

2014 Annual Report



Advancing Women in Transportation
Washington, DC Chapter

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President's Message

Dear WTS-DC Chapter members and friends,

2014 was one of the WTS-DC Chapter's most productive years ever. Between our regular programs and Mentoring Committee events, we were able to provide a record 17 opportunities for professional development, mentoring, and networking this year. Your attendance at these events is always appreciated, and your support helped us add a new undergraduate scholarship to our scholarship program so that we can have a direct impact on the career aspirations of even more young women in the future.



We closed out 2014 with our Holiday Party where we presented our scholarships and annual achievement awards, including the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, and a new Man of the Year award to Rich Sarles, the recently retired CEO of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This event also helped us generate nearly one third of the funding needed to support our upcoming 2015 scholarship program. Read on to see photos and learn more about our distinguished awardees, scholarship recipients, and Chapter activities.

All of this progress was made possible by the tireless work of our volunteers. WTS-DC is proud to have more than 40 professionals actively participating in our Board of Directors and committees. Individual members have also volunteered their time and expertise to participate in discussion panels, present industry updates, and participate in our groundbreaking Glass Ceiling Task Force. We are thrilled that so many of our members not only attend our events, but are actively engaged in the organization. None of this would be possible without them, and we are extremely grateful for all of their hard work and dedication.

We would also like to recognize those organizations and individuals that have donated so generously to fund our events and scholarships. Their partnership enables us to continue to deliver on our mission, and we look forward to long and productive relationships with each and every one of our Corporate Members and sponsors. We appreciate your financial support, and are eager to fulfill our joint investment in the transportation leaders of tomorrow.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melany Alliston-Brick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Melany Alliston-Brick, PE
2014 WTS-DC Chapter President

Treasurer's Report

As of December 31, 2014

Revenue	Actual 2014
Membership dues	\$9,320
Corporate Membership dues	\$22,000
Programs	\$11,561
Holiday and Recognitions Event	\$5,930
Corporate Sponsorships (of Programs)	\$0
Professional Development & Mentoring	\$590
Total Revenue	\$53,139
Expenses	Actual 2014
Corporate Membership Expenses	\$1,705
Programs	\$12,720
Holiday Party and Recognitions Event	\$8,991
Professional Development & Mentoring	\$1,898
Transportation YOU	\$4,000
Communications/Outreach	\$500
Administrative	\$3,407
2014 WTS-Int'l Conference(s)	\$1,238
Scholarship Committee Expenses	\$45
Total Expenses	\$34,504

Membership Report

As of December 31, 2014

Public Sector	55
Regular Membership 1 - 4	175
Corporate Chapter	8
Executive Leader	12
Retired	1
Student	18
Total Membership:	269

Board Goals

Top 5 Ranked Goals from January Strategic Planning Meeting

- 1) Professional Development – Focus activities on advancing professional women.
 - Result: Held four programs with a professional development focus.
- 2) Membership – Track membership statistics to inform our professional development program topics.
 - Result: Surveyed members to submit and rank professional development program topics and activities.
- 3) Corporate Relations – Obtain four additional corporate members in 2014.
 - Result: Increased number of corporate members from eight to twelve.
- 4) Communications – Improve communication between committees.
 - Result: Instituted a monthly committee report form to be submitted in advance of Board meetings for inclusion in the meeting agenda.
- 5) Membership – Survey members and non-member program attendees to learn what they value about WTS-DC and how we can improve our offerings.
 - Result: Surveyed members about what kinds of content they would like to see in the newsletter, frequency and format of newsletter, proposed program topics, and the creation of a new Glass Ceiling Task Force to study the baseline status of women in the transportation industry in Washington, DC.

Responsible Entity	Goal
Executive Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve coordination with WTS International and use them as a resource. • Track and improve our rating and achievements in the Chapter Circle of Excellence program.
Communications Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage people through means other than email (social media, attend events held by other organizations, conduct surveys, etc.). • Improve communication between committees.
Corporate Relations Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add four more corporate members in 2014. • Reach out to Board members for additional (potential) corporate members and specific contacts within those companies.
Diversity Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold one major event in the fall with a guest speaker. • Hold two smaller events (luncheons, panel events, or happy hours) possibly in April and August.
Holiday Party Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a venue, date, and caterer by August. • Coordinate with the Silent Auction Committee and Recognitions Committee earlier.
Hospitality Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support program and other committee event logistics. • Develop a core list of volunteers.
Legislative Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold two legislative programs. • Invite members of Congress to speak in addition to a panel discussion.

