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2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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— *Message from the President* —

Happy New Year 2026!

WTS Atlanta kicked off 2026 with its Annual Membership Drive on January 28, where we unveiled our Programs for 2026. Board Members and Committee Chairs discussed upcoming events and opportunities for volunteering.

The event was well attended, with almost 100 in attendance, including prospective new members. If you missed the membership event, we are sharing the Membership presentation in this Newsletter. For any committee volunteering or membership questions, please contact our VP of Membership, Amanda von Oldenburg at wtsatlanta1@gmail.com with the subject line: 2026 Volunteer and she will be more than happy to help, or reach out directly to committee chairs to sign-up for volunteering.

We are excited about everything our Chapter will offer in 2026, and I look forward to seeing each one of you at a future event.

Sincerely,



Iris Ortiz

WTS Atlanta President



2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

by Amanda von Oldenburg

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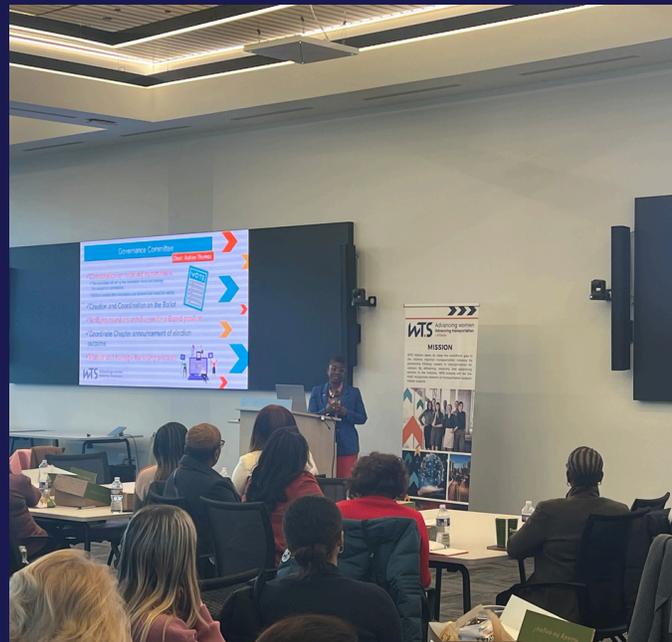
he WTS Membership Event held on Wednesday, January 28th was a tremendous success, drawing nearly 100 attendees, including both men and women from across the transportation industry, with strong participation from our public sector partners. We were honored to welcome Malika Reed Wilkins, CEO and Executive Director of WTS International and the WTS Foundation, along with Bridgette Beato, Chair of WTS International, who shared inspiring remarks about the organization's impact and future direction. Attendees also heard from our dedicated Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, who highlighted the meaningful work underway and encouraged members to get involved, with opportunities available to sign up on the spot. The event provided a valuable forum for connection and engagement, complemented by lunch and fun WTS swag for all. We look forward to reconvening with our Chapter members at the upcoming WTS International Annual Conference taking place May 5-7, 2026, in Los Angeles, CA ("L.A. in May!"), and hope to see many of our Chapter members at our planned events until then!



Photo (top and above): Chapter President Iris Ortiz and Vice President of Membership Amanda von Oldenburg speaking to attendees at the membership drive

Click [here](#) to view the 2026 membership drive presentation. If you are interested in volunteering, contact our VP of Membership with the subject line: 2026 Volunteer at wtsatlanta@gmail.com.

Special Guests & Chapter Committee Chairs





Black History Month Event

CURATED EXPERIENCE – GUIDED TOUR BY HISTORIAN DR. LA'NEICE LITTLETON



FEBRUARY 26, 2026
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Atlanta History Center
130 West Paces Ferry Road
Atlanta, GA 30305



Cost: \$35 members/\$50 non-members
Parking: Free on site

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2026 WTS Atlanta Upcoming Events Calendar

January	February	March
<p>Future Cities (1/17) Membership Meeting (1/28)</p>	<p>Black History Month Event - Curated Experience - Guided tour by Historian Dr. La'Neice Littleton (2/26)</p>	<p>WTS/SRTA Joint Event (TBD) ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering (3/21) Community Service & Outreach Event -Dress for Success Clothing Drive (TBD)</p>
April	May	June
<p>WTS Atlanta/County Happy Hour (TBD) WTS/Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport Tour (TBD)</p>	<p>WTS Annual Conference (5/5-7, Los Angeles) Habitat for Humanity Build (5/9)</p>	<p>Mid-Year Membership Townhall (TBD) MARTA Ambassador/WTS Collaboration for FIFA</p>
July	August	September
<p>Workshop w/ Sally Riker (TBD) MARTA Ambassador/WTS Collaboration for FIFA</p>	<p>Access & Engagement - Virtual Presentation w/ Veronica Davis (TBD) WTS Atlanta/County Happy Hour (TBD)</p>	<p>Community Service & Outreach Event - PAWS Atlanta (TBD) Multimodal Exchange Event (TBD)</p>
October	November	December
<p>GDOT Board Breakfast (10/15) Access & Engagement Joint Event (TBD) West Interchange Project Tour (TBD) Community Service & Outreach Event - Moo Moo & Mimosa (TBD)</p>	<p>Scholarship and Awards Luncheon (11/6)</p>	<p>Annual Holiday Party (TBD)</p>

[View Events Here](#)

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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, Amanda von Oldenburg at wtsatlanta1@gmail.com.

[View Membership Presentation Here](#)

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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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Help WTS Atlanta Raise \$30,000

FOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS



Atlanta has set a goal to increase the value of our scholarship program and award up to \$30,000 in 2026 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:
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In 2024, the WTS Foundation awarded approximately \$800,000 in scholarship across all Chapters and at the WTSI level. WTS Atlanta awarded \$17,500 in scholarships in 2024.

The WTS Atlanta Chapter has awarded 68 scholarships since 2010, and a total of \$82,500 in scholarships over the last five years.

Adding the scholarships presented at the 2025 Scholarships and Awards Luncheon, WTS Atlanta has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships since 2020.

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