



**Upcoming Events**

**Swamp Rabbit Trail Tour**  
**September 8, 2023 | 4:00 PM\***

**Transportation Trailblazers**  
**September 26, 2023 | 5:00 PM\***  
**Columbia Museum of Art**  
**Drinks & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres**

Registration is now open for our most attended event of the year!

**Members-only Professional Development GOLFundamentals**  
**October 17, 2023 | 5:00 PM\***

Registration opens September 12th for this event with the USC women's golf coach, Kalen Anderson

**Leadership Development Series Book Club (Members only)\***

This Members-only Book Club is currently reading *Lean In*. Our plan is to meet regionally in October. Please reach out to Shannon Meder at smeder@HNTB.com for info!

**2023 Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure**  
**November 4, 2023 | 1 - 3:00 PM\***  
**Cathy Novinger Girl Scout Leadership Center**

We are seeking volunteers for this opportunity to introduce young girl scouts to transportation! Learn more in this newsletter.

\*Check your email and WTS SC social pages for more information. If our emails are going to your spam folder, please follow us on LinkedIn or Facebook to keep up to date on future events or check our events page on our website.

**President's Pen**

It's our favorite time of year at WTS SC as we launch our ticket sales for our 3rd Annual Transportation Trailblazers Event! This event has grown every year, and we look forward to hosting you at this wonderful event on September 26th at the Columbia Museum of Art. We have fantastic leaders in our industry lined up to speak this year and have moved the event inside to offer a larger space for networking. Thank you to our event sponsors for this special occasion: HNTB, United Infrastructure Group, HDR and Parrish & Partners, as well as those companies who have purchased tables to support the event (Mead & Hunt, Three Oaks, ESP, and Michael Baker International). We could not hold this event without the support of our sponsors. As a part of this sponsorship, we will offer ten free admission tickets to young transportation professionals in the public sector to make this event more accessible to our public partners. We will also accept any donations of tickets during ticket sales to encourage our public partners attendance. Please reach out if you have tickets you would like to donate. We look forward to seeing you at this fantastic networking event in September!

We are also finalizing our plans for an event that our board has been planning since the start of the WTS SC Chapter. Part of our mission is to expose more young girls to the exciting career opportunities in the transportation industry. Our community outreach committee has been working in partnership with the Girl Scouts to develop a WTS Badge and transportation exploration event to help fulfill this mission. Our first annual girl scout event is planned for November, and we are looking for volunteers to help us demonstrate all the exciting career paths the transportation industry has to offer. Reach out if you have a fun transportation activity or demonstration and want to be a part of this event. Our goal is to show young students the importance of the transportation industry and how it touches the lives of everyone, every day. This is an opportunity to demonstrate the wide range of skill sets that we need in our industry, and to show how technology is driving the future of transportation.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us last week at our Annual Scholarship & Awards Luncheon. We appreciate the support from our members and annual corporate sponsors whose contributions made it possible to advance more young women in our industry through these scholarships and awards. Be on the lookout this fall for applications for our 2023 scholarships and award nominations and help us spread the word about these opportunities.

*Joy Riley*

**Joy Riley, PE, PMP, CPM, DBIA**  
 WTS SC President



## Events Recap

What has WTS SC been up to?

### WTS SC Scholarship and Awards Luncheon

The second annual WTS SC Scholarship and Awards Luncheon took place August 23, 2023, at the Palmetto Club in Columbia. It was a great day connecting as a chapter and celebrating the successes and contributions of our members and deserving recipients! This program would not be possible without the support and contributions of our WTS SC corporate sponsors. Thank you to our keynote speaker, Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, for her insight on successful initiatives to promote underrepresented populations and the future STEM workforce.



