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## Making the Most of Membership

WTS offers so many benefits to its members both locally and through the International organization. From special activities like the Mentor Protégé program to networking events to opportunities to connect and serve, members grow both professionally and personally through active engagement in WTS. Check out this newsletter to learn more about upcoming opportunities through WTS membership.

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# Member Opportunities

## WTS International Vision

Equity and access for women in transportation.

## WTS International Mission

WTS attracts, sustains, connects and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.

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## Get Involved!!

Check out these WTS International events for 2023:

### 2023 Distinguished Speaker Series

#### WTS Member Meetups

**2023 WTS Spring Policy Symposium - March 15-16, 2023**

**2023 WTS International Annual Conference - May 10-12, 2023**

**Transportation YOU Capital Summit - June 25-29, 2023**

**Signature Leadership Training - October 10-14, 2023**

**Chapter Leadership Development - November 14-16, 2023**

For more information on these events:

[View Events Here](#)

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# Member Opportunities

## WTS Atlanta Mission

WTS Atlanta seeks to close the workforce gap in the Atlanta regional transportation industry by promoting lifelong careers in transportation for women. By attracting, retaining and advancing women in the industry, WTS Atlanta will be the most recognized network of transportation subject matter experts.



## Get Involved!!

There are many ways to get involved this year! From joining a WTS Atlanta committee to participating in local events throughout the year. If you were unable to attend this year's membership event, take a moment to view the presentation below.

Want to learn more about our amazing benefits, like professional and leadership development, networking, educational programming, volunteering and mentorship, and events? Please contact our Vice President of Membership, Iris Ortiz at [iortiz@hntb.com](mailto:iortiz@hntb.com).

[View Membership Presentation Here](#)



## Connect with WTS Atlanta

We love connecting with our WTS community on social media. Please follow, like and share WTS Atlanta!

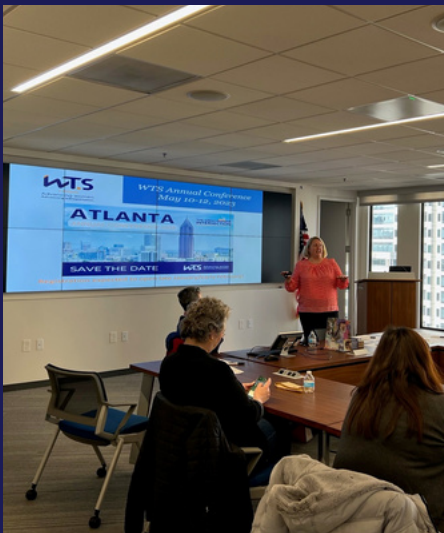
Also, check out our industry [job postings here](#).



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WTS Atlanta's first event of the year was held at the SRTA/GRTA/ATL headquarters in downtown Atlanta on January 24, 2023. There were nearly 80 people in attendance. Jannine Miller, our guest speaker, discussed how her previous role at GDOT and current role at SRTA/GRTA/ATL enables her to help bring together all aspects of transportation to work together. Special thanks to SRTA/GRTA/ATL for hosting our membership event this year! For more information contact Iris Ortiz, VP of Membership.





# GEORGIA FUTURE CITY

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he Future City Competition is a national program sponsored by National Engineers Week and DiscoverE. The mission of the Future City Program is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students by combining a stimulating engineering challenge with a “Hands on” application to present their vision of a city in the future. The Georgia Regional Future City Competition was held Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Georgia State University. The theme was addressing climate change in a city 100 years from now. There were 33 teams from 9 schools. WTS Atlanta, as a sponsor, had the honor of creating and selecting a special award. Iris Ortiz, VP of Membership, was the judge and awarded the “All girls team excellence in model, presentation, and Q&A” to Tybee Island Maritime Academy with their future city Zaleca. Their city had green roofs to keep buildings cool and also grow food, health and childcare robots, and multi-use sports stadium and had the ZESH program focusing on education, safety and health. WTS Atlanta members were well represented at the competition with Charlotte Weber as the GA Region Volunteer Coordinator, and Emerald Smith, Angela Snyder, Holly Painter, Tonia Brown, and Jennifer Young as judges. To learn more about the Future City Competition visit: <https://futurecity.org/future-city-regions/georgia/>



Photo (left to right): Iris Ortiz, VP of Membership; Emerald Smith, Student Engagement Chair, Tybee Island Maritime Academy; and Charlotte Weber, Past Board Member.

# Save the Date

## Museum Tour + Conversation, February 23rd



Join WTS Atlanta in celebrating this year's Black History Month with a Museum Tour + Conversation event on February 23, 2023. Come experience an immersive and interactive tour at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights followed by light bites and conversation with Susan J. Ross at Glenn's Kitchen. Susan is an Atlanta-based artist/cultural worker known for using photography to document the social, political, and cultural experiences of the African American community. Susan will share the history of racial and social equity in transportation planning. We look forward to seeing you there...and bring a friend!

**Registration: 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**National Center for Civil and Human Rights**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

100 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

**Glenn's Kitchen**

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

110 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Cost: \$20 Members & \$30 Non-members**

**Save the Date**  
**2023 WTS Annual Conference, May 10-12th**



After 15 years, WTS Atlanta will host the annual conference again on May 10-12, 2023! To attend, please be on the lookout for the registration link to open soon. If you would like to sign up to volunteer on or before the day of the event, please contact, Regan Hammond at [rhammond@vhb.com](mailto:rhammond@vhb.com) or Malika Reed Wilkins at [mwilkins@atlantaregional.org](mailto:mwilkins@atlantaregional.org).

For more information, visit:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/2023-annual-conference>



## Help WTS Atlanta Raise \$40,000 for Scholarships for Our 40th Anniversary



To celebrate WTS Atlanta's 40th Anniversary this year, our chapter has set a goal to raise \$40,000 for our scholarship program to support women pursuing transportation careers. Please help us reach this goal by scanning this QR code to donate.

Track our progress on the donation thermometer by visiting [www.wtsinternational.org/events/40th-anniversary-scholarship-fundraiser!](http://www.wtsinternational.org/events/40th-anniversary-scholarship-fundraiser!)

In 2022, WTS Atlanta awarded 5 scholarships for a total of \$15,000.

Your donation today will help us raise \$40,000 to expand our scholarship program in 2023.

Thank you for your donation and support!



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