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Quarterly Newsletter

QUARTER 1 RECAPS

Greetings! Below is a recap of the events WTS had the privilege of hosting and/or participating in during the first quarter. Thank you to all that helped with and attended the events!

Event Spotlights

How I Got Here with Jennifer Pyrz - IndyGo

We would like to thank Jennifer Pyrz for bringing in the new year with us for our first "How I Got Here" Series. Jennifer Pyrz is a founding member of our chapter, and a WTS Indianapolis Advisory Board member! Jennifer shared her story of how she became the IndyGo new Chief Development Officer and VP of Infrastructure, Strategy, and Innovation.



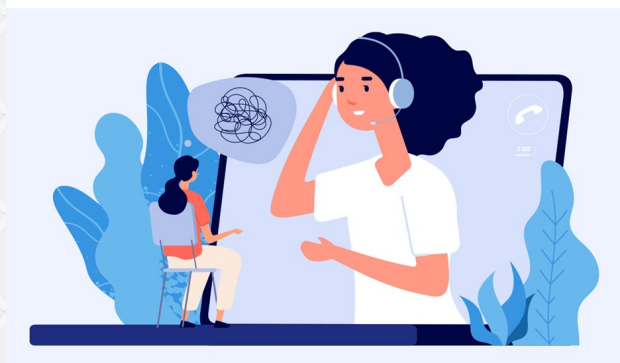
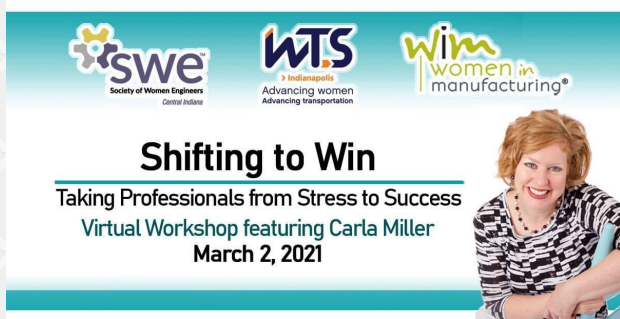
During our "How I Got Here" Series last week with Ericka Miller, City of Indianapolis Chief Engineer mentioned that "Jennifer Pyrz has been a mentor to her in her new role".

Thank you sharing your story and being such an inspiration for our members and women in the transportation industry! WTS Indianapolis appreciates having you not only for being on our board but embodying WTS values and spirit.



Shifting to Win with Carla Miller

WTS hosted a joint event in March with the Society of Women Engineers and Women in Manufacturing. This event was very helpful in providing strategies for shifting your thought patterns to change your



behaviors and reactions to situations.

With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, remember that our thoughts can have a significant impact on how we perceive the world and shifting your mindset from a “poor me, who else is to blame” attitude to a “what can I do to help and improve the situation for everyone” attitude can greatly impact your perception of each situation and how much control you have over it.

Member Spotlight

Josshe' (Jo-shay) Palm

Josshe' recently joined WSP as a utility coordinator within WSP's Indianapolis transportation group and is an INDOT Certified Utility & Railroad Coordinator. Josshe's background includes roadway design, pavement design, and railroad maintenance and inspection.

Josshe' became involved with our chapter in 2016 as our programs chair and within her first year helped create the Swings for Scholarships event. Other contributions to our chapter include creating our LinkedIn page, assisting with social media posts, taking event photos, website editing, creating event posters, and serving as our chapter's past Secretary (2019) and Treasurer (2020). Josshe' currently serves as the Vice President of our chapter.

Josshe' will talk your ear off about WTS if you let her, and her favorite WTS event is Chapter Leader Training



(pictured bottom left in 2017) which she has attended for the past 3 years.

Thank you Josshe' for being a steadfast member of our chapter, we love your ongoing commitment to our chapter's growth and development. Our chapter would not be the same without you!



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Swings for Scholarships Event Update



Our chapter is happy to announce that we raised **\$16,500** from this year's Swings for Scholarship event!

Funds raised from our annual Swings for Scholarship event go to our chapter's foundation account to provide scholarships, provide and promote educational opportunities and career development to advance women in transportation, and future TransportationYOU events.



We would like to thank all of our event sponsors, Legend sponsor: Etica Group, Master Sponsors: American Structurepoint, Inc., Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc., Burgess & Niple, HNTB, Lochmueller Group, Metric Environmental, LLC , WSP USA Professional Sponsor: RQAW Corporation; and our Drink Sponsors: Terracon, and Volkert, Inc.

Please check out this years graduate scholar thank you video and we appreciate your support!



Theodora Konstantinou (video on the top left) is our 2021 WTS Helene M. Overly Scholarship winner attending Purdue University! Our 2020 scholar winner Bortiorakor "Naa" Alabi (pictured in pink on the left) attended last year's event and we hope to have our scholars at our 5th Annual Swings for Scholarship next year!!

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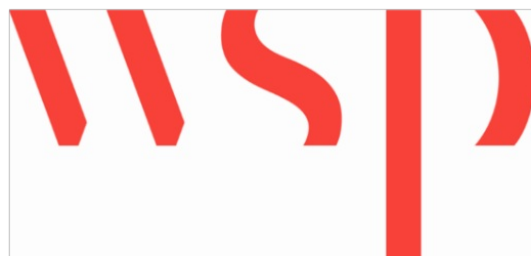
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