



Advancing Women in Transportation  
Greater New York Chapter



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**Upcoming Events - Save the Date!**

2016 - 2017  
CORPORATE  
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Wednesday, November 9, 5:30-8:00 PM,  
Young Professionals' Trending Topic Series:  
Career Advancement, Capitalizing Your Free Time,  
Penny Farthing, NY

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Please join WTS Young Professionals for an evening discussion focused on capitalizing on free time.



A wonderful opportunity to hear women in the transportation industry share their experiences about their pursuit of knowledge beyond their bachelor's degree - whether it be graduate studies, professional certifications or professional licensure - and how it has played a part in where they are today. After hearing from our esteemed panelists, participants are encouraged to continue the conversation of this "trending topic" with time for drinks and networking.



*I am a firm believer in lifelong learning, but how do we juggle it along with everything else going on in our lives?* - Loriann Hoffman



Panelists:

- Loriann Hoffman (NYCT) - Vice President, Talent & Organization Development
- Nicole Hunter (HNTB) - Project Manager
- Eunice Kim (AMTRAK) - Infrastructure & Investment Development

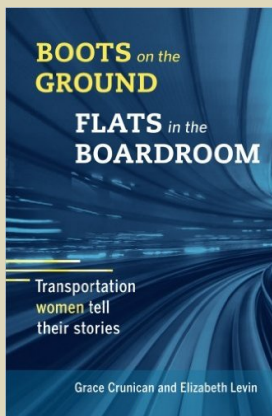


Cost \$10 (refundable at the door)

Click [here](#) to register

The Trending Topics Series is hosted by the WTS Young Professionals Committee to provide an informal platform for discussions of relevant interest to early and mid-career professionals. This is not your typical networking event so be sure to invite a colleague or two!"

**Thursday, November 17, 5:30 - 8:00 PM,  
NY Dinner Program, "Boots on the Ground, Flats in the Boardroom,"  
Club 101, NYC**



Please join WTS-GNY for our fall dinner program focused on the widely acclaimed book,

*"The first thing I said to my TIGER team was, 'Knowledge is power. Learn the rules inside out and all around.'"*

- Jolene Moritz Molitoris

**Moderator & Co Author: Elizabeth Levin,  
Panelists:  
Rina Cutler, Shirley DeLibero, Dana Hook, Mary Jane O'Meara,**

Click [here](#) to read more

**Tuesday, December 6, 1:00 - 2:00 PM,  
Emerging Leaders On Site Training Series,  
Nine Types of Courage for Emerging Leaders.**

Transforming yourself from high-performing employee into an emerging leader can be a challenge. It takes strength, moxie, resilience and courage. If you aspire to lead, here are nine types of courage you'll need.

*Guest Speakers: Nithya Ruff, Director of OpenSource Strategy Office, SanDisk Corporation*

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Ruby



AECOM

CUBIC  
Transportation Systems



Emerald



AKRF

ARUP

LTK  
LTK Engineering Services

Sapphire



CAMBRIDGE  
SYSTEMATICS  
Transportation leadership you can trust.

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Dewberry

Fannett Fleming

Thursday, December 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM,

## GNY Holiday Party

Annie Moore's, NY  
22 East 41st Street

Click [here](#) to register



## 2017 - Save the Date!

**WTS- GNY 2017 Annual Meeting, Club 101, NY  
Winter Solstice Celebration, Newark, NJ**

### Members in the News:

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY, Office of the Executive Director is pleased to announce that effective immediately, Stephanie Dawson, who has served as Acting Chief Operating Officer since April 2012, has been named the Port Authority's permanent Chief Operating Officer. *Congratulations Stephanie!*

Congratulations, Erica De Crescenzo, Director Planning & Asset Management, NYCT

VHB Welcomes Allison Ruddock as Environmental Services Leader in New York City

### 2016 Recognition Award Nominations:

WTS-GNY is accepting nominations for the Member of the Year, Employer of the Year, Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership, and Innovative Transportation Solutions awards.

Please consider nominating those individuals and companies who have contributed to the Chapter; individuals who have greatly contributed to diversity in the workplace; and transportation projects that are helping to make the New York metropolitan region a better place to live.

Nominations will be voted on by the WTS-GNY Recognitions Committee, and the awards will be announced during the January 2017 Annual Meeting. .

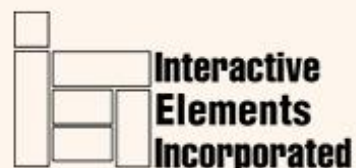
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Please click [here](#) for more information

Nominations must be submitted by **December 2, 2016**

Member of the Year award

Employer of the Year award

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership award

Innovative Transportation Solutions award

Honorable Ray LaHood award

Please contact [Keri Cibelli](#) regarding a contribution to a one time scholarship honoring Susan Baer.

### WTS GNY - Volunteer Opportunities!

Contact [Keri Cibelli](#) for more information

#### 2017 Annual Conference:

Please join for an exciting opportunity to help prepare for the WTS 2017 Annual Conference in NYC!

#### Communications Committee:

A great opportunity to get involved with WTS GNY! If you have a background in writing/editing, technology or social media, the WTS Communications Committee has many opportunities to offer you.

#### Transportation You Committee:

Committee is looking for new mentors and committee members for 2017-2018 Our mentoring program inspires young women (14-18) to pursue careers in STEM and Transportation. Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers girls an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. WTS members work to make a difference in the lives of high school girls in New York City and Newark, NJ, by offering site tours, professional development and group activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation. We also seek to encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry. Find out how you can get involved and help us create a great



program this next academic year by contacting [Erica Swansen](#) or [Alyssa Pichardo](#)

### **Glass Ceiling Committee:**

WTS-GNY Yvonne Lopez-Diaz, VP and HR Director with HNTB Corporation, will lead a new committee focused on "glass ceiling" issues that could be impeding the growth of women in the transportation industry. Yvonne will organize a "Glass Ceiling Committee" whose goal will be to conduct research and make recommendations on programs and policies that can be led by WTS-GNY to further its mission of advancing women in transportation.

### **Volunteers** - Next Generation of Engineers

The Future City program is an extra-curricular STEM and Project Management-based activity for middle school students supported by many of the STEM related professional organizations.

- NJ is holding a regional competition at Rutgers Livingston Campus on Saturday January 14, 2017.

If you are not familiar with the program, check out the web site: [www.futurecity.org](http://www.futurecity.org) - at the top of the home page, click "Find my Region" button and select "New Jersey".

For more information Email: [info@futurecity.org](mailto:info@futurecity.org)

### **WTS International is hosting its 2017 annual conference in New York City, May 17 - 19, 2017!**



**During this interactive, three-day session, transportation leaders will exchange ideas and learn about the latest developments in transportation. More than 700 corporate and governmental industry leaders worldwide will be in attendance at the conference. A multitude of thoughtful and engaging topics will be covered, including autonomous technologies, transportation funding, shared mobility solutions, innovative data collection methods, professional development, and more!**

## **Arianna Huffington - 2017 Annual Conference Keynote Speaker**

Click [here](#) for more information

**WTS-GNY DEADLINE for December 2016 Buzz**

December 2, 5:00 PM

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