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Welcome to our 2023 Corporate Partners!!

WTS Atlanta Chapter's corporate partners are the best in the country. They not only support us with corporate dollars, but they also show up with their leaders for programming and their employees as volunteers in the chapter year after year. We honestly can't do what we do without this support each year and for that we thank each and every sponsor at every level, starting with our presenting sponsor HNTB. We officially announce and welcome our 2023 Corporate Partners of WTS Atlanta Chapter!

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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

Get Scholarships!!

Check out these WTS Foundation scholarships for 2023:

Strategic Partner Scholarships

Sharon D. Banks Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship

Helene M. Overly Memorial Graduate Scholarship

Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates

**Jannet Walker-Ford Leadership Legacy
Scholarship for Graduates**

Junior College/Trade School Scholarship

WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

For more information on these scholarships:

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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.

[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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TRANSIT EQUITY DAY 2023

by Heather Collins

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ince its inception six years ago, Transit Equity Day has become a national day of advocacy, activities, and action for supporters of public transportation. This year on February 4th, Georgia cities, transit authorities, and transit advocacy groups addressed public transportation equity and encouraged increased ridership to recognize Transit Equity Day and honor Rosa Parks, a key figure in the Civil Rights movement who was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a segregated public transit bus. Parks' birthday is on February 4th.

Transit Equity Day was started in 2018 by the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the Labor Network for Sustainability to honor Parks' legacy by calling for a national day of action to promote transit as a workers' rights, civil rights, and climate-justice issue on her birthday every year. The event has grown significantly, gaining and sustaining a national presence since 2020. Here are just a few of the Transit Equity Day events that occurred in Georgia this year:

- The Atlanta Transit Coalition, a group of transit, environmental, and equity advocacy organizations, and Propel ATL issued a challenge in honor of Transit Equity Day. The Coalition encouraged people to ride the bus, talk about transit equity on social media and attend a MARTA meeting to show support for "frequent and reliable" transit. The group also called



Photo (above): Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens, MARTA GM/CEO Collie Greenwood, MARTA Board Chair Thomas Worthly, Solomon Caviness, MBA, and others honoring Rosa Park's legacy and transit equity.

Photo (top): Community members gathering at the Transit Equity Day event at MARTA's West End Station.



Photo (above): Community members gathering at MARTA's King Memorial Station for this year's Transit Equity Day.

- upon elected officials to replace their cars with public transit for the day to better understand the intricacies of navigating the bus and rail lines in Metro Atlanta. The group gathered at Five Points Station on February 4th to advocate for accessible and affordable transportation.
- Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and MARTA GM and CEO Collie Greenwood hosted an event at King Memorial MARTA Station to commemorate Rosa Parks and promote equity in public transportation. (photos: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/martatransit_transitequitydayatl-activity-7027346929814568960-dMnk?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)
- Greenwood also participated in a community event with civil rights leaders, clergy, labor leaders and transit supporters at West End Station to discuss accessible, reliable, and equitable transit. (photos: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/martatransit_transitequityweek-activity-7025958690809675776-69Y2?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)
- Chatham Area Transit Authority dedicated a seat to Parks on all of its fixed route buses, posting information about Parks' role in the Civil Rights movement.
- Sustainable CSRA, an environmental conservation organization, hosted a community program in Augusta to bring attention to the City's transit system and invite attendees to take a bus ride in Parks' honor.



**INTRODUCE A GIRL
TO ENGINEERING**

APRIL 15, 2022
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA CAMPUS - GYMNASIUM

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF ENGINEERING!

Introduce a Girl to Engineering is a half-day program designed to introduce upper elementary and middle school-aged girls to engineering through fun projects and activities.

Each ticket is only \$5 and includes:

- Access to more than 35 different activities led by Georgia engineering firms and other organizations
- Keynote address from a leading woman in the industry
- Participation in a Trivia Bowl with prizes
- Tour of KSU's Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology
- Lunch

REGISTER AT WWW.ACECGA.ORG OR CONTACT CHANDLER BAKER AT CHANDLER.BAKER@ACECGA.ORG TO LEARN MORE!

Hosted by:
ACEC Georgia



by Deborah Mobula

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On Thursday, February 23rd, about 25 members and non-members of our organization toured the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta. For many, it was their first time going to the museum! They all enjoyed their experience as first timers. The rich history of the Civil Rights movement and the immersive tour were altogether an enriching experience. This tour was one filled with emotions, and it stirred up the desire in many members to go back on their own and dig deeper into the rich history of the Civil Rights movement and the role that transportation played in it.

After an amazing time at the museum, some of the WTS members went to Glenn's Kitchen where they got to bond and talk about their personal experience at the tour and what they had learned overall. Many of our members were meeting one another for the first time in person.



Photo (above): Article about two figures, Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin, who played a key role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Photo (top): Members of WTS Atlanta at National Center for Civil and Human Rights (NCCHR) on February 23rd.



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SAVE THE DATE

WOMAN OF THE YEAR PANEL DISCUSSION:

CELEBRATE WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES

MARCH 30TH, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SRTA/GRTA

**245 PEACHTREE CENTER AVE NE #2200,
ATLANTA, GA 30303**

Please join us for an engaging discussion on what it takes to be successful as a woman in our industry.

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



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

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EQUITY TRANSPORTATION
WTS CONFERENCE 2023 | ATLANTA, GA

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**Registration for the annual conference is
NOW OPEN!**

[Register Here](#)

If you would like to sign up to volunteer on or before the day of the event, please contact, Tonya Saxon at tsaxon@itsmarta.com or Sherl White at swhite@pontengineering.com.

For more information, visit: <https://wtsannualconference.org/>



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 here:
[Fundraising Wall](#) | [WTS Foundation](#) | [GiveSmart Fundraise](#)

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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