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Getting Involved

Calling all WTS Atlanta members! We have an exciting fall ahead of us as we prepare for our annual Scholarship Luncheon and professional awards as well as numerous events planned through the end of the year. Read on to learn more about how to get involved. We can't wait to see all of you at our next WTS Atlanta event.

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Annual Scholarship Luncheon and Awards

WTS Atlanta needs your help to prepare for our Annual Scholarship Luncheon on October 22nd at the Georgia Aquarium! Please click the flyer below to vote for the professional awards that will be presented at the luncheon. Also, we'd love for you to join us on one of our subcommittees. Please reach out to one of the subcommittee chairs below if you are able to contribute.



The flyer features the WTS Atlanta logo at the top, which includes the text 'WTS Atlanta Advancing women Advancing transportation'. Below the logo is the title 'Call for Nominations' in a red cursive font. The main body of the flyer is dark blue with white text. It describes the annual luncheon and lists five award categories: Member of the Year Award, Woman of the Year Award, Employer of the Year Award, Diversity Leadership Award*, and Ray LaHood Man of the Year Award. A note specifies that the Diversity Leadership Award can be presented to an individual, a group, or an organization. The closing date for nominations is September 3rd, and winners will be announced at the luncheon on October 22nd. Contact information for awards chairs Pam Little and Molly Rea is provided at the bottom.

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Call for Nominations

The annual WTS Scholarship Luncheon is the time of year we get together to celebrate the achievements of students AND working professionals in transportation.

In addition to scholarships, the WTS Atlanta Chapter presents five awards to outstanding nominees each year. Please see below for the award categories and the link to nominate:

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARD*

RAY LAHOOD MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

*The Diversity Leadership Award can be presented to an individual, a group of individuals, or to an organization.

Nominations close September 3rd

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 22ND

Questions? Contact WTS Atlanta Awards Chairs [Pam Little](#) or [Molly Rea](#)

Contribute on a Committee

Scholarships

Katrina Knight (kknight1@itsmarta.com)

Silent Auction

Kimberly Chambers (kchambers1@itsmarta.com) and Nicole Law (nicole.law@atkinsglobal.com)

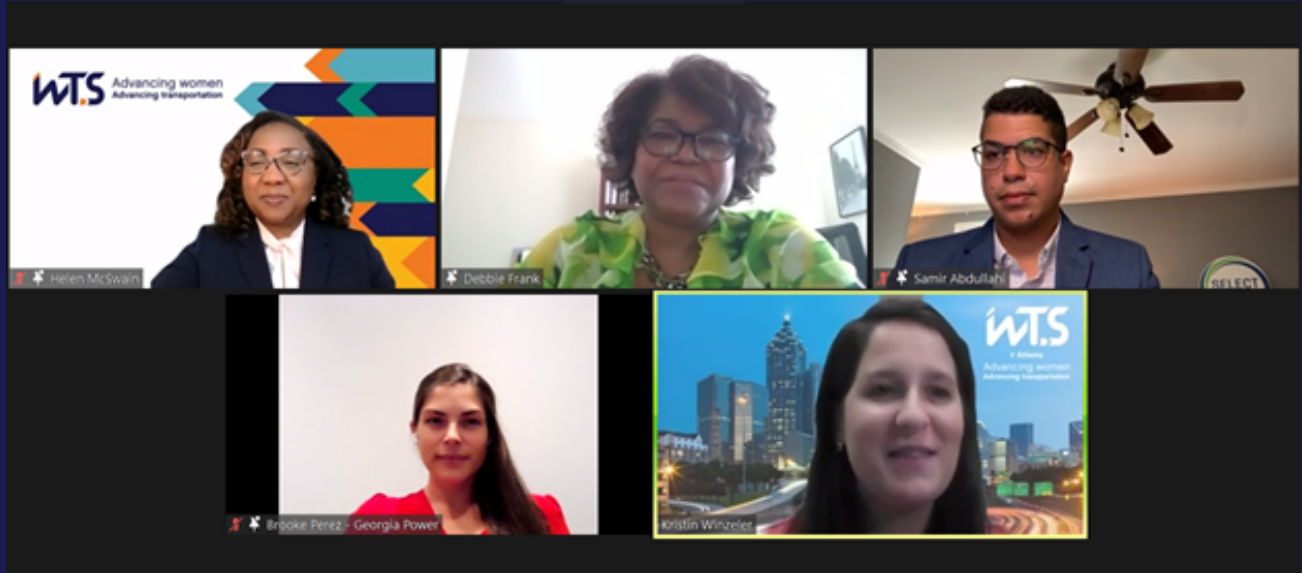
Hospitality

Janine Payne (jrpayne@vhb.com) and Kylie Vacko (vackoke@cdmsmith.com)

Tables

Sherl White (sherlwhite0214@gmail.com)

Transportation and Economic Development



In August WTS Atlanta hosted an outstanding panel focused on the symbiotic relationship between transportation and economic development. The panel discussion covered everything from transit oriented development, affordable housing, workforce development, jobs and capital investment, local government engagement, innovation, planning for the future, and marketing the region for development.

If you couldn't make it to this great virtual event, you can watch it [here](#). Thank you to our fantastic moderator and panelists!

Helen McSwain

Senior Vice President, Rohadfox Construction Control Services

Debbie Frank

Director of Transit Oriented Development, MARTA

Brooke Perez

Community and Economic Development Manager, Georgia Power

Samir Abdullahi

Deputy Director of Economic Development, Select Fulton



WHY I'M A MEMBER

"I am a member of WTS because it is a network of amazing professional women who share their talents and uplift one another. WTS provides the opportunity to give back to my profession and the transportation community through multiple programs such as the mentor protégé program. I also enjoy the diverse events offered throughout the year including professional development workshops, educational panels, and social events."

Ligia Florim
Cobb County DOT

WTS Atlanta Board Director at Large

"I joined WTS Boston in 2005. As a young professional at the time, I was ready to make connections with other transportation professionals, and I've loved being part of the organization ever since. I've been an active member of three chapters (Boston, DC and Atlanta), Treasurer for all three, and involved in many committees. I've made so many great friends and it has been my place to go when I move to a new city. One interesting fact, I met Carrie Rocha at my first WTS Boston event; she was recruiting volunteers for the Professional Development committee. I immediately said yes...and the rest is history. Today, more than 15 years later, we find ourselves engaged with and supporting the Atlanta Chapter. That's the beautiful thing about this organization...making connections and friendships for life, no matter where you go."

Iris Ortiz
HNTB

WTS Atlanta Board Treasurer



Upcoming Events



ONLINE LEARNING 2021 Webinar Series

International

2nd Annual WTS Online Learning Series

The second annual WTS Online Learning Series will feature virtual sessions on trending topics in the transportation industry. This 5-week series package will be composed of WTS Talks and Panels taking place **each Wednesday between September 8 - October 6, 2021.**

Hear from experts on new emerging technologies, public policies, how to implement innovation, and more! Click [here](#) to register.

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Save the Date

10.5.2021

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DBE Matchmaking Event

This event is open to WTS or COMTO Members



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