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> Atlanta

FALL 2023



Celebrating Transportation Partnerships

As temperatures around the state finally started to cool, WTS Atlanta was heating up! On September 14th, we hosted our Multimodal Exchange Breakfast, where diverse perspectives converged to discuss the future of EV transportation and women in transportation leadership breaking glass ceilings within our region. October marked the return of our much-anticipated annual DBE social mixer, a collaborative effort with our valued partners at COMTO Atlanta.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating our forthcoming Sponsorship Luncheon, a gathering that promises to celebrate our shared commitment to progress and the accomplishments of a full and exciting year. For the complete scoop on highlights from the last few months and a glimpse into our plans for the end of 2023, keep reading!

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A Message from our 2023 Diamond Sponsor



Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is the busiest and most efficient airport in the world and, by some accounts, the best in North America. ATL is the economic jewel and engine for our city and for Georgia. Despite being one of the smallest airports by land mass, at last count the airport generated \$34.8 billion in economic impact for metro Atlanta and provided more than 63,000 jobs on-site, making it the state's largest employment center. ATL is an essential piece of the infrastructure for not just the southeastern United States but the nation and the world, moving and connecting people, goods and services.

ATL is a continuous work in progress as we seek to provide more parking spaces, more gates, improved internal train systems, enhanced concessions, a best-in-class airfield, ample cargo space, and embracing sustainability in our programs...all while keeping safety and security for everyone in the forefront of everything we do. We deal with trains, planes and automobiles every day!

We, at ATL, have enjoyed the several occasions in which we provided WTS members special behind the scenes looks at projects...dating back to the 5th Runway and most recently during the national conference when we hosted a tour of our Plane Train Extension Project...and we look forward to hosting you again soon.



2023 MULTIMODAL EXCHANGE BREAKFAST

by Deborah Mobula

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TS Atlanta's first of its kind Multimodal Exchange Breakfast on September 14, 2023 was a blast! The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) hosted this event. We heard from some incredible leaders in the city of Atlanta: Anna Roach, ARC Executive Director/CEO; Belram Bheodari, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Aviation General Manager; Clyde Higgs, Atlanta Beltline CEO; Solomon Caviness, Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT) Commissioner; Carrie Rocha, MARTA Chief Capital Officer; and Kevin Abel, Mobility Atlanta Executive Director. They discussed organizational updates, progress on major projects, and the impact future EV infrastructure development will have on the different modes of transportation.



Photo (above): Corporate sponsor presentation by Shelley Lamar with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

Photo (top): WTS Board members and guest panelists - Kevin Abel, Clyde Higgs, Anna Roach, Belram Bheodari, Carrie Rocha, and Solomon Caviness

WTS Atlanta president Rukiya Thomas engaged the audience as well as the panelists in a way that facilitated an exchange of thoughts, hearts, and concerns about the different transportation initiatives in our city. Many of the panelists spoke on the importance of diversity within their organizations and how impactful it had been to intentionally increase diversity in their leadership. We laughed, got challenged, and enjoyed some great food. We are looking forward to our next Multimodal Exchange Breakfast in 2024!











by Sherl White

On October 3, 2023, Atlanta WTS/COMTO Chapters hosted their annual DBE Social Mixer at the City of Atlanta's Old Council Chambers. This year's event was a continued success that consisted of local Prime leaders as well as seasoned DBE leaders. Each participants' experience provided enrichment, advice and expertise that will enhance and help improve partnerships across the industry. We also featured two DBEs, Intellectual Concepts - DeLois Babiker and Modern Mobility - Keli Kemp, who gave a Ted-style talk on how they stay competitive. Our Prime Panelists (AtkinsRéalis - Wendy Dyson, Jacobs - Joshua Williams and HNTB - Erin McGehee) versus Seasoned DBE Panelists (JAT - Jo Ann Tuttle, The Collaborative Firm - Michael Hightower and Knowledge Architects - Sheila Jordan) provided awesome insight on pricing, negotiating exclusivity, over/under selling capabilities, and best practices in winning teams. The WTS Atlanta Chapter would like to thank COMTO and all attendees for making this event an annual success.



Photo (above): Prime panelists: Joshua Williams, Erin McGehee, and Wendy Dyson

Photo (top): Prime and DBE panelists with WTS Atlanta Board members.

