services that contribute to improving the quality of life for our citizens and their communities. We are honored to have the opportunity to partner with so many local, regional, and state agencies and organizations, including WTS Atlanta, to enhance all aspects of mobility – from roads to transit to cycling to pedestrian amenities.

# WTS Atlanta Congratulates Prerna Singh Winner of the 2020 Leadership Legacy Scholarship from the WTS Foundation



WTS Atlanta is pleased to share that one of our very own local 2019 scholarship winners, Prerna Singh of the Georgia Institute of Technology, has been awarded the 2020 Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates! We are thrilled for Prerna as she beat out over 25 candidates nominated by WTS chapters from across the country!

The Leadership Legacy Scholarship for Graduates was established to honor the past, present, and future leaders of WTS by awarding an annual scholarship to female graduate students pursuing a career in transportation and provides a \$5,000 award. Candidates must be pursuing graduate degrees in transportation or a related field and demonstrate leadership skills and an active commitment to community service. For this year's award, focus was on women who demonstrate leadership in bringing ideas, innovation and new approaches to transportation challenges in the US and beyond and have a specific interest in addressing the impact of transportation on sustainability, land use, environmental impact, security and quality of life issues affecting communities around the globe.

Prerna is pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy with a concentration in Transportation Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She is a 4.0 GPA student and her research focuses on developing a valuation framework for adaptation in the transportation infrastructure system to enhance resilience to climate change. In addition to being an exceptional student, Prerna is a leader currently serving as President of the WTS Georgia Tech Chapter and is a leadership coach for the LEAD (Leadership Education and Development) program at Georgia Tech. She also previously served as the Secretary for the ASHE Georgia Tech Chapter.

Prerna says her career goals revolve around solving wicked problems related to climate change and its impact on transportation. The increasing number of floods, hurricanes, forest fires, and other natural events, along with the uncertain future in technology with autonomous vehicles and the fourth industrial revolution has created a number of interesting challenges and opportunities for transportation researchers to make significant contributions to society. She plans on applying her understanding of the transportation system and resiliency to support the development of more resilient and sustainable transportation policies in the future that can enhance societal resiliency at large. Prerna is committed to making a difference with her skills by taking leadership positions of increasing responsibility and adding value improved planning, design and evaluation methods for transportation system resilience and sustainability.

Congratulations, Prerna!

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## GET INVOLVED WITH WTS ATLANTA



Have you been thinking about taking a more active role in WTS Atlanta in 2021? Elections for the WTS Atlanta Board of Directors are coming up. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors and have questions about what each position entails, please reach out to a member of the current Board of Directors for more information.

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**Time:** 10:00 AM

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