Responsible Entity	Goal
Membership Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track membership – who they are, stage in career, interests, trends, etc. – to feed into professional development. Follow-up with members and non-member program attendees to learn what they value about WTS-DC and how we can improve our offerings.
Mentoring Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get feedback from past mentors and mentees for lessons learned. Coordinate with Professional Development and other committees
Newsletter Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a survey to identify members’ interests (including programs of interest, career goals, and preference of newsletter frequency). Encourage members, non-member program attendees, and corporate members to write articles for the newsletter.
Professional Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus activities on advancing professional women. Coordinate with other committees (Programs, Membership, etc.).
Programs Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold one program/event per month. Increase joint programming with other transportation organizations.
Recognitions Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early preparation – select awardees well in advance to use as a draw for Holiday Party attendees. Develop a list of potential awardees early in case we don’t receive enough nominations by the due date.
Scholarship Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase annual distribution to \$8,000 total or \$2,000 for each scholarship recipient. Identify and implement a new approach to fundraising (e.g. an annual event) to add to our current strategies.
Transportation YOU Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early discussion about whether or not we will send a mentor/mentee pair to the DC Summit.

Communications

Social Media



Website

www.wtsinternational.org/washington-dc/

Newsletter Issues

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Chapter Programs

Date	Event Title	Description and Notes	Venue
February 21	A Conversation with Sarah Feinberg, US DOT Chief of Staff	Joint luncheon with WTS-DC and Federally Employed Women (FEW). <i>62 attendees. \$12 registration fee. Open to WTS and FEW members only.</i>	US DOT Executive Dining Room
March 31	Panel: Current Issues of Freight and Energy	Breakfast discussion regarding the intersection of freight mobility and energy product development, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Leslie Blakey - Blakey and Agnew • Caitlin Hughes Rayman - Director, FHWA Office of Freight Management & Operations • Mary B. Phillips - Owner, Phillips Strategic Services • Therese Langer - Program Director, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy <i>28 attendees. \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.</i>	Clyde's of Gallery Place
April 23	2014 WTS-DC Legislative Breakfast	Panel discussion of upcoming authorization and appropriations legislation with key congressional staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murphie Barrett - Staff Director, House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Highways & Transit • Andrew Dohrmann - Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works • Alex S. Keenan - Majority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing & Urban Development • Rachel Johnson - Minority Staff Member, Senate Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs Committee <u>Sponsored by:</u> Parsons Brinckerhoff, Thompson Coburn LLP, and Spartan Solutions. <i>50 attendees. \$35 for members, \$60 for non-members, \$20 for students.</i>	Charlie Palmer Steak
May 29	Management Lessons Learned - Woodrow Wilson Bridge	Dinner workshop about leadership and management skills needed to deliver a very large construction project, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Jacobsen - Vice President of Construction Services, Parsons Brinckerhoff <i>14 attendees. \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members, \$10 for students.</i>	Parsons Brinckerhoff, Conference Room
June 18	A Conversation with WMATA General Manager & CEO, Richard Sarles	Informal cocktail hour with Mr. Sarles to discuss recent and upcoming development at WMATA as it prepares to assume control of the Silver Line. <u>Sponsored by:</u> Hatch Mott MacDonald, CH2MHill, and Kawasaki. <i>80 attendees. \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members, \$15 for students.</i>	Powerscourt, Phoenix Park Hotel

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June 24	Reception with the WTS International and WTS Foundation Boards of Directors	Cocktail reception with the 2014 WTS International and WTS Foundation Boards of Directors, including a raffle to benefit the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund. <u>Sponsored by:</u> Cambridge Systematics and HNTB. <i>64 attendees. \$55 for members, \$75 for non-members, \$30 for students.</i>	University Club of Washington, DC
July 23	Small Businesses Begin with Big Dreams	Dinner event to learn about the opportunities and challenges of starting and maintaining a women-owned consulting business in the transportation industry, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Morris, PE, PTOE - President, T3 Design Corporation • Iola Harper - Director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional. US DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization <i>16 attendees. \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members, \$10 for students.</i>	Parsons Brinckerhoff, Conference Room
August 6	5 th Annual TRF-WTS-YPT-Reason Joint Event: Reform of the Air Traffic Control System	Annual after work networking event with panel of featured speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Poole - Transportation Director, Reason Foundation • Joshua Schank - President & CEO, Eno Center for Transportation • Stephen Van Beek - Vice President, ICF International <i>91 attendees. \$13 registration fee. Open to all.</i>	Reason Foundation Offices
August 26	On the Move: Trailblazing Women and Professional Mobility	WTS-DC's annual diversity program featuring an evening of conversation with women who have made strides in the transportation industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Victor Mendez - Deputy Secretary , US DOT • Anne Collins - Associate Administrator for Field Operations, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration • Endrea Frazier - Senior Vice President, Legion Design • MaryAnn Hopkins - President, Parsons Government Services • Vanessa Allen Sutherland - Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration <u>Sponsored by:</u> Parsons. <i>50 attendees. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members, \$15 for students.</i>	Union Station, American Gas Association Room
September 23	No-Host Happy Hour	Informal social hour to promote networking and encourage membership. <i>11 attendees. Free event, open to all.</i>	The Hamilton

