

Making Reality a Dream: 2019 WTS-LA Stantec Scholarship Winner Camille Maxwell



Camille Maxwell (2019 WTS-LA Stantec Scholarship Winner), 2019

More popularly known as Lawrence of Arabia, T. E. Lawrence said, “Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous...for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible.” 2019 \$5,000 WTS-LA Stantec Scholarship winner Camille Maxwell is an eyes-wide-open-during-the-day dreamer.

“Women have been pushing the societal boundaries and exceeding people’s expectations since we were given the chance with the adaptation of modern labor laws. My career goals include just that, exceeding expectations and pushing the limits in transportation. When I graduate, I plan on working to obtain my professional engineering license and Master of Business Administration. With two degrees and a license, I will start my own woman-owned business that specializes in transportation. At this company, I would strive to enhance communities’ traveling experiences, give women leadership opportunities, and attempt to help lessen human impacts on the environment.” And that appears to be her short list.

An undergraduate at Cal Poly Pomona, Maxwell is studying civil engineering and expects to graduate with a bachelor of science in May 2020. Named to the Dean’s List, Maxwell is also president of her WTS student chapter, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and secretary of the Associated General Contractor (AGC) club. Between work and school, she most definitely keeps her plate full. And that has proven to be a strength.

“She has been a model student when it comes to balancing school and extracurricular activities, explains Cal Poly Pomona Professor Yongping Zhang, Ph.D. “She has been an outstanding leader for the WTS Cal Poly Pomona student chapter at which I am the advisor...I watched Camille grow the student chapter in her year as president. She was passionate about gaining members and telling people what WTS stands for. In the past year, she came to multiple classes of mine to talk about upcoming events and benefits of being a WTS member...She also had a great success at the WTS Student chapter gala where over 30 professionals and 50 students showed up...Throughout my teaching and advising career, Camille has stood out due to her hard work, integrity, intelligence, and pride in all she does.”

Camille Maxwell is an exceptional student who dreams with her eyes open during the day. Those dreams and her accomplishments are exactly why WTS-LA awarded her the 2019 \$5,000 WTS-LA Stantec Scholarship.