

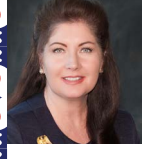
Scholarship Judges Panel



Ann Fox, PE
Deputy Director District Director -
Planning & Local Assistance
District 11 Caltrans



Carolina Martinez
Policy Director
Environmental Health Coalition



Amanda Young Rigby
Council Member
City of Vista

Annual Award Judges Panel



Margaret Bornyas
Senior Ecologist & Operations Manager
ECORP Consulting



Chili Cileh
Senior Transportation Planner
District 11 Caltrans



Nensi Lakrori, PE, M.S., LEED AP BD+C
Lecturer
San Diego State University



Kimberly Hayford
Director of Service Planning
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San Diego County Regional Airport
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Vice President
Burns & McDonnell



Antoinette Meier
Principal Regional Planner
SANDAG

2019 WTS San Diego County Chapter 26th Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner

LIVING COMMUNITY September 19, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration & Champagne Check-in 6:00 PM

Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Dinner & Awards Ceremony 7:30 PM

Opening Remarks & Welcome
Linda Culp, SANDAG

Evening Toast
Bethany Dawa, T.Y. Lin International

President's Address
Brianna Pilkinton, Burns & McDonnell

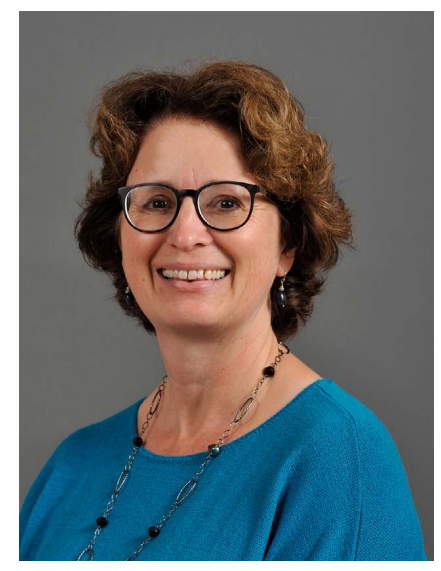
Transportation YOU
Jim Starling, Jacobs
Amanda Olgeirsson, Kleinfelder

Scholarship Presentation
Mimi Morisaki, Rick Engineering
Bethany Dawa, T.Y. Lin International

Award Presentation
Danielle Zhang, Caltrans, District 11
Julie Froelich, Jacobs
Debbie Leung, IBI Group

Keynote Address
Sunnie House, Principal and Founder,
Sunnie House Strategies

Master of Ceremonies



Linda Culp
SANDAG

Honorary Speakers

Transportation You Mentor



Amanda Olgeirsson, PE
Kleinfelder

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Evening Toast



Bethany Dawa, PE
T.Y. Lin International

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Keynote Speaker



Sunnie House, PE
Sunnie House Strategies

Transportation YOU



Lucy Ren
Senior - Crest Canyon Academy
Freshman Fall 2019 - Duke University

Lucy lives in San Diego, California and plans to attend Duke University in the fall. She became interested in transportation when she did a research paper on high-speed rail and self-driving cars. Lucy was a member of her school's Conservatory for the Humanities and founder of the Future Entrepreneurs Club. Her favorite subjects are economics, statistics, and computer science. Her hobbies include journaling, playing music, and making her friends and family laugh.

Scholarship Winners



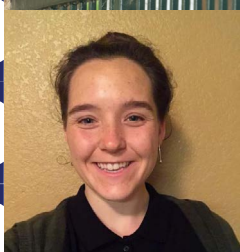
High School
Emily Otsuka

Emily is a graduating senior at Patrick Henry High School and will be attending UCLA in the fall to pursue her civil engineering degree. Emily is active in the Society of Women Engineers, ACE Mentor Program, and the Patrick Henry High School Environmental Club.



Undergraduate
Ciera Aldava

A civil engineering student at San Diego State University and will be graduating in May 2020. Ciera enjoys working in the transportation field because she appreciates being able to see the difference that transportation engineers can make in the community.



Undergraduate
Hannah Rebello

A Civil Engineering student at San Diego State University. Hannah is a San Diego native and chose to study civil engineering because of the academic challenges and public service aspects. She has grown to love the practicality and technicality of transportation design within civil engineering.



Undergraduate
Gelareh Faraji

Gelareh transferred from Miramar College to pursue a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering at San Diego State University. Gelareh is looking forward to becoming an effective person for society not only by being an engineer, but also by being a trustworthy source and leader for future students in the transportation field.



Graduate
Anagha Katthe

A graduate student pursuing a Masters degree in civil engineering with a focus on Transportation at San Diego State University. Anagha earned her BE in civil engineering from DSCE University in Bangalore, India and is passionate about learning new innovative technologies that aims to improve safety, mobility, and reduce congestion.