Photo (right): DBE panelists: Michael Hightower, Sheila Jordan, Jo Ann Tuttle





DeLois Babiker, Feature DBE



Deborah Mobula



Keli Kemp, Feature DBE



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Intellectual Concepts







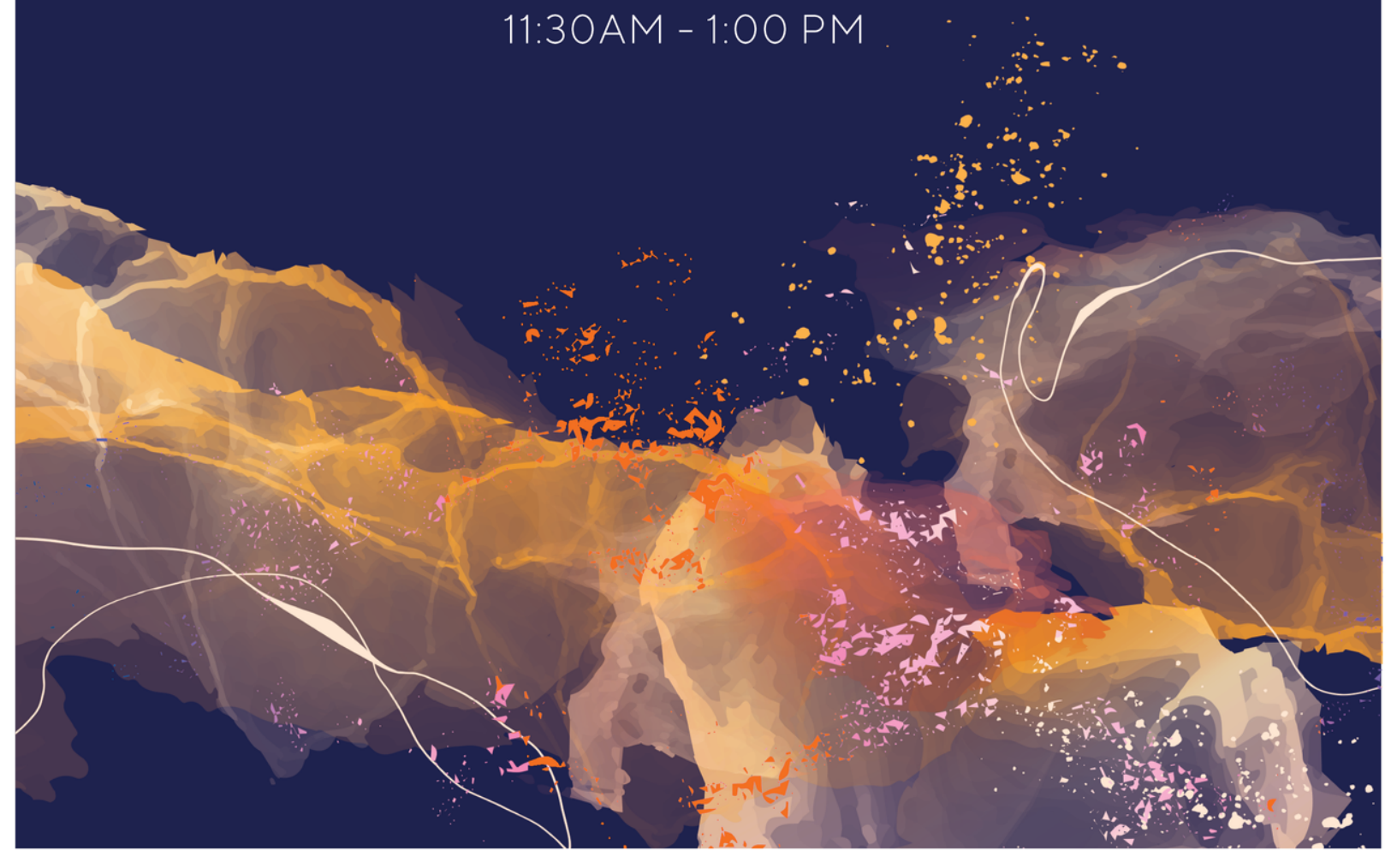


SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

GEORGIA AQUARIUM
225 BAKER STREET NW. ATLANTA GA 30313

11:30AM - 1:00 PM





2023 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
AUCTION
IS NOW OPEN!!



Ends on November 15th at 12:45 pm

Show your support of women in
transportation!



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Let's Celebrate 2023 together!

Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12th

 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

 Main Event
3101 Cobb Parkway, Suite 104
Atlanta, GA 30339

Restoration House Clothing Drive

Join us in supporting **Restoration House**, Atlanta's new shelter for women and children by **collecting donations** for new and gently used Fall and Winter clothing for children and adults. Restoration House is a shelter for women and children who have experienced trauma. Women and children receive overnight shelter, meals, resource materials, and medical care.

Bring your donations to our Holiday Party!

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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>No activities</p>	<p>Multi-modal Exchange Breakfast</p>
October	November	December
<p>WTS Atlanta/COMTO DBE Mixer</p> <p>New Member Webinar</p>	<p>Scholarship Luncheon</p>	<p>Holiday Party</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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Check out these WTS International events for 2023:

2023 Distinguished Speaker Series

WTS Member Meetups

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



2023 Diamond Partners



2023 Platinum Partners



2023 WTS Atlanta Corporate Partners

2023 Gold Partners



Heath & Lineback Engineers, Inc.



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Impact Public Affairs

Atlanta Regional Commission