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> Atlanta

MAY/JUNE



2023 WTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2023 WTS International Conference in Atlanta has come and gone, but we are celebrating some of the highlights from the event! We hope you enjoyed the panels, tours, gala and other conference activities. Thanks to all the WTS Atlanta members who participated in the conference as speakers and volunteers to make this conference a success!

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2023 WTS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 9-12, 2023
Atlanta, GA



Trains, Cars, Trails and Tails - Explore PATH400

The Conference featured numerous tours of Atlanta's outstanding transportation and infrastructure offerings. One tour highlighted PATH400, a major piece of the spine of Atlanta's trail network where infrastructure, affordable housing and nature connect. This is a multimodal, rail, transit, and walking experience that links MARTA's North Springs line to one of the region's premiere multiuse trails.







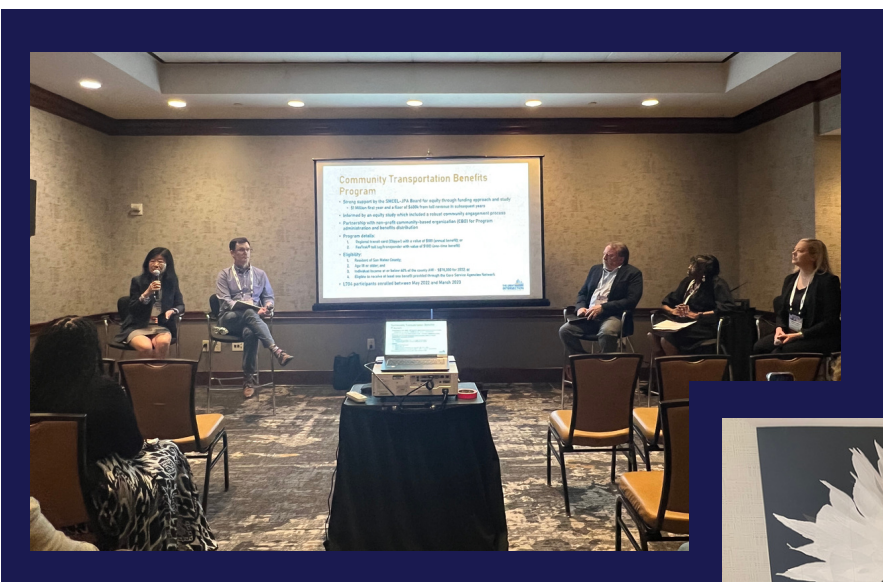
The Road to Equity: Tour the MLK Jr. Drive Corridor Reimagination

In 2022, the City of Atlanta completed a \$30 million effort to transform a seven-mile stretch of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from an automobile-centric corridor to a multimodal street fit for all users. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive provides access to some of the most prominent destinations that are significant to Atlanta's Black history, including several African American higher education institutions, Dr. King's former home on Sunset Avenue, the YMCA which previously operated as an all-Black school, and so many others.

The C-Suite's Role in Creating a Diverse Organization



Speaker (left):
Marsh Anderson Bomar



Speakers (right):
April Chan
Jeffrey Pierce Gould
Grindley Johnson
Samantha Soules
Rick O'Hara



Speakers (left):
Alanna Stohecker
Keli Kemp
Corren Johnson
Sherri Thompson Dickerson
Janie Tiedeman

Recruitment and Retention through a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Lens



Shaping our Communities: The Women Leading Atlanta's Largest Community Improvement Projects

Speakers (right):
Ann Hanlon
Tracy Styf
Kim Menefee
Aimee Turner (moderator)
Kristin Winzeler



Speakers (left):
Darius Broughton
Emanuella Myrthil
Deborah Mobula
Joe Johnson
Grace Olaleye (moderator)

