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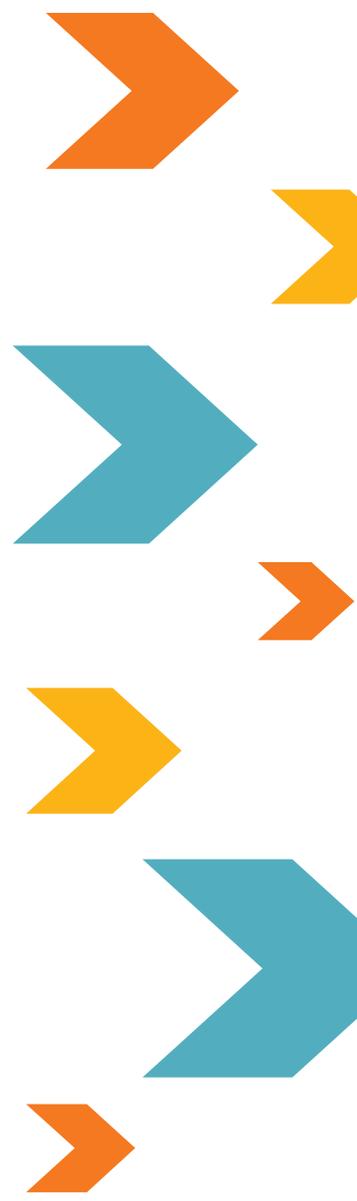
Atlanta Regional Commission





2026 Membership Event

January 28, 2026



2026 Membership Event

Today's Agenda

Meet the Board & Board Overview

WTS Mission and Vision

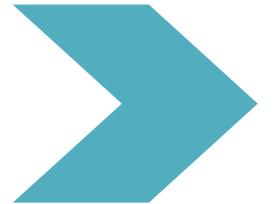
2026 Programs Calendar Preview

Committee & Subcommittee Opportunities

Membership-at-a-Glance

WTS International

Q&A



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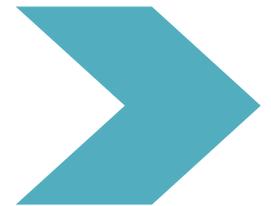
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WTS International Industry Partners



2026-2027 WTS Atlanta Chapter Board



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Pont Engineering



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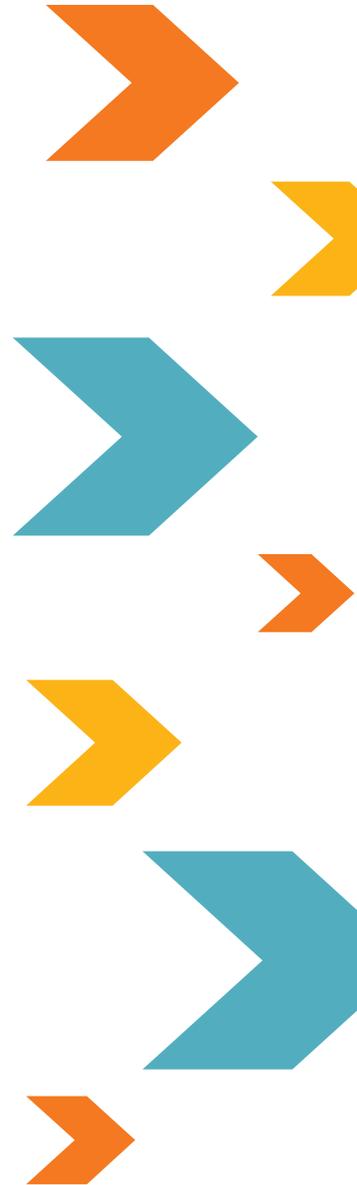
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Immediate Past President
Rukiya Thomas
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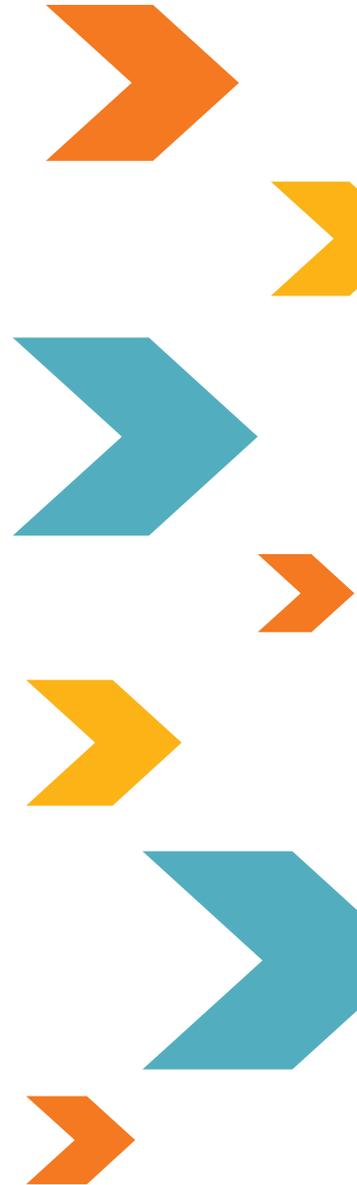
WTS Mission and Vision

