

Narina Artin: When Global Transportation Becomes Very Personal



Narina Artin (Berg & Associates Advancing Women in Transportation Scholarship Recipient), Photo © John Livzey, 2019

Narina Artin knows what many others may not, that sometimes taking even one step can be extremely difficult. So, she wants to combine personal experience with her disability along with her passion for engineering technology to change the world almost literally one step at a time. “The first method I will use to implement safety is by creating the proper medical supplies. I will have the opportunity to prolong one’s life and safety through creating more comfortable prosthetics, adaptable wheelchairs regardless of the ground texture, hand mobility aids without hurting the skin, and so much more. Personally, I believe I can make an advancement in this field due to my own personal experiences in the use of medical equipment for the past ten years. However, the realm of medical supplies is not my only point of interest for safety.

“The second method I will use to implement safety is by designing safer and more comfortable roads. Traffic and safety are major issues in heavily congested cities and with population increasing safety becomes more of a priority. A few actions to increase safety include adding more lanes on the road, adding more road signs near smaller streets with high traffic, and much more. Here is where my interest in public safety crosses paths with the field of transportation engineering.” After that, Artin provides strategic details about how she looks to transform vehicular transportation, particularly during, “catastrophic events such as earthquakes, wildfires, and ambulatory emergencies.”

Awarded the WTS-LA \$3,000 Berg & Associates Advancing Women in Transportation scholarship, Artin will graduate from Glendale Community College in 2021 with an associate’s degree in Engineering Technology—CAD Design Drafting, where she currently carries a 3.8 GPA. And both her skills and potential have received considerable attention. Glendale Community College engineering chair Christopher Herwerth believes Artin possesses the vision, determination, and smarts to achieve her lofty goals.

“Narina is a highly intelligent and mature student who has demonstrated excellent analytical skills. She is highly likely to succeed as an engineering major and to complete the requirements for a bachelor’s degree because she has very clearly defined personal and academic goals and is working hard to achieve them. Narina has an amazing ability to complete tasks regardless of the assigned workload and she has persisted in her academic goals despite significant personal hardship. She is one of my best students and I believe that she will be highly successful.”

WTS-LA fully supports and eagerly awaits for Narina Artin to achieve her dream.