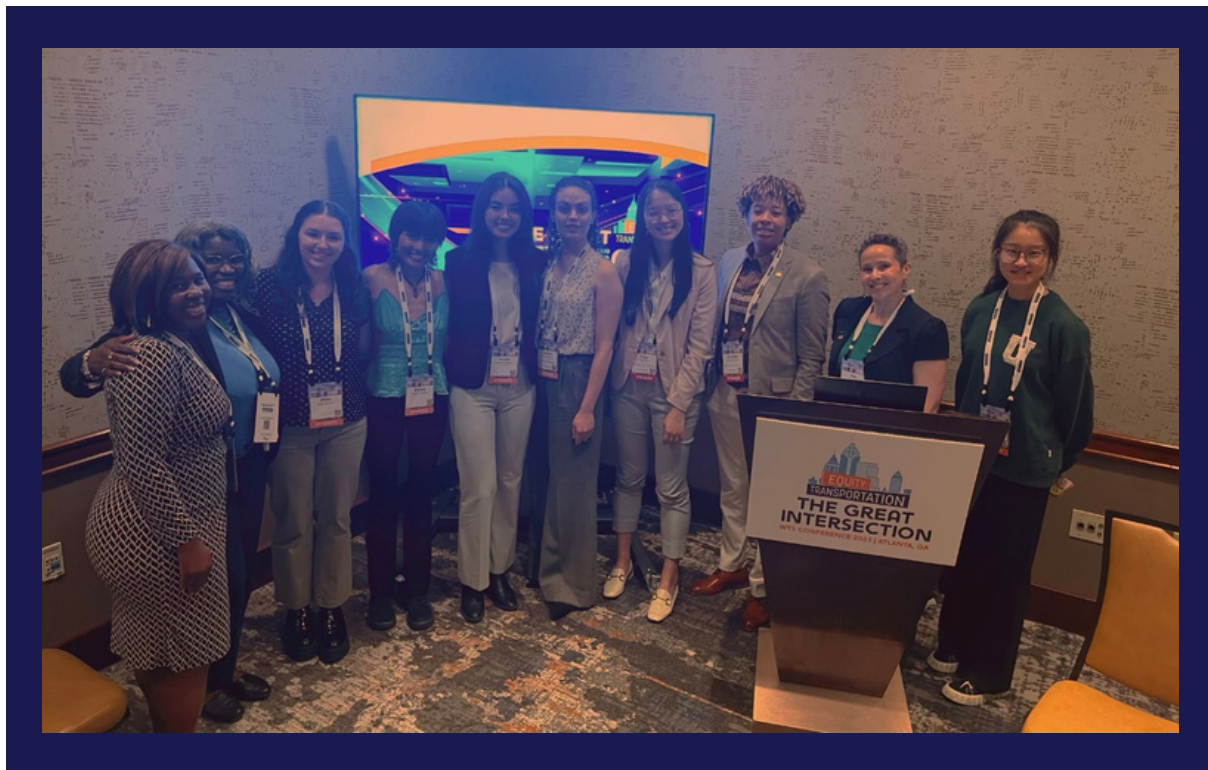
Mitigating Key Staff Turnover: An Organizational Risk

Step Outside of your Comfort Zone



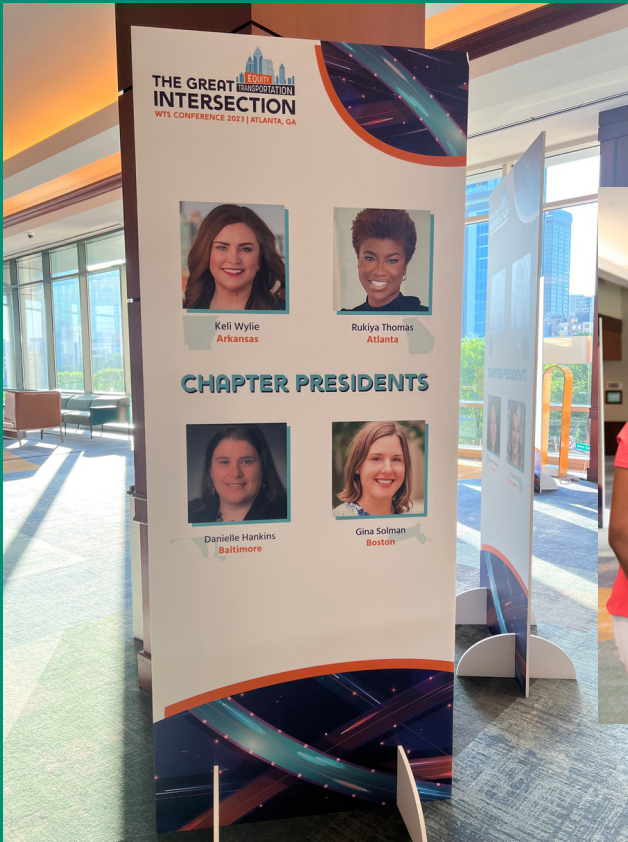
Speakers (left):
Taiwo Jaiyeoba
Adelee Le Grand
Jennifer Mitchell
Amanda Vandegrift