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September 25	Mentoring Program: Networking	First Mentoring Program discussion of the year, evening event featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Ueijo – President, Young Government Leaders <i>Free event, open to all 28 Mentoring Program participants.</i>	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Office
October 2	VDOT Transportation Career Fair	10 th annual event featuring over 80 transportation employers and professional organizations. WTS-DC table staffed by WTS-DC Board members Melany Alliston-Brick, Christine Sherman, and Cerasela Cristei. <i>Hundreds of attendees. Free event, open to high school students.</i>	Manassas Fair Grounds
October 22	Union Station Tour	Morning behind-the-scenes tour led by Beverley Swaim-Staley, President and CEO of the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation and WTS International Board Chair. <i>15 attendees. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.</i>	Union Station
October 22	Mentoring Program: Difficult Conversations	Exclusive Mentoring Program evening event, featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Calvaseri Barr - US DOT Deputy Inspector General <i>Free event, open to all 28 Mentoring Program participants.</i>	American Society of Civil Engineers, Conference Room
November 6	Post-Election Panel Discussion	Evening panel discussion about how the 2014 election results will affect the congressional agenda and the future of transportation policy, with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Julie Minerva - Managing Director, Manatt, Phelps & Philips, LLP • James Bonham - Former Executive Director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee • Scott Hatch - Former Executive Director of the National Republican Campaign Committee <u>Sponsored by:</u> Manatt, Phelps & Philips, LLP <i>30 attendees. \$10 registration fee. Open to WTS members only. All proceeds benefit the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund.</i>	Office of Manatt, Phelps & Philips, LLP
November 13	Mentoring Program: Negotiating Salaries	Final Mentoring Program discussion of the year, dinner event featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Metzner - President, The Metzner Group <i>Free event, open to all 28 Mentoring Program participants.</i>	Hall of States, AASHTO Office
December 9	Holiday Party & Scholarship Fund Silent Auction	WTS-DC's premier event of the year, featuring an evening of networking, recognition and scholarship awards, and a celebration of the holiday season. <i>130 attendees. \$50 for members, \$70 for non-members, \$30 for students (member and non-member ticket prices increased by \$10 after December 1st).</i>	Goethe-Institut Washington

Recognition Award Winners

Woman of the Year

Patricia Hendren, Consultant – Performance Management



Patricia “Trish” G. Hendren, PhD is a transportation performance management expert with over 17 years of experience working with State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and transit agencies. Most recently she co-established and served as director of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s (WMATA) first stand-alone Office of Performance. This office expanded the organization’s ability to use performance information to guide decisions, promote accountability and improve results. Prior to this position, Dr. Hendren developed WMATA’s 10-year \$11.4 billion capital needs inventory and prioritized these needs for WMATA’s six year capital program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Dr. Hendren has spent her career working with transportation agencies to implement a performance-based management approach including the identification of strategic goals, development of performance measures, establishment of targets, prioritization of resources and evaluation of results. Before joining WMATA, she spent several years in the private sector assisting a range of State DOTs on various aspects of performance-based management including Maryland’s Long Range Transportation Plan, the Maryland Annual Attainment Report and Virginia DOT’s first multimodal performance report. With the passage of MAP-21, the evolution of asset management tools, and the overall increased demand for more transparency and accountability, Dr. Hendren recently decided to return to the private sector to open a new DC office for Spy Pond Partners, a small transportation management consulting firm based in Boston.

To contribute to the state-of-the practice and stay abreast of national issues, Trish has been actively involved in the Transportation Research Board since 2001 chairing or serving on committees, research panels and conference planning efforts. She is a passionate supporter of advancing women in the transportation field and is a role model to those who have worked for and with her throughout her career.

