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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Where did Summer go? It seems as if I blinked and it was all over. As Summer comes to an end and schools reopen, WTS Atlanta is gearing up for the release of its 2020 Scholarship Applications and this year, we are increasing the amounts available for each of the scholarships. WTS Atlanta is fully committed to strengthening the pipeline of women and girls entering the field of transportation and our annual scholarships are an integral part of that commitment. Applications will be made available in September and I am asking each and every WTS Atlanta member and friend to help spread the word.

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CORPORATE SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT: VHB

VHB has been a proud supporter of WTS since our founding in 1979. Our organizations share the same values-- fostering an industry and a workplace that empowers and supports women in transportation. At VHB, that means we stand by our commitment. Many women hold senior leadership roles at VHB, including in our Atlanta office where over 50 percent of design professionals are women.

VHB's Emerging Professionals Group is led by five women, most of whom are WTS members. VHB is active in leadership roles with WTS chapters across the U.S. including Atlanta, Boston, Connecticut, Greater New York, Maine, North Carolina Triangle Region, and Rhode Island. Our promise to encourage and support women in the industry earned VHB the 2018 WTS International Employer of the Year and 2019 WTS Atlanta Employer of the Year. We are a generational company, and #OurPeopleMakeUsGreat.

VHB partners with public and private clients in the transportation, real estate, institutional, and energy industries, as well as federal, state, and local governments. Our team of over 1,600 engineers, scientists, planners, and designers work with clients from 31 locations to improve mobility, enhance communities and economic vitality, and balance development



and infrastructure needs with environmental stewardship. VHB Atlanta employees are working on important projects in the region, via multimodal transportation planning, traffic engineering, highway design, bicycle/pedestrian facility design, urban planning, environmental planning, cultural and historic resources, natural resources, and mitigation planning.

WTS ATLANTA CHAPTER AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS >>

It is time to nominate your colleagues for this year's WTS Atlanta Chapter Awards. Take the time now to nominate a candidate who has contributed to WTS and the local transportation community. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, September 11, 2020.

Descriptions of the criteria for each award are included at the link below. Members will have an opportunity to vote for a candidate from each of the five categories. Awards will be presented at the Annual Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, November 5.

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CONGRATULATIONS MODERN MOBILITY PARTNERS

Modern Mobility Partners, a 2020 Silver Sponsor and women owned transportation planning consulting firm, has recently garnered both regional and national acclaim. The firm was voted among the 2020 Best Places to Work by the Atlanta Business Chronicle in the Small Business category. This accomplishment required survey completion by 85% of the staff and the Atlanta Business Chronicle's final decision based on the survey results.

High employee satisfaction is likely the result of flexible benefits and innovative programming like Modern Mobility's Mod Mob Pod – a new initiative recently featured in the Washington Post.



As a benefit to employees with school age children, the company currently hosts a virtual learning "pod" at their office. A Learning Assistant was hired to lead the learning pod enabling parents to work and have greater "emotional sanity". According to co-founders, Jennifer Zhan and Keli Kemp, the Mod Mob Pod has provided a significant benefit for their employees while also increasing productivity levels. Way to go, Mod Mob!

WTS ATLANTA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE



In keeping with our commitment to strengthening the pipeline of women entering the field of transportation, WTS Atlanta will begin accepting scholarship applications in September.

Scholarships are open to high school, junior college, college and graduate students pursuing a career in transportation. Please look out for the application announcement and share it with your respective networks.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: WTS ATLANTA 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for the 2021-2022 WTS Atlanta Board of Directors are now open! Your nominee must be a WTS Atlanta member in good standing and you may submit more than one nomination. The nomination period opens August 10th and will close on Monday, September 7th at 5:00 PM.

The Elections Committee will screen the nominees and then the membership will have the opportunity to elect a new slate of officers.

Electronic ballots will be prepared and distributed via e-mail. Nominations will only be accepted via e-mail and survey monkey. For descriptions of the positions and related criteria, and to nominate someone, please click the link below.

[**NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY**](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 2nd | 2:00 PM EST:

[TRB Webinar: How Women Fare in the Transit Industry](#)

OCT. 7TH | 5:00 PM EST:

Transportation Funding Panel
Discussion

SEPT. 29th | 5:30 PM EST:

[Engineering Georgia's 100 Most Influential Women and 50 Women in the Know Virtual Honorees' Reception](#)

NOV. 6th | 12:00 PM EST:

Virtual Annual Scholarship Luncheon

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