



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Coleen Clementson**  
**SANDAG**

Coleen Clementson is the Deputy CEO for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) overseeing the work on a transformational transportation plan for the region as part of the 2021 Regional Plan and plans for a Grand Central Station that will connect to the San Diego International Airport. Coleen's work also includes oversight and implementation of the Regional Plan, which sets forth a strategy for the region's future growth and development that will provide more housing and transportation options while preserving important open space and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with California Climate Change legislation. Coleen has more than 20 years of experience in the public sector land use and transportation planning in the San Diego region.



**Master of Ceremonies**  
**Nensi Lakrori**  
**SDSU**

Nensi Lakrori is a full-time lecturer in the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at San Diego State University (SDSU) and Pacific West Region Council Chair for WTS. For nearly 10 years she worked in project design and delivery on both transportation and rail-related projects in Michigan, Indiana, and Southern California. She began her career as a highway design engineer in Michigan before moving to California to work on the I-15 Managed Lanes and the SR-73 Toll Road widening projects. In 2019 Ms. Lakrori was awarded the "Most Influential Faculty Award" in the SDSU Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Department and "Most Outstanding Engineering Educator" by the San Diego County Engineers Council. In addition to teaching, she acts as Faculty Advisor for the SDSU chapters of WTS, Tau Beta Pi, and the American Concrete Institute (ACI).

**Program**

6:00 – 6:15

La Jolla Taiko

6:15 – 6:30

Welcome & Toast

Nensi Lakrori, Master of Ceremonies

6:30 – 6:45

President's Address

Lima Saft, WTS San Diego Chapter President

Intermission / Raffle

7:00 – 7:20

Keynote Speaker

Coleen Clementson, SANDAG

7:20 – 7:45

Scholarships Presentation

Marissa Thomas & Jenny Vick, Scholarship

Eric Meisgeier & Shannon Gonzales,

Transportation YOU

Intermission / Raffle

8:00 – 9:00

Annual Awards Presentation

Claudia Brizuela & Amy Restelli (Jackson),

Recognitions Leads

Kena Teon & Danielle Zhang, Diversity & Inclusion

9:00 – 9:15

Closing Remarks / Raffle

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**Annual Awards Committee**

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Diane Vermeulen, Caltrans

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Claudia Brizuela, City of San Diego  
Amy Restelli (Jackson), Kimley Horn

Recognitions

Marissa Thomas, TYLIN  
Jenny Vick, HDR

Scholarship

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Information about this evening's  
award winners, scholarship  
recipients, and corporate  
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online program:



**2022 Annual Awards &  
Scholarship Gala**

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# Awards

# Scholarship



## Transportation YOU



Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers students ages 13-18 an introduction to transportation careers. The mission of the Transportation YOU program is to develop the next generation of the transportation industry by growing the involvement and interest of girls and young women in STEM studies.

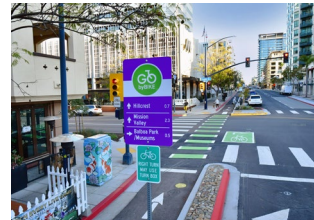
## Diversity & Inclusion



The Diversity & Inclusion committee's mission is to enhance the benefits of our Chapter by ensuring diversity is always at the forefront of all members, program panels and topics in an inclusive and accepting atmosphere. WTS San Diego County is a professional organization chapter whose membership includes all transportation industry professions, representatives of public, private, and academic organizations, and people of various backgrounds; whose programs cover diverse subjects and panels, and whose recognition awards and scholarships reach diverse applicant pool.



Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award  
**Caltrans District 11 Small Business Unit (SBU)**



Innovative Transportation Solutions Award  
**4th & 5th Avenue Bikeways Project**  
**SANDAG, Caltrans, MTS**



Member of the Year  
**Cecily Taylor**  
**SANDAG**



Technology for Transportation Award  
**Regional Digital Equity Strategy & Action Plan**  
**SANDAG**



Honorable Ray LaHood Award  
**Mark Kaems**  
**Caltrans**



Pursuit of Excellence  
**Amy Restelli (Jackson)**  
**Kimley Horn Associates**



Employer of the Year  
**Parsons**



Woman of the Year  
**Sharon Humphreys**  
**SANDAG**



Alternative Modes & Active Transportation Award  
**Mid-Coast Extension of UC San Diego Blue Line Trolley**  
**SANDAG, Caltrans, MTS**



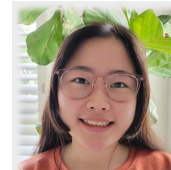
Lifetime Achievement Award  
**Patricia McColl**  
**HNTB**

## High School



**Chase Brown**  
Point Loma High School  
(Northeastern University)

## Undergraduate



**Anica Deche**  
San Diego State University  
Civil Engineering



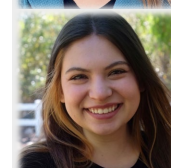
**Imerda Mokili**  
San Diego State University  
Civil Engineering



**Inayah Morris**  
San Diego State University  
Civil Engineering



**Jillian Arthur**  
San Diego State University  
Civil Engineering



**Julianna Quinn**  
University of California, San Diego  
Structural Engineering



**Nicole Gee**  
San Diego State University  
Civil Engineering

## Graduate



**Alexis Morris**  
San Diego State University  
City Planning



**Bitu Etaati**  
San Diego State University  
Big Data Analytics



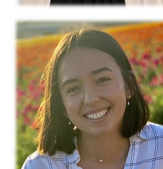
**Gretchen Eichar**  
San Diego State University  
Public Administration



**Ioana Tcholakova**  
University of Oxford  
Sustainable Urban Development



**Ivett Luna**  
University of California, San Diego  
Structural Engineering



**Jacquleen Weeden**  
San Diego State University  
Geography



**Marina Montijo**  
University of California, San Diego  
City Planning

## Awards Jury Panel



Bethany Garretson  
Mott MacDonald



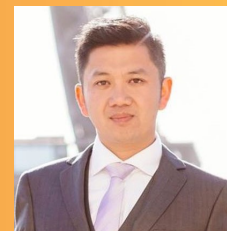
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Bruce Urquhart  
Retired, SDSU



Denella Morgan  
Caltrans



Patrick Harder  
Nossman



Mimi Morisaki  
SANDAG



Brianna Pilkinton  
ERM



Brian Riley  
San Diego MTS

## Scholarship Jury Panel