Graduate
Julia Tuer

A graduate student pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration at San Diego State University. Julia is currently the Executive Assistant to the CEO and Clerk of the Board at San Diego Metropolitan Transit System where she assists with government relations and legislative advocacy efforts. Julia recognizes the importance of the public transportation industry and is passionate about being part of its future.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR - *Fehr & Peers*



Fehr & Peers is an employee focused company that places a heavy emphasis on professional development. The San Diego office currently has a 71/29 female/male ratio, has been managed by a woman for the past four years, and three of the four most recent hires are female, ranging from entry-level to mid-career. Companywide, one-third of leadership positions are held by women. Fehr & Peers recently underwent a large leadership transition in which over half of role promotions were women as part of a continued effort toward accelerating career opportunities and long-term succession planning.

WOMEN OF THE YEAR - *Kimberly J. Becker*



Kimberly Becker is a 21st century aviation leader and an inspiration for women in transportation. SAN's Small Business Development Program is one of Kim's highest priorities and the program has created opportunities for women-owned businesses over the last 10 years. She also hosts an annual Women's Leadership Luncheon bringing together senior women leaders in an informal setting to discuss various issues that women face in getting ahead in the work world. She also supports student-oriented programs because she realizes people are more likely to develop a passion for aviation if they are exposed to it. As she puts it, "jet fuel gets in your veins."

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS *San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project (SELDT)*



The San Elijo Lagoon Double Track Project added 1.5 miles of second mainline rail track and replaced an aging timber rail bridge on the LOSSAN coastal corridor to meet future increases in passenger and freight rail services, which are estimated to double by 2030. The project was the first to utilize the Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) contracting method, which allowed multiple projects in the same geographic vicinity to be constructed concurrently, saving time and resources. Over twenty women worked on SELDT and its success is a testament to the visionary leadership of many women in the transportation industry in San Diego.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - *Sharon Cooney*



Sharon Cooney is a well-made advocate for transportation in San Diego, as the MTS Chief of Staff, she is constantly taking on projects that ensure our communities are at the forefront, while providing more efficient transit opportunities. In the last year, she was a speaker at the 2018 WTS Annual Conference, the WTS Legislative Breakfast, a WTS San Diego County Chapter Lunch Program, and was a VIP guest at the Scholarship Bowling Fundraiser. She also cultivated opportunities for women in key leadership positions at MTS, supported successful appointments of key female staff in the TCRP ambassador program, and encourages regular attendance at WTS events.

ROSA PARKS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP *Nadia Nuñez, A Reason to Survive*



Nadia Nuñez has proven herself an extraordinary community champion, nonprofit leader, and project manager through her efforts to advance transportation equity and infrastructure expansion by incorporating creative arts in transportation design. She spearheaded a collaborative partnership with National City in 2016 to deliver a network of innovative bike racks that has now evolved into an internship program that includes building bike rack prototypes for various bikeway projects in the city. Nadia is also working to close the wage gap in National City through the Community ARTS Design Challenges internship program, which instills life and career readiness skills in female and minority high school students.

ALTERNATIVE MODES & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AWARD *18th Street Complete Street*



18th Street Complete Street is a popular east-west corridor in National City with connections to schools, parks and churches that now features additional bicycle safety infrastructure and bike boxes. The project is part of a larger initiative by the City of National City to complete a comprehensive network of low stress bikeways and pedestrian enhancements to meet the needs of the community. Several women from the City and Kimley-Horn helped bring the project to fruition. In an area where vehicle ownership is low, families now have an enhanced bikeway option to get to their everyday destinations.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE - *Meghan Cedeno*



Meghan Cedeno began her career in the geotechnical field but found herself wanting to serve her City through her passion for active transportation and enthusiasm for bringing communities together. She went back to school for her master's in Urban, Community and Regional Planning and has worked at the City of San Diego for the past four years. She has been an active WTS member since 2015, joined the Board in 2016, and is Secretary this year. She is a mentor for young women; sharing about her mid-level career change and the challenges she faced starting over in a new field. Meghan commutes by bike and transit every day.

HONORABLE RAY LAHOOD AWARD *Don Murphy, IBI Group*



Don Murphy is well-known for his ITS work and is a long-time supporter of WTS. A mentor without the label; he consistently looks for opportunities to elevate women at IBI and makes sure they are taking the appropriate next steps in their careers, from taking junior female staff to meetings and inviting them to offer their opinions to advocating for lead project roles for his female staff. As one mentee said, "He'll look for opportunities to give you work that's in line with your passions." Throughout the years, Don has mentored many WTS members, many of which went on to hold local and national WTS chapter positions.

TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSPORTATION *Fiber Optic Communication Network Expansion Through Partnerships*



A shared fiber optic agreement between Caltrans D11, MTS, NCTD, and SAN-DAG allows these agencies to share spare fiber optic cable capacity along transportation corridors in San Diego County, allowing partner agencies to expand their information networks and connect formerly isolated transportation facilities located along 31 miles of highway, railroad, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and managed lane corridors in San Diego County. Benefits include network reliability and performance enhancement for data management servers, creates redundant communication paths, and establishes the foundational infrastructure needed for future transportation implementations. Eleven women from various public agencies contributed to the project.