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.



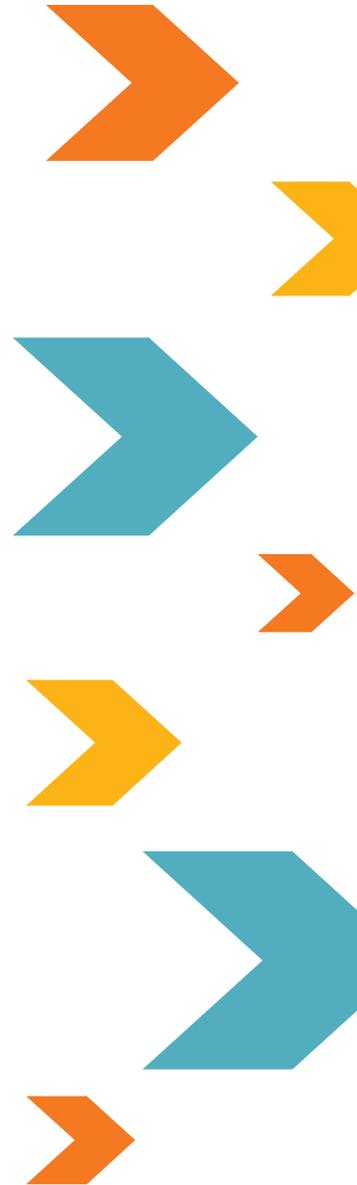
WTS International Guiding Principles

- WTS is an international organization **dedicated** to shaping the future of transportation for the public good through the global advancement of women.
- To achieve our shared vision of **One WTS**, we are a dedicated and aligned organization focused on supporting students, members, and chapters.
- Advancing women in transportation is **key** to advancing transportation and ensuring a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workforce.
- WTS is **committed** to ethical leadership, integrity, and respect for all as we shape future generations and transportation leaders.
- WTS **actively collaborates** with its transportation community that includes corporations, public agencies, associations, and learning institutions.



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.



WTS Atlanta Chapter Committees

Programs

**Scholarships &
Awards Luncheon**

**Access and
Engagement**

**Communications
&
Publicity**

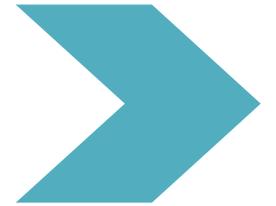
**Student Chapter
Engagement**

Membership

**Community Service
&
Outreach**

Mentor-Protégé

**Transportation
YOU**



Programs Committee

Chair: Sherl White

SCHEDULE SPEAKERS & PANELS

SELECT VENUES

RESERVE & COORDINATE FOOD

REGISTRATION

PROPS AND SIGNAGE

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT



WTS ATLANTA

ATL AIRPORT
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

MAY 22, 2025
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

AIRPORT OFFICES DOMESTIC TERMINAL ATRIUM, 4TH FLOOR

The poster features a photograph of the Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium Tower at sunset, with an airplane in the sky below it.

