

Transportation Résumé Book Engineers Exclusive Connections

COMMITTEE REPORT



Todd Nguyen (Chapter Board Member), Photo © John Livzey, 2015

One of the benefits of WTS-LA corporate partnership—besides reading insightful newsletter pieces—remains the exclusive Transportation Résumé Book that brings student qualifications before the eyes of those WTS-LA sponsors.

For students, the Transportation Résumé Book offers an opportunity to place their résumé before potential employment opportunities. For WTS-LA corporate partners, the résumé book offers descriptions of potential employees who can grow into future transportation leaders. The 2015 Transportation Résumé Book received a record high number of resumes from over 100 graduating students spanning 10 universities. The resume book is composed of 5 categories including engineering, planning, environmental, public policy, and logistics. The book was published to all corporate sponsors on May 8.

Marking the book's eighth year, this year's Transportation Résumé Book mixer made its debut and was held at Caltrans District 7 headquarters on April 30, 2015. Attendees included students participating in the résumé book and other students interested in WTS.

"Networking is a skill that's not necessarily taught in school," noted Todd Nguyen (above), chapter board member and the mixer's organizer. "Having gone through the recruitment process myself, I want to help students sharpen their networking skills; it is a skill that students have to build. We want to provide students an opportunity to sharpen that skill as they build relationships and connections, and I think that any student who's mastered 'friend making' is well on their way to a successful career."

More than 25 students attended the mixer, as well as 13 transportation professionals representing these organizations:

- Cambridge Systematics
- CH2M
- Hatch Mott McDonald
- HDR
- Iteris
- Jacobs Engineering
- JL Patterson
- Port of Long Beach
- STV Inc

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The chapter holds school-specific Transportation Résumé Book recruitment events throughout the year, inviting students to add their resumes before the book's deadline, usually mid-March. This past school year, the chapter hosted events at UCLA; University of Southern California, UC Irvine; and Cal Poly Pomona.