



WTS SC CHAPTER

2026 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



SPONSORSHIP MESSAGE

The WTS South Carolina Chapter is an inclusive organization dedicated to supporting professionals in the transportation industry. We welcome individuals of all genders to join our community, participate in our programs, and benefit from our extensive network and professional development resources.

Over the past year, WTS SC has been instrumental in advancing the transportation industry and the professional women who lead it. We have successfully tackled key transportation issues in the South Carolina Region, in addition to connecting industry professionals, mentoring future leaders, and awarding scholarships to deserving students.

These accomplishments are made possible by the unwavering support of transportation agencies and companies across South Carolina. We are excited to re-launch our Corporate Sponsorship Program, which provides a range of partnership levels with unique benefits for our sponsors.

STATUS REPORT

\$50,750

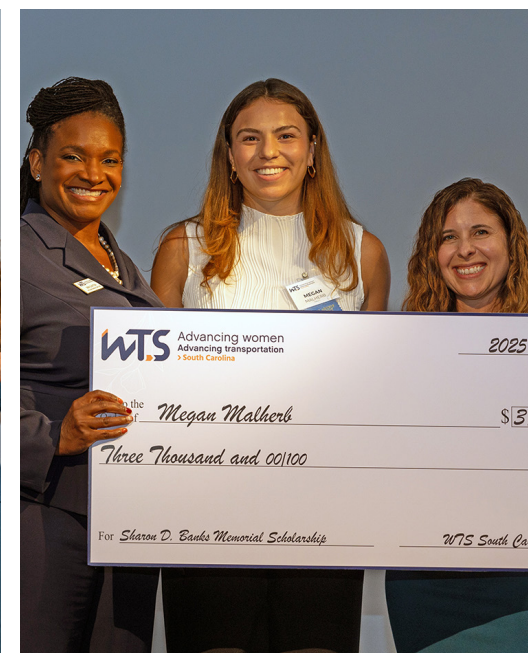
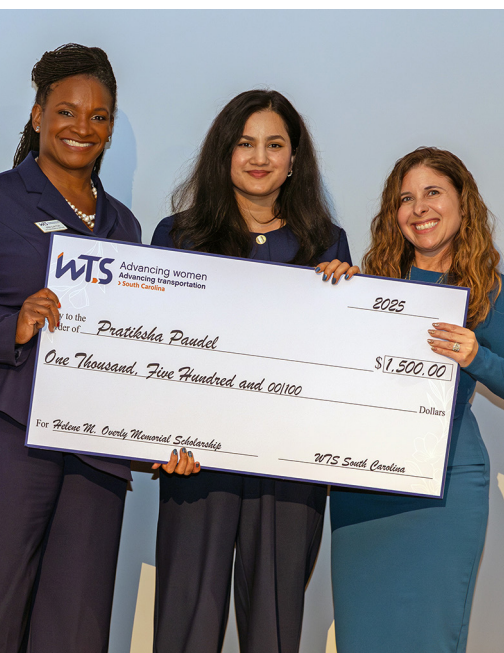
Sponsorship Program

Your sponsorship directly funds our mission to break barriers and create opportunities for women across the transportation industry. Together, we can build a more inclusive future where talented women have the support, resources, and networks we need to thrive.

\$12,000

Scholarship Contributions

We're investing in the next generation of transportation leaders. Through our 2025 scholarship program, we're supporting students who have demonstrated excellence to advancing their field, and who are dedicated to shaping the future of the A/E/C industry.





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WTS is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to excellence in transportation through the achievement and success of women.

- WTS is an international organization with over 9,000 members (women and men); SC Chapter membership has grown to 127 transportation professionals from public and private sectors.
- **WTS SC received the 2025 WTS Gold Chapter Circle of Excellence Award** for excelling in membership growth, innovative programming, communications, scholarships, and more. Huge thanks to our dedicated members and board for driving this milestone. Here's to making an even greater impact in our community!