WTS Advancing women Advancing transportation Atlanta

Atlanta/Savannah
Georgia Port Authority

TOUR

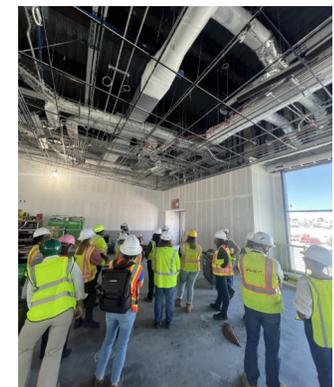
October 8th
6 AM - 7 PM

\$90 members
\$120 non-members

The poster features a photograph of a busy port terminal with many shipping containers.

2026 Atlanta Chapter Programs Calendar Preview

<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>Future Cities (1/17)</p> <p>Membership Meeting</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>Black History Month Event</p>	<p><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>WTS/SRTA Event ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering C&O – Dress For Success Clothing Drive</p>	<p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>County DOT Happy Hour</p> <p>WTS/Hartsfield Airport Tour</p>
<p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>WTS Annual Conference</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity Build</p>	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>Mid-Year Membership Townhall</p> <p>MARTA Ambassador/WTS Collaboration for FIFA</p>	<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>Workshop with Sally Riker</p> <p>MARTA Ambassador/WTS Collaboration for FIFA</p>	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>A&E – Virtual Presentation (Ms. Veronica Davis)</p> <p>County DOT Happy Hour</p>
<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>GDOT Board Breakfast - TBD</p> <p>C&O – PAWS Atlanta</p> <p>Multimodal Event</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>A&E – Joint Organization Event</p> <p>West Interchange Project Tour</p> <p>C&O – Moo Moo & Mimosa (Breast Cancer Awareness)</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>Scholarship and Awards Luncheon @ GA Aquarium (11/6)</p>	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>Annual Holiday Social</p>



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FIFA Spotlight

- WTS volunteers will assist by greeting customer as they enter and exit the stations.
- Volunteers will be required to sign a waiver.
- Volunteers will receive a commemorative, participatory T-shirt in recognition for their service.
- Those interested should send their name, organization, email, and phone number to:

Ken Johnson

Customer Engagement Manager/Customer Experience

marta 

krjohnson@itsmarta.com

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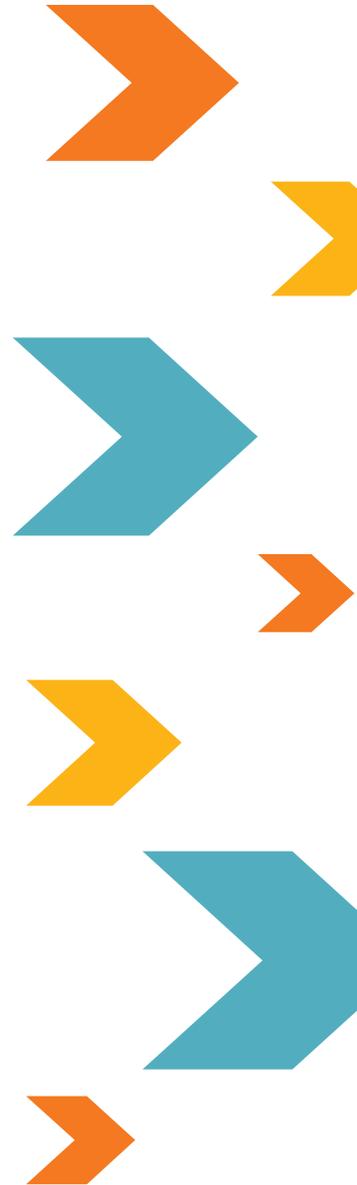
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Advancing transportation
Atlanta Chapter



Access and Engagement Committee (*formerly D&I*)

Co-chairs: Keri Lee & Bianca Wilson

Ensure	Foster	Work	Coordinate
Ensure representation of race, gender, professional disciplines and perspectives in all activities of WTS Atlanta	Foster a culture of inclusion, engagement and access for all women in the transportation industry	Work w/Programs Committee to develop programs that are inclusive of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs)	Coordinate any DBE and SBE networking events



