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## SEPTEMBER 2023 | QUARTER 3

### President's Message



Hello Central Florida transportation community,

Your WTS Central Florida Chapter has had a productive third quarter, thanks to our dedicated leadership, members, sponsors and supporters.

This quarter was one of several “firsts.” This summer, our chapter held our first Chips for ‘Ships Fundraiser, our first Back to School Drive benefiting locals schools, and our first resume and mock interview event in partnership with WTS-Knights Student Chapter.

Everything we do is for the purpose of advancing women and the next generation of transportation professionals. As chapter president, it is incredibly rewarding to witness our efforts make an impact.

We are thankful for our chapter leaders, members and sponsors for their continued support. If you are feeling inspired to maximize your membership, there are plenty of opportunities to get more involved. Reach out to any [board member or committee chair](#) for more details.

We invite you to join us on this journey of advancing women in the transportation industry. You can support by [becoming a sponsor](#), [attending an event](#) or simply following and engaging with us on [social media](#).

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

*Ivannia Bok*

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2023 President, WTS Central Florida



# Welcome to our New Members!

Joined July, August, September 2023

- Trillian Baldassari, *Deloach*
- Helena Canova, *Student*
- Shanta Jackson, *Groome Transportation*
- Tasnuba Binte Jamal, *Student*
- Renee Mack, *Student*
- Suzanne Murtha, *AECOM*
- Glenn Pressimone, *Central Florida Expressway Authority*
- Betsy VanderLey, *Bowman Consulting*
- Michael Woodward, *Kimley-Horn*



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AVAILABLE TO WTS MEMBERS

Home-MyWTS Communities  
([wtsinternational.org](https://wtsinternational.org))



# Upcoming Events

Register at [wtsinternational.org/chapters/central-florida/events](https://wtsinternational.org/chapters/central-florida/events)





## Transportation Career Expo

**Bring your resume for review!**

FREE Membership for Students  
Scan and Join Today!



**Thursday, October 19**  
**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

**Location: Student Union (12715 Pegasus Dr, Orlando, FL 32816)**  
**University of Central Florida (UCF)**  
**Room: Key West, Room 218 ABCD (Ballrooms)**

Register at: [bit.ly/WTSCareerExpo2023](https://bit.ly/WTSCareerExpo2023)  
Light refreshments will be served

**Participating Companies**





## Tech Tour Event: LYNX

October 16, 2023 at LYNX Central Station



**Tour Host:**  
Matthew Friedman,  
Director of Marketing  
Communications, LYNX



**Panelist:**  
Doug Jamison  
Program Administrator,  
Innovation, LYNX

**Panelist:**  
Myles O'Keefe,  
Strategic Planning  
Manager, LYNX

# Recent Activities

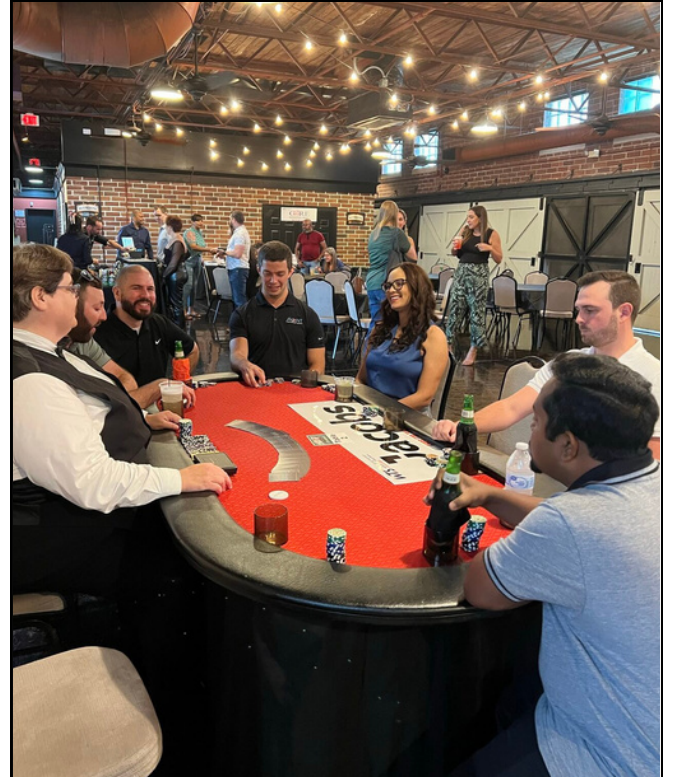
## Chapter Hosts First Chip for 'Ships Fundraiser for Scholarships

Thanks to the community's support, our chapter's first annual Chips for 'Ships Fundraiser raised nearly \$4,000 for trade school scholarships! What a fun event supporting an important cause.

Congratulations to the tournament winners:

- 1st Place: Justin Lindquist, Avant Engineering Group
- 2nd Place: Anil Sharma, Anthem Consulting Engineers
- 3rd Place: Michael Sasse, Avant Engineering Group

Huge THANK YOU to our sponsors: KEITH, Dewberry, Jacobs, CORE Engineering Group, LLC, DRMP, Inc., Anthem Consulting Engineers, PLLC and Avant Engineering Group.





