



WTS NEW JERSEY

# Annual Event

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 2022  
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**Lisa Navarro**

***New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Supervising Engineer***



# A Message from Our President



## Onward and upward!

As we maintain a positive momentum, it is time to pause to celebrate our colleagues and our own accomplishments. The Women's Transportation Seminar in New Jersey (WTS NJ) has the privilege of counting ourselves among a membership focused on promoting the advancement of women and men in the transportation industry – all careers, all levels.

At our second Annual Event, we commemorate partnership, mentorship, promotion, networking, skill development, scholarship and leadership.

As a part of the celebration, we honor a leader in Transportation that makes an outstanding contribution to the industry, contributes to the advancement of women through programs or opportunities, and advances the reputation and credibility of women in Transportation – Lisa Navarro of the NJ Turnpike Authority as the “WTS NJ 2022 Woman of the Year.”

We will also honor other colleagues with awards - including Member of Year, Honorary Member, and Employer of the Year. These awards are presented to members that support WTS through membership, sponsorship, employment and professional development. Kyrra Mosley, Jennifer Marandino, Valeryia Remezova, and WSP – thank you for inspiration.

We thank the entire membership for your presence in an organization - standing with us in our mission of Advancing Women and Advancing Transportation.

**Congratulation WTS NJ! We are still here and still thriving!**

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**Annual Event Efforts Led by Programs Committee:**

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# Event Program

## Gather Together and Networking

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry

## Welcome and Leadership Introduction

Zenobia L. Fields  
*WTS NJ President*

## Introduction of 2022 Woman of the Year

Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti  
*Commissioner, NJDOT*

## 2022 Woman of the Year Award

Lisa Navarro,  
*Supervising Engineer, NJTA*

## Champagne Toast

John M. Keller  
*Executive Director, NJTA*

## Awards

Jacqueline Rooke  
*WTS NJ Programs Committee Chair, MBI*

Employer of the Year  
*WSP*

Member of the Year  
*Kyrra Hana Mosley, Jacobs*

Honorary Members  
*Jennifer Marandino, SJTPO*  
*Valeryia Remezova, FHWA*

## Scholarship Awards

Chelsea Ramos  
*WTS NJ College Outreach, NJTRANSIT*

WTS NJ Student Scholarship Recipients:  
Taylor Danson, Graduate  
Alexa Karpus, Undergraduate

## Closing Remarks

Zenobia L. Fields  
*WTS NJ President*

# 2022 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**Lisa Navarro**

**New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Supervising Engineer**

Lisa Navarro joined the New Jersey Turnpike Authority in 2004, after working in the private sector for five years. In July 2021, Lisa transitioned to her current role of Supervising Engineer of the Highway Design Section in the Engineering Department, previously serving as Supervising Engineer of Planning for five years.

Lisa is supported by her team of six project engineers, charged with highway design for various projects in the Authority's robust Capital Improvement Program, such as the New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 1-4 Capacity Enhancements Program and Garden State Parkway Milepost 80 to 83 Operational Improvements, as well as state of good repair projects including pavement management and culvert repairs. Additionally, Lisa is the Authority's Program Manager for the Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension Bridge Replacements and Capacity Enhancements Program.

Previously, Lisa served as the Deputy Program Manager for the \$2.1 billion NJ Turnpike Interchange 6 to 9 Widening Program managing eight design consultants. After completion of her next design assignment, which was the NJ Turnpike Interchange 14A Improvements project, Lisa was given the opportunity to manage both design and construction as Deputy Program Manager of the Authority's \$0.5 billion Facilities Improvement Program. With construction now complete, this Program has provided buildings to current standards, including female accommodations, for Authority's maintenance staff.



In 2009, Lisa was named the Young Engineer of the Year by the American Society of Civil Engineers NJ Section and in 2020 she received the ASCE Central Jersey Branch Government Engineer of the Year Award as well as the Newark Regional Business Partnership Transportation Leadership Award.

Lisa graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1999 and is a license Professional Engineer in New Jersey. Lisa currently resides in Cranford with her husband and three children.





# Our Leadership

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## **STUDENT COMMITTEE**

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Chelsea Ramos, NJ TRANSIT (Vice Chair - College Outreach)



# **Congratulations to our Award Winners**

**Employer of the Year**



**Member of the Year**

***Kyrra Hana Mosley, Jacobs***

**Honorary Member**

***Jennifer Marandino, SJTPO***

**Honorary Member**

***Valeryia Remezova, FHWA***



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# Scholarship Committee



## Chelsea Ramos

### WTS College Outreach Vice Chair NJ TRANSIT

Chelsea Ramos has worked for NJ TRANSIT for approximately 8 years and her experiences have been rewarding both personally and professionally. She currently holds the position of Manager of Environmental Programs within the Environment, Energy, & Sustainability (EE&S) Department at NJ TRANSIT.

By education, Chelsea is an Environmental Scientist, having received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). The transportation industry has taught her that to make this industry successful, it requires the collective input of individuals with various backgrounds, experiences, knowledge, and expertise.

Our Outreach Committee focuses on engaging emerging students in the

transportation field. The Committee aims to provide exclusive opportunities connecting aspiring transportation professionals with real-world opportunities via internships and full-time employment in the non-profit, public, and private sectors.

The WTS NJ Scholarships are awarded to college students pursuing studies in transportation, engineering, science, or a related field who demonstrate leadership skills, ability, and interest. The purpose of the WTS NJ Scholarships is to motivate and reward individuals who demonstrate innovation and leadership within the transportation industry. The transportation industry is ever changing, and the future will be dependent on the next generation of transportation professionals.

## Congratulations 2022 WTS NJ Student Scholarship Recipients!

WTS NJ is extremely grateful for the donations to the scholarship fund. If you would like more information on how you can impact future young minds, please contact:

**[clramos@njtransit.com](mailto:clramos@njtransit.com)**



# Scholarship Recipients



**Taylor Danson**

**WTS NJ Graduate  
Scholarship Recipient**

Taylor Danson is perusing her Masters in Civil Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology. She is a Structural Designer at Hardesty & Hanover. As an EIT, she delivers everything from Technical Proposals to Final Design and Construction Support for bridges across New Jersey and the United States. She believes continuing education is imperative for engineers to ensure the safety and resiliency of transportation infrastructure. Taylor is passionate about sustainability and is active in community environmental initiatives. She therefore is a LEED Green Associate and perusing her ENV SP. Taylor feels being an advocate for sustainable initiatives as well as promoting equity in the Civil Engineering profession is important because engineering decisions have a long-lasting influence on the surrounding community, environment, and economy.



**Alexa Karpus**

**WTS NJ Undergraduate  
Scholarship Recipient**

My name is Alexa Karpus. I am a senior at The College of New Jersey, majoring in Civil Engineering. I chose to major in engineering because I was extremely interested in the engineering program at my high school, where I was the first female to complete the curriculum.

At TCNJ, I am currently in the process of starting a WTS chapter. I am also involved in ASCE and SWE. Once I graduate I am looking to pursue a career in transportation or structural engineering.

# Events Recap

- **WTS NJ NSBE Event**  
**The Future of Transportation and Its Inclusivity to All Engineers**
- **Mentoring Open House and Program**
- **Women in Management Panel**
- **March Membership Drive**
- **DISC—A Day in the Life**
- **Top Golf Swings for Scholarships**
- **TransAction**
- **18 Holer Swing for Scholarships**
- **Paint and Sip**
- **Gateway Event**
- **Corporate Sponsor Networking**
- **Annual Event**
- **Membership Celebration**



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