The Woman Who Love Trains



WTS Student Engagement

AROUND THE CONFERENCE



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BLUE RIBBON RECEPTION

The Blue-Ribbon event provided a unique opportunity for conference attendees to meet Atlanta and Georgia leaders in a more conversational setting. The reception offered an opportunity to hear from transportation leaders and for professionals to share perspectives and insights position on the transportation industry and incredible Atlanta area, networking one-on-one.



Speakers (left):
Russell McMurry
Anna Roach
Collie Greenwood
Jannine Miller



WTS 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE BLUE RIBBON HOST COMMITTEE

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Executive Director & CEO
Atlanta Regional Commission

Jannine Miller

Executive Director
Atlanta-Region Transit Link
Authority (ATL)

Collie Greenwood

General Manager & CEO
MARTA

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Georgia DOT

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Jacobs

BLUE RIBBON RECEPTION



Malika Reed Wilkins
Collie Greenwood
Anna Roach
Jannet Walker-Ford
Jannine Miller
Rukiya Thomas
Russell McMurry
Regan Hammond



GALA & AWARDS DINNER



The Gala & Awards Dinner celebrated the 2023 Award Winners and Scholarship Recipients.



GALA & AWARDS DINNER



SESSIONS

Allyship & Tough Conversations



Speakers (left/below):
Omer Osman
Randy Clarke
Nat Ford
Collie Greenwood
Russell McMurry

PLENARY



PLENARY SESSIONS





by Sherl White

On June 24th through June 29th the WTS Atlanta Chapter was honored to attend the 2023 WTS Capital Summit. With 27 mentees, 18 mentors, and two college counselors at the summit, I give thanks for the opportunity to represent my local WTS Chapter as well as the leadership at WTS International for putting together this event.



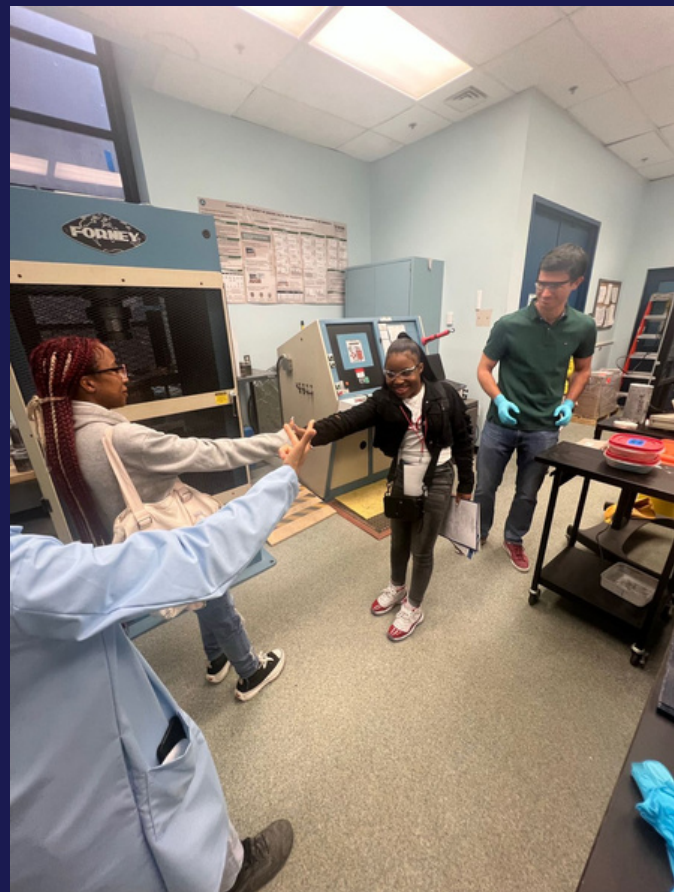
The Summit consisted of young high school girls from across the country who have an interest in pursuing a career in transportation. The Summit agenda was full of events including tours, speakers and workshops related to the different career paths in the transportation field (i.e. USDOT, BWI, FHWA Turner Fairbank, Amtrak/Union Station, and the Port of Baltimore).