Scholarships and Awards Luncheon Committee

Co-Chairs: Melanie Robinson & Christina Roberts

Planning schedule

Event agenda

Publicity

Food

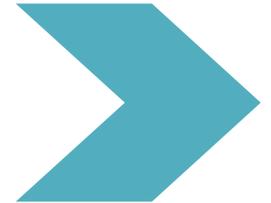
Entertainment

Speakers/Emcee

Vendor Payments

Registration, Name Tags & Table Assignments

Coordinate with all Subcommittees



Scholarship Luncheon: Silent Auction Subcommittee



Publicity



Sponsor Outreach



Sign-up Sheets and Displays



Auction Software Platform



Collect Raffle Payments



Auction Items to Winners

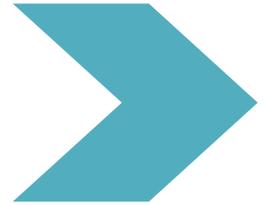


Scholarship Luncheon: Tables Subcommittee

Develop Seating Chart

Coordinate with Hospitality Committee

Materials at Tables Day-of Event



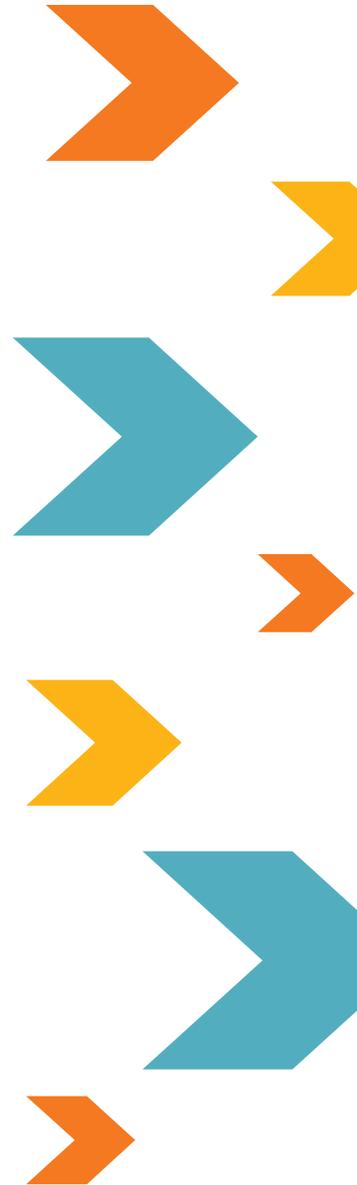
Scholarship Luncheon: Recognition and Awards Subcommittee

Chair: Lety Caviness

- Coordinate schedule with Luncheon Chairs
- Develop refined nomination and voting process
- Administer and count ballots
- Coordinate award announcements
- Coordinate gifts/trophies

Awards

- Woman of the Year
- Man of the Year
- Member of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award
- Uncovering Our Legacy Award
- Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

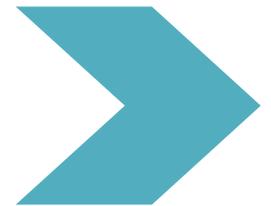


Scholarship Luncheon: Hospitality Subcommittee

Coordinate with
Tables
Subcommittee

Finalize, Print &
Assemble
Name Tags

Staff the
Registration
Tables



Scholarship Luncheon: Scholarships Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Rhandi Gallegos & Eden Samuels



Coordinating with WTS Foundation on scholarship application availability



Conduct outreach to schools



Determine due date and distribute scholarship applications



Review applications and select winners



Gather bios and pics from winners



*This committee would benefit from **several volunteers** to support efforts with contacting GA colleges about our scholarship offerings!*

Communications and Publicity Committee

Chair: Bianca George



Manage chapter e-mail lists & correspondence



Registration for all programs and events



Promote WTS with social media, website, newsletter, etc.



Event Photography & Videography



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 SPRING 2025

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Springing into Action!

This spring WTS Atlanta sprung into action! From partnