

Louise Garside...Kathy Simons...Lynnete Guzman...



Today, becoming a female engineer is still considered bold. Louise Garside did it in 1965. Born, raised, and educated in Germany, Ms. Garside arrived in Massachusetts that same year. It was also when a renowned engineering firm offered her an engineering position on a major highway project. At the time, this was all but revolutionary. Naturally, she excelled in the work, earning respect, admiration, and a reputation that only grew with each project she delivered. But she was only getting started. Journeying west to Los Angeles, she began working as a configuration management manager. In that capacity, she developed the entire set of standards for the first light rail line in the city, cementing her legend and her place in transportation history. Next, she ventured out on her own. Registering under the newly created disadvantaged business enterprise program, Ms. Garside founded LKG-CMC, a national consultancy.

Today, LKG-CMC is a comprehensive program controls and document control/configuration management consultancy with extensive experience in complex transit, highway, public works, education, airport, and other infrastructure projects nationwide. And one of Ms. Garside's daughters, WTS-LA president Kathy Simons, serves as LKG-CMC president, continuing Ms. Garside's industry-leading legacy. But they share something else, a deep commitment to the advancement of women in engineering and transportation.

Having founded several organizations and hosted numerous events to benefit disadvantaged and minority workers and youth, both Ms. Garside and Simons continue that work today in many different ways. Most notable, last year they created the \$5,000 WTS-LA Louise Garside Scholarship. Ms. Simons explains why.

"Sponsoring a scholarship is an investment in our future. We believe that as industry leaders we must be cognizant of the fact that the future is now and we must act. True leaders lead by example and also by supporting the workforce who will be building our future and the future of many generations." This year, WTS-LA recognizes Lynnete Guzman as deserving of that investment in the future and for matching the spirit of adventure and moxie demonstrated so clearly by Ms. Garside and Simons. So, WTS-LA names Lynnete Guzman as the winner of the 2018 \$5,000 WTS-LA Louise Garside Scholarship.