Our local mentee Aniyah Terry embraced the opportunity to learn more about the transportation industry and her potential future within a STEM field of work.

Many thanks to Pont Engineering, Inc. for supporting me in being able to attend this event where I met both mentors and mentees, who made me so proud I chose this field of transportation as my career path.

Photo (above): WTS member Sherl White and mentee Aniyah Terry

Photo (top): WTS mentors and mentees in University of Maryland, College Park





Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

July 11th

Join us for our next
quarterly new members
webinar!



ANNUAL GDOT BOARD BREAKFAST

JULY 20TH

7:00 AM TO 8:45 AM

**CROWN PLAZA
MIDTOWN**

**590 W. PEACHTREE STREET
ATLANTA, GA 30303**

\$65 FOR MEMBERS

\$80 FOR NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER TODAY

**WTS Atlanta is supporting the Atlanta Mission
Back to School Drive for the upcoming school year.**

Please use the QR code for uniforms AND follow link for information on supplies www.atlantamission.org/help-kids-need-heading-back-school. You are welcome to bring items to this event or use the designated drop off location: 921 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, GA 30318.





ATLANTA MISSION BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

ITEMS TO DONATE

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Papers
- Folders
- Crayons
- Calculators
- Notebooks
- Water bottles
- Erasers

UNIFORMS

- Gray bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts - can be purchased anywhere)
- White polo or button downs w/ Centennial Academy logo
- Black button down or polo's w/ Centennial Academy logo
- Black belts (can be purchased anywhere)
- Navy Blue sweaters w/ Centennial Academy logo
- Navy vests w/ Centennial Academy logo
- Navy blazers w/ Centennial Academy logo



DROPOFF LOCATION

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OR

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Annual GDOT Board Breakfast

<https://atlantamission.org/help-kids-need-heading-back-school/>

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us on our new
LinkedIn Page



Out with OLD...IN with the NEW
Our new public LinkedIn page is
WTS Atlanta



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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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2023 WTS Atlanta

Upcoming Events Calendar

April	May	June
<p>Introduce a Girl to Engineering</p> <p>Quarterly New Members Webinar</p> <p>Emerging Leaders Professional Development Series: Financial Literacy</p> <p>GA Legislative Wrap-up Event</p>	<p>WTS Annual Conference</p>	<p>No activities</p>
July	August	September
<p>New Member Webinar</p> <p>GDOT Board Breakfast</p>	<p>DBE Roundtable</p>	<p>Multimodal Transportation Panel Discussion</p>
October	November	December
<p>Emerging Leaders Professional Development Series: TBD</p>	<p>Scholarship Luncheon</p>	<p>Holiday Mixer</p>

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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

Signature Leadership Training - October 10-14, 2023

Chapter Leadership Development - November 14-16, 2023

For more information on these events:

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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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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!

2023 WTS Atlanta Corporate Partners

Thank you to all our partners and welcome to our newest corporate partners!

2023 Presenting Partner



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2023 Platinum Partners



2023 WTS Atlanta Corporate Partners

2023 Gold Partners



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