



Upcoming Events

**WTS SC Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 7 |
11:30am-1:00pm***

Join us for our annual hybrid membership meeting lunch as we reflect on 2023, look ahead to 2024, and hear from WTS International President & CEO, Sara Stickler.

In-Person Locations:

Greenville: AECOM, 10 Patewood Drive, Suite 500, Greenville, SC 29615
Columbia: CDM Smith, 1441 Main St, Suite 1000, Columbia, SC 29201
Charleston: JMT, 235 Magrath Darby Boulevard, Suite 275, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

**Sponsor Appreciation
Networking Happy Hour
(Invitation Only)***

**Tuesday, December 12 |
5:00-7:00pm***

*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

As I wrap up my term as WTS SC Chapter President, I want to Thank all of our members, corporate sponsors and public partners who have contributed to the phenomenal growth of our chapter over the past 4 years. Our Chapter was initiated in Late 2019, and we started building our chapter during a pandemic with 28 members and a board of 11 volunteers, and 21 corporate sponsors that supported us in our first year. Since then, we have grown our chapter to 126 members, 30 corporate sponsors/public partners, a roster of 18 Board Members (9 voting and 9 non-voting committee chairs) and 35 committee member volunteers. As our organization has grown, our ability to advance the transportation industry has expanded to allow us to offer scholarships, industry awards, leadership program opportunities, networking and professional development opportunities and thought-provoking industry events. We continue to be focused on our vision to provide equity and access for women in transportation by being collaborative, professional, future-focused and inclusive. Our amazing group of board volunteers came together for a planning retreat this month to reflect on our chapter performance to inform our plans for 2024. For this next year, we will be focused on increasing member retention, expanding our member diversity across all modes of transportation, as well as increasing our engagement with DBE firms in our industry. We could not accomplish this growth without your support and dedication to our mission to attract, sustain, connect, and advance women in the transportation industry. We are excited to welcome our new board members joining our leadership team in 2024, as our new Chapter President, Petrina Butler, steps up to lead our organization in 2024-2025 (pictured at left). We plan to continue our chapter's growth and influence on the transportation industry in 2024 and hope you all will continue to support our efforts through your membership, sponsorships, and event attendance.



2024 Board Members
Not pictured: Heather Robbins

Joy Riley

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



Events Recap

What has WTS SC been up to?

Transportation Trailblazers

We are grateful to everyone who joined us at our 3rd annual WTS SC Transportation Trailblazers event. Over 200 people gathered at the Columbia Museum of Art for this magnificent evening. We would like to thank our sponsors and featured speakers, Kristin White, Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Christy Hall, SCDOT Secretary of Transportation, and Emily Lawton, Federal Highway Administration SC Division Administrator.



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What will WTS SC be up to?

Board Planning Retreat

The WTS SC Board Annual Planning Retreat was held November 10-12, 2023. Each year our chapter conducts a strategic planning retreat for board members and committee chairs to reflect on the previous year, develop priorities and goals for the future, and fellowship as a group. We utilized a variety of survey and performance data driven resources to inform our planning process. We refined our strategic focuses for the year, brainstormed tactics for achieving goals, and refined our 2024 committee plans. It was wonderful to gather together in-person to celebrate our chapter's successes and plan for an even more exciting future!



WTS Joint Chapter Virtual Event: You Belong Here! – Harnessing the Power of Inclusion

During this joint chapter event on November 28, Dr. Katrina Hutchins (Dr. K) shared her decades of experience on the power of inclusivity in the workplace and provided powerful examples, tools, techniques, and best practices for harnessing the power of belonging. Participants engaged in discussions with peers in the industry and gained valuable hands-on knowledge to become an inclusion champion.



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Dr. Katrina Hutchins
President & CEO of the
Re-Source Solutions

Transportation in the News

South Carolina Transportation News Highlight

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety urges travelers to slow down, pay attention, and drive sober during holiday travel. It is one of the busiest times of the year for travel, and South Carolina Highway Patrol officers are keeping an eye on traffic.

Are you flying this season? Be prepared for longer lines. 2023 is a record-breaking year for passenger travel during the holiday period.



Be Prepared for Holiday Travel



Join a Committee

If you are interested in serving WTS SC, please email: SouthCarolinaWTS@gmail.com



- Membership
- Technical Programs
- 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.



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We look forward to hearing from you!



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