Public-Sector Partner Program Benefits

- Sponsorship fee is waived and employees attend WTS events at reduced price
- Agency executives/director-level staff may participate in two chapter events or panel discussions for sponsorship year
- Opportunity to host an event
- Agency logo displayed at events, on website/social media, and in newsletters
- WTS SC to share agency job postings, RFPs, and other agency initiatives upon request

Transportation YOU Mentoring Program

- Hands-on, interactive mentoring program
- Mission is to develop the next generation of the transportation industry by growing the involvement and interest of girls and young women in STEM studies
- Activities introduce students to all modes of transportation, and encourage school course selection in math, science, and technology



2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MEET OUR FUTURE LEADERS



Nancy Kasamala

*Helene M. Overly Memorial
Scholarship (Graduate)*

\$2,500

South Carolina State University Class of 2026;
M.S., Transportation & Highway Engineering

“With this scholarship, I was able to purchase a high-performance PC with GPU and the necessary software licenses to conduct my research in traffic engineering, particularly in analyzing transportation data and applying computer vision methods. In addition, the scholarship helped cover some expenses for attending the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) conference, which provided valuable professional development opportunities.”



Pratiksha Paudel

*Helene M. Overly Memorial
Scholarship (Graduate)*

\$1,500

Clemson University Class of 2025; M.S., Civil
Engineering (Transportation Systems)

“I currently serve as both a teaching assistant and a research assistant. The scholarship has supported my tuition and is helping me plan for participation in several transportation conferences. My research centers on the safety analysis of highway curves, with a focus on roadways in South Carolina. I look forward to beginning my career as a transportation professional in January after graduation.”



Megan Malherb

*Sharon D. Banks Memorial
Scholarship (Undergraduate)*

\$3,000

University of South Carolina Class of 2026,
B.S., Civil & Environmental Engineering
(Transportation/Structural)

“I am currently a research assistant studying earthen masonry for earthquake-resistant low-rise houses and interning with the Bridges and Structures team at Michael Baker International in Columbia. These opportunities have provided me with hands-on experience in structural engineering, which I hope to pursue following graduation!”

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Gabrielle Dissinger

*Sharon D. Banks Memorial
Scholarship (Undergraduate)*

\$2,500

University of South Carolina Class of 2027;
B.S., Civil Engineering; American Railway
Engineering Association (AREMA), President

"I am currently working under Dr. Rizos at the University of South Carolina on a research project focused on non-invasive methods of estimating a rail's neutral temperature. I've completed two internships focused on transportation: one at SCDOT learning about government funding; and one with Michael Baker International working on rail projects and developing my skills with design software like MicroStation."



Arden Luikey

*Transportation YOU Scholarship
(High School)*

\$1,500

Beaufort High School, Salutatorian; Georgia Tech Class of 2029, Civil Engineering

"I am looking to study abroad this upcoming summer at Georgia Tech's campus in Metz, France. I am considering minoring in sustainable cities and would like to do research exploring additional sustainable applications to civil engineering."



Avery Thompson

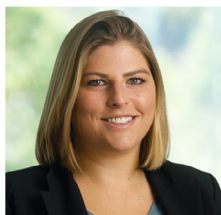
*Transportation YOU Scholarship
(High School)*

\$1,000

South Florence High School, Valedictorian;
Clemson University Class of 2028, Civil Engineering

"I'm passionate about building a career in civil engineering, particularly in design and consulting. Through future summer internships, I hope to gain hands-on experience, learn from industry professionals, and explore the many ways engineers shape our communities."

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WTS COMMITTEES

VOLUNTEER TODAY

We are looking for volunteers!