**Congratulations to the 2023 deserving recipients!**



**WTS Transportation YOU Scholarship for High School Seniors**  
Lillian Harrell



**Employer of the Year**  
Michael Baker International



**WTS Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates**  
Lincoln Hildebrand



**Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award**  
I-526 Lowcountry Corridor Project,  
SCDOT/FHWA



**Woman of the Year**  
Devri Detoma, Charleston  
County Public Works



**Member of the Year**  
Jennifer Mustar, HDR, Inc.

## Upcoming Events

What will WTS SC be up to?

### 2023 Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure

We are delighted to announce WTS-SC's "Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure," an exciting and educational initiative aimed at introducing young scouts to the captivating world of transportation career paths. During this event, scouts will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities that showcase the principles and applications of transportation planning, design, construction, and management. With guidance from transportation experts, scouts will gain insights into the importance of infrastructure, safety measures, and environmental considerations in transportation systems. By fostering their curiosity and creativity, this event aims to inspire and empower young girls to pursue careers in the transportation industry and make a positive impact on the future of transportation.



To make this event a resounding success, we are seeking enthusiastic companies and organizations to volunteer and run engaging activities for these scouts. By participating, your company/organization will have the unique opportunity to showcase the principles and applications of transportation planning, design, construction, and management through hands-on experiences. Your guidance, along with that of transportation experts, will help the scouts gain invaluable insights into the importance of infrastructure, safety measures, and environmental considerations in transportation systems.

We believe that your involvement can play a significant role in fostering the curiosity and creativity of these young girls, inspiring them to pursue fulfilling careers in the transportation industry. Your company/organization's expertise and dedication will not only empower these scouts but also contribute to making a positive impact on the future of transportation. If your company/organization is eager to support and encourage the next generation of female leaders in transportation, we warmly invite you to volunteer and be a part of this transformative event. Together, let's inspire and shape a brighter future for these young minds!

Please complete the following form to express your interest in volunteering and developing a transportation industry activity for Girl Scouts. Your contribution will help inspire young girls to pursue careers in transportation and provide them with hands-on learning opportunities. This event is being marketed towards 9+ year old girl scouts (Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors).

**2023 Girls on the Go: Transportation Adventure Volunteer Form:**

**<https://forms.office.com/r/Q4iVykJFeKE>**



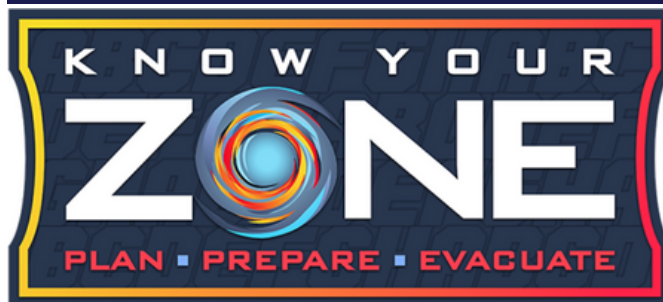
## Transportation in the News

### South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

Hurricane season began June 1 and lasts through November 30. Learn about South Carolina's evacuation routes so you can be prepared in an emergency event. The SC Emergency Management Division provides a downloadable South Carolina Hurricane Guide and has additional resources here: [www.scemd.org](http://www.scemd.org) to help you prepare. South Carolina residents and visitors can learn about their vulnerability to storm surge on South Carolina's coast through their Know Your Zone interactive map.



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Hurricanes



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If you are interested in serving WTS SC, please email: [SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com](mailto:SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com)



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- Communications
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Professional Development
- Community Outreach
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Scholarship & Awards

### 2024 WTS Annual Conference

Save the date! The 2024 WTS International Conference will be held in New Orleans May 8-10. The theme is The Crescent City: Connecting Cultures, Connecting Communities.



**Connect with us!**

*We look forward to hearing from you!*



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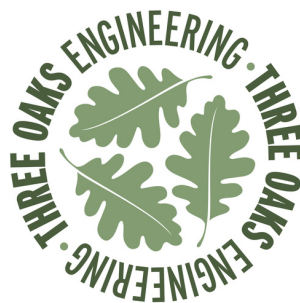
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