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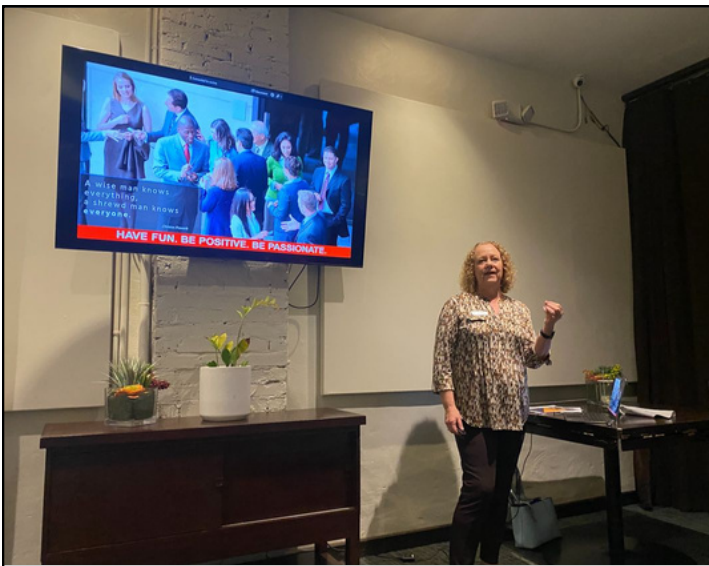
## Networking Refresh Encourages Connecting with Confidence

Thank you to all WTS, ITE and ASHE members who attended our recent networking refresh.

Huge thanks to Barbara Stiles, FSMPS, CPSM with WGI for sharing best networking practices with fun activities. Remember to follow up by preparing your elevator speech!

Congratulations to our prize winners!

- First Networking Bingo – Jeffrey Arms (HDR)
- Full Card Networking Bingo – Jasmi Alemañy, P.E. (Expedition Consulting Engineers, LLC)



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## WTS-Knights Student Chapter Hosts Career Catalyst Workshop

Our chapter was proud to partner with the UCF WTS Student Chapter for its September resume-boosting and mock interview event.

Attendees delved into the art of crafting compelling resumes, sharpening skills, and presenting experiences that set them apart in the competitive world of transportation.

Next, attendees put their best foot forward in mock interviews, complete with constructive feedback from seasoned professionals.

Thank you to the event partners: DRMP, Inc., The Balmoral Group, LLC, and AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.





# Recent Activities



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## Over 250 Transportation Pros Attend 26th Annual Banquet

Our chapter was honored to once again host another successful Scholarship and Award Banquet.

This year's event welcomed over 250 transportation professionals across Central Florida to celebrate the best our industry has to offer. Congratulations! to the award winners and scholarship recipients!

*Thank you to our 2023 Banquet Sponsors*



## 2023 ASHE Lunch & Learn ft. South Florida Water Management District



Check out more chapter event photos on our [Photo Gallery](#)

*Special Thanks to our*  
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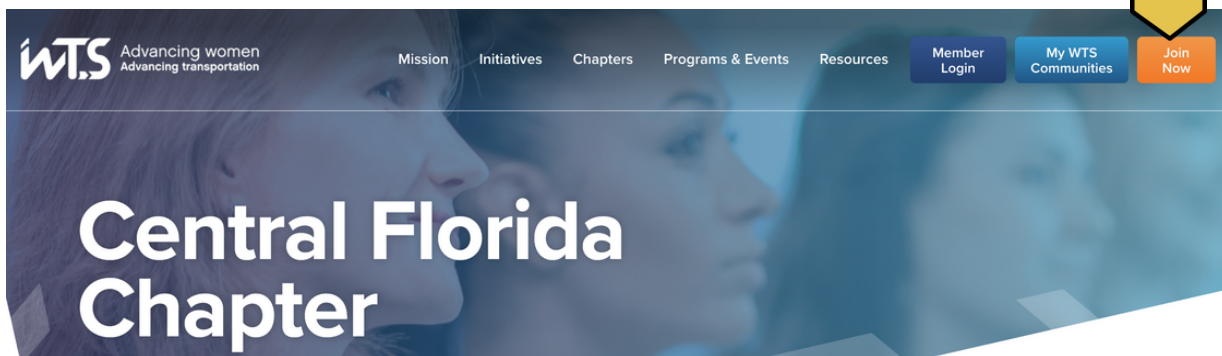
We would love to have you join us! To start your membership with WTS, go to our website using the QR code or URL below.

SCAN QR CODE OR USE URL:

<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/central-florida>



CLICK ON JOIN WTS BUTTON  
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# Follow us on Social Media

Stay connected with all things WTS Central Florida by following us on all social media. Be sure to use the hashtag #WTSCFL in any of your chapter- related posts! We love to see and share your WTS content.

- WTSCFL Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wtscentralflorida>
- WTSCFL Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/55161918824>
- WTSCFL Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wtscentralflorida/>
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