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Women's History Month Newsletter

Women's History Month is celebrated nationwide in the month of March and honors women's contributions in American History. Our chapter wanted to release a special newsletter to show some of our women's achievements.



Celebrating Our 2020 Woman of the Year Nominees!

Anna Gremling - Indianapolis MPO

WTS Indianapolis 2020 Woman of the Year Winner

Anna leads by taking the politics out of transportation and guiding with the vision of making it easier for all residents and visitors to get to jobs, doctor appointments, dinners with friends, school, and to pick up groceries. She prioritizes multimodal projects -shaping the region for the next generations who will choose to live and work in our community because it is bikeable, walkable, and offers a robust transit system. Her leadership fought for safety on our roads - championing and seeing through a new law that makes it illegal to use a cell phone while driving; a proven small act that saves countless lives.

Women in the transportation sector, as a segment of political and civic leadership, are changing what the future of the city and regional mobility landscape look like. In a historically white male profession, women like Anna Gremling next to her cohort including Inez Evans, CEO of IndyGo, and Becky Allen (Access Johnson County), are opening up a field for the next generations of women.





Christa Petzke, PE
Resolution Group, Inc.

Christa has been an innovator and has been at the forefront of storm water quality measures for transportation projects throughout her career. She has most recently been involved in implementing new Storm Water Quality standards for the Indiana Department of Transportation, and setting the bar for storm water quality management on transportation projects.

Kathy Eaton-McKalip
INDOT Central Office

Kathy's fingerprints and footprints will be lasting for women at INDOT as well as demonstrating to those who will follow her, that you can break the glass ceiling many times over.

Kathy has not only shown you can be in room where decisions are made, not only at the table where decisions are made but at the head of the table where policies can be adjusted to make projects work for communities.



Samantha Stroebel, PE
CHA Consulting Group

Samantha has invested greatly in professional development as well as the promotion of women in the transportation engineering field. She is active in industry organizations, regularly attends in-house training programs, and has shared her insights with others at industry events.

Samantha is an outstanding example of how young women who are greatly outnumbered by male colleagues, can lead at work, take on the most challenging and high profile projects, take an active role in industry and community events, and create balance in their lives with a family, which has a tremendous impact on the young women around them.

WTS Members Presenting at Road School: **Sarah Baty, PE**



10:00–10:50 AM

13. That Crash Cost How Much!?

Peter Flynn, HNTB Corporation
Sarah Baty, HNTB Corporation
Jordan Williams, HNTB Corporation

That Crash Cost How Much Presentation
March 16, 2021 10:00–10:50 AM

Sarah Baty presented about how Benefit /cost (B/C) analysis provides transportation agencies with a discrete, reliable metric for evaluating the merits of a potential project. The session looked at variables that feed into a B/C analysis and discussed which factors safety practitioners should focus on the most when making recommendations for safety mitigation options.

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Celebrating our Scholarship Winners:



Graduate Scholarship Winner
Theodora Konstantinou is the winner of the Helena M. Overly Memorial Scholarship.



Undergraduate Scholarship Winner Madelyn Sturgeon is the recipient of the Sharon B. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship.

Join Us for Our Free April Webinar Event: Gone But Not Forgotten - Relocation of Bethel Cemetery for Indianapolis International Airport Expansion

When a 2018 expansion of Indianapolis International Airport called for relocation of Bethel Cemetery, archaeologists faced a huge challenge. Early surveys of the cemetery, established in 1838, indicated stones bearing 196 names, but ground penetrating radar and archaeology



revealed 543 graves.

Dr. Brooke Drew (pictured left) of Indiana State University uncovers the methodology a team of experts used to name unmarked burials and respectfully relocate them.

Bone studies that revealed age and gender, archival records, and artifacts found within the graves all combined to tell a fascinating history of a community and the largest cemetery archaeologically relocated in Indiana.

On April 13, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, a virtual talk explores the fascinating history of a community and the largest cemetery archaeologically relocated in Indiana.



[Register Here](#)

Quarterly Newsletter

RECAPS

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!

2021 Awards Gala

On November 12, WTS Indianapolis hosted its second annual Awards Gala to honor the achievements of members of the transportation community through our recognition awards. Including our 2020 Indianapolis Women of the Year Award (right).

Last year the annual gala was a fun and interactive virtual event with an update from WTS Internationals, a cocktail tutorial, and Inez Evans of IndyGo as the host.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SWINGS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

Coming up April 28th, 2021! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to support College Women interested in a career in transportation related fields while having a great time!

[Register Here!](#)



SWINGS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

TopGolf
Fishers, IN
April 28th
12:00pm-4:00pm

Register Here: <https://WTS-of-greater-Indianapolis.square.site/>

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Taylor Williams

Taylor is employed by Burgess & Niple Inc. as a Transportation Engineer in the Roadway department.

Taylor became involved in WTS in 2018 to support scholarships for women and to educate female high school students about transportation careers. In her short tenure with WTS, she has tried to learn and participate in as much as she could. Taylor started as a co-chair for the Transportation YOU committee and attended the 2019 Chapter Leadership Training in Denver and the virtually for the 2020 Chapter Leader Training.

Taylor served as the board secretary in 2020 and is currently serving as our chapter treasurer. Taylor is an integral part of WTS Indianapolis and we appreciate her efforts this year as she tackles taxes, overseeing our corporate sponsors, and managing our programs budgets.



CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT



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