Man of the Year

Richard Sarles, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)



Richard Sarles has guided WMATA on a course to improve safety, reliability, financial stability and customer service since joining the Agency in January 2011. Drawing upon more than 40 years of experience in the transit and intercity passenger rail industry, Mr. Sarles has led actions to build a new safety culture within WMATA, including strengthening the safety department, expanding training and creating a new employee safety recognition program. He has spearheaded the replacement of buses and MetroAccess vehicles and the acquisition of new rail cars. Under his leadership, Metro is undergoing a \$5 billion six-year capital improvement program. In addition to

creating a multiyear business plan to support agency goals, Mr. Sarles led the development of the agency's strategic plan, *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro*, that benefitted from unprecedented public and stakeholder input.

Mr. Sarles is a lifelong advocate for women in transportation leadership. Over the years he has invested in mentoring and professional development opportunities, and has actively worked to recognize and advance visionary women in transportation. From drivers, to maintenance to WMATA's Board of Directors, gender equity is on the rise due to his efforts. Through its annual "Conversations with Richard Sarles," WTS-DC and its members have benefited from his insights as he guided WMATA, its employees, and its customers through the on-going experiences of renewal and expansion.

Being an agent for change and growth is integral to Richard Sarles' career. Prior to joining WMATA, he served as Executive Director of New Jersey TRANSIT after managing the agency's \$1.3 billion annual capital program as well as all three light rail operations in the state (2002-2010). His tenure at Amtrak (1996-2002) included leading the introduction of Acela service on the Northeast Corridor. Building on his education in engineering and business administration, Mr. Sarles worked for more than 20 years in construction, project management and project planning roles with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

When Richard Sarles retires from WMATA in early 2015, he will be greatly missed as an advocate for smart and efficient transit investments. His work has paved the way for many bright and visionary leaders to take the helm.

Member of the Year

Avital Barnea, Policy Analyst, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation



Avital, a member of WTS since 2010, is actively engaged in the DC Chapter leadership and currently serves as the WTS-DC Vice President. She has served as WTS-DC Secretary, and was previously active with the WTS Minnesota Chapter. Since 2012, she has served on the steering committee for the Transportation YOU DC Summit. Avital continually exceeds the requirements of any position, and never hesitates to step in and volunteer when there is work to be done. From bringing in new members to ensuring that she is intimately familiar with every committee's duties and responsibilities, Avital has played a major role in getting the Chapter up to speed and keeping it running effectively.

As policy analyst within the Office of the Secretary, Avital oversees the TIGER Discretionary Grant program and contributes to policy initiatives regarding infrastructure and innovative finance. Prior to this position, Avital was a community planner at the Federal Transit Administration, focusing on metropolitan and statewide planning and the Capital Investment Grant (New Starts) program, and as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, where she worked on and witnessed the passage of MAP-21.

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx, U.S. Department of Transportation



Secretary Anthony Foxx became the 17th U.S. Secretary of Transportation in July 2013. Secretary Foxx leads an agency with more than 55,000 employees and a \$70 billion budget that oversees air, maritime, and surface transportation. Prior to his appointment as US Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Foxx served as the Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, where there too he made efficient and innovative transportation investments the centerpiece of the city's job creation and economic recovery efforts.

One of the strongest advocates for the White House's Ladders of Opportunity initiative, Secretary Foxx has long believed that transportation plays a critical role in connecting Americans and communities to economic opportunity. Access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation for all Americans is central to Secretary Foxx's agenda, as he believes the choices that are made regarding transportation infrastructure at the Federal, State and local levels can strengthen communities, create pathways to jobs and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

Under Secretary Foxx's directive, the USDOT has prioritized initiatives to advance Ladders of Opportunity through multiple programs, including a new \$100 million Ladders of Opportunity Initiative to fund projects that expand bus services to better serve people who need them the most, and through the \$9 million Innovative Public Transportation Workforce Development Program to invest in America's economic growth and help build ladders of opportunity into the middle class for American workers. Secretary Foxx also prioritized the extent to which the projects chosen for the FY2014 TIGER grant program strengthen access to opportunities through transportation.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

moveDC Plan



The *moveDC Plan* offers a bold vision for the transportation network in the District of Columbia to ensure the solutions and ideas are implementable. The plan sets the 25-year transportation vision for Washington, DC. Released in October 2014, it was developed using innovative and comprehensive outreach and communication techniques to gather stakeholders' feedback. It also includes a 2-year action plan to set the vision towards implementation, including 36 specific actions and the development of metrics to monitor and track performance and progress. The project manager for *moveDC*, Colleen Hawkinson, is also the manager of the Strategic Planning Branch within the Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration of the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). In her role as project manager, Ms. Hawkinson ensured that stakeholder engagement was prioritized. She also focused on the internal customer, DDOT staff, who will be in charge of implementing this vision for years to come.