If you are interested in serving WTS SC,
 please email:
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WTS SC Committees:

- *Communications* – Joy Riley, HNTB
- *Transportation YOU* – La'Shanda Andrews, Heath & Lineback
- *Corporate Sponsorship* – Katie Meyers, Parrish & Partners
- *Community Engagement* – Kally McCormick, CHA Consulting
- *Special Events* – Angela Jacobs, COMET
- *Membership* – Samantha Dubay, HDR
- *Programs* – Teowonna Clifton, WSP
- *Scholarships & Awards* – Laura Stevens, Parrish & Partners

2025 EVENTS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	MAY
Book Club Discussion & Happy Hour <i>(all locations)</i>	- Technical Program: Transit Across SC <i>(Columbia)</i> - Engineers' Day on the Hill	Upstate Popsicle Stick Bridge Event <i>(Greenville)</i>	- Regional Membership Networking - Technical Program: Women's Golf Clinic & Tournament <i>(Columbia)</i>	- WTS International Conference <i>(Toronto)</i> - Technical Program: Paving the Way <i>(Charleston)</i>	Book Club Discussion & Happy Hour <i>(all locations)</i>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Technical Program: City of Asheville Wilma Dykeman Greenway Walking Tour <i>(Asheville)</i>	Technical Program: Myrtle Beach International Airport Expansion <i>(Virtual)</i>	Professional Development: StoryReady Interactive Workshop <i>(Virtual; free sponsor tickets)</i>	Transportation Trailblazers & Scholarship/Awards Gala <i>(Columbia)</i>	2026 Corporate Sponsorship Drive - WTS SC Board Retreat <i>(Greenville)</i>	- ACEC/ASHE/WTS – SCDOT Annual Meeting Kick-off Reception <i>(Columbia)</i> - Annual Membership Meeting <i>(hybrid)</i>



2026 ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS

WTS SC is gearing up for an exciting 2026 lineup of virtual, in-person, and hybrid events! Our goal? To attract, sustain, connect, and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry for all.

- Technical Programs offering continuing education credits
- Career Development Programs (in-person & virtual)
- Community Engagement Events
- Transportation YOU outreach opportunities
- Tour of a transportation facility/project
- Regional Happy Hours
- Transportation Trailblazers & Scholarship/Awards Gala
- Member Meetups/Networking Events
- Annual Membership Meeting



MANY THANKS TO OUR 2025 SPONSORS

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Michael Baker
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 **Stantec**

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Solutions you can build upon

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2026 SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL	Champion	Gold	Silver	Small Business*	Public Agency
	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$250	\$0
WTS Foundation Donation**	\$750	\$300	\$150	\$37.50	
Chapter Memberships	3	2	1	1	
Complimentary tickets to Networking Event	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Table Sponsor with eight tickets at the WTS SC Transportation Trailblazers Event	✓				
Corporate Sponsor Spotlight at one WTS SC Technical Program with two-minute presentation optional	✓				
Firm profile posted on WTS SC Social Media Platforms (i.e., Facebook, LinkedIn)	✓	✓		✓	
Firm name and logo displayed at all WTS SC Technical Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Firm name and logo posted on WTS SC Social Media Platforms (i.e., Facebook, LinkedIn)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Firm name included in all WTS SC newsletters, distributed via email	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Must be designated as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), and present certificate

** 501-3c tax deductible donation; funds to be used for WTS Scholarships and Transportation YOU activities

2026 SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT WTS SC!

Here's how you can become a sponsor:

1. Choose the Sponsorship package that fits your goals and budget
2. Fill out your contact details so we can keep you updated on all the exciting developments
3. Send this form to southcarolinawts@gmail.com to get the ball rolling

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- **February 15:** Commitment Form and payment due to guarantee inclusion in the 2026 sponsor banner and receive all sponsorship benefits.
- **March 29:** For sponsorships that include chapter membership(s), Membership Application for each employee due (exclude credit card information); if unused memberships remain after this date, the memberships will be donated to public agency representatives.

Champion	Gold	Silver	Small Business	Public Agency
\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$250	\$0

15% of your sponsorship dollars will be designated for the WTS Foundation fund supporting our local scholarship awards and Transportation YOU activities.

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

City / State / Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Sponsorship Level:

Signature:

THANK YOU!