Employer of the Year
Nspiregreen, LLC



Nspiregreen, a woman and minority-owned business in Washington, DC, works to transform businesses and communities by providing sustainability solutions that create an enhanced working and living environment. With its engineering and urban planning employees, it specializes in urban and transportation planning, environmental solutions, and public involvement and outreach. The company was on the consulting team for the *moveDC Plan* which is receiving the 2014 WTS-DC Innovative Transportation Solutions award. Other major local initiatives involving Nspiregreen are the alternatives analysis for the North-South streetcar line to connect Takoma/Silver Spring to Southeast, and the stormwater implementation plan.

Chancee Lundy and Veronica O. Davis founded Nspiregreen in 2009 to create a work culture that inspires creativity and innovation while allowing employees to maintain a healthy work-life balance. The company is committed to the professional growth of its employees (currently all female) and to providing opportunities such as technical training, project management and business development opportunities. It actively supports the WTS-DC Chapter, including the Chapter's Mentoring Program, with both co-founders serving as mentors and an employee as a mentee. Nspiregreen also engages in youth programs such as the National Society of Black Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.



WTS-DC Board Members with WTS International President & CEO Marcia Ferranto

Scholarship Award Winners

Andrea Hamre, PhD, Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech's Alexandria Campus – \$2,000



Ms. Andrea Hamre is pursuing her PhD in Virginia Tech's Urban Affairs and Planning program, with a concentration in transportation planning. She is expected to graduate in May of 2016 and currently has a perfect 4.0 GPA. Her research focuses on understanding travel choice and captivity in relation to driving, taking transit, walking, and biking. Andrea serves on the Transportation Planning Board's Citizens Advisory Committee, a volunteer committee that advises our metropolitan planning organization (MPO) on long-term transportation policy, and was appointed to the Parking Standards for New Development Task Force in the City of Alexandria. She not only exemplifies the academic rigor and achievement the transportation industry needs, but also the engagement in local and regional bodies that this region needs from its transportation professionals.

Eirini Kastrouni, PhD, Civil Engineering, University of Maryland – \$2,000



Ms. Eirini Kastrouni is pursuing her PhD in the University of Maryland's Civil Engineering department, with a focus in transportation engineering. She received the 2012 Charley V. Wootan National Student Award for her master's thesis on the equity performance of the fuel tax per gallon and the Vehicle Miles Traveled fee. Her doctoral work focuses on two projects related to transportation infrastructure investment yields and the development of mileage-based user fees to substitute the current fuel tax. Ms. Kastrouni is currently a young member of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Transportation and Economic Development. She was also selected as one of 20 transportation students in the nation to participate in the Eno Leadership Development Conference this past summer. She serves in numerous leadership roles, most recently serving as the president and outgoing vice president of the University of Maryland's ITE/ITS Chapter.

Daniela Barragan, Masters, Human Factors and Applied Cognition, George Mason University – \$2,000



Ms. Daniela Barragan is pursuing her master's degree in Human Factors and Applied Cognition at George Mason University. This summer she was an intern at Westat, where she so impressed her supervisors that they created a position for the academic year. She worked on two FHWA-sponsored projects while at Westat, which were aimed at developing human factors guidelines for Transportation Management Centers and identifying better locations for real-time travel information at freeway approaches. At George Mason University, she leads the Distractions N' Driving program, which uses a driving simulator to show the effects of texting on driving. Daniela is responsible for coordinating these hands-on presentations. To date, more than 1000 people have participated, with attendance ranging from high school students to law enforcement. After graduation in May 2015, she hopes to conduct applied research on transportation safety for a government agency.

Emily Porter, Junior, Undergraduate in Civil Engineering, The George Washington University – \$1,000



Ms. Emily Porter is a junior, majoring in Civil Engineering and minoring in Computer Science at The George Washington University. As an Idaho native, she previously worked at the Idaho National Laboratory. Currently, she is employed both as an Air Quality Research Assistant, where she is involved in a community-based air quality monitoring project, and as a traffic engineering undergraduate intern, where she is modeling pedestrian flow dynamics through newly defined modeling techniques. She will be presenting her paper on pedestrian flow dynamics at the January 2015

Transportation Research Board conference. After graduation in May 2016, she hopes to attend graduate school in civil engineering, continuing to emphasize the increasing connections between engineering and computer science.



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx Attends the 2014 WTS-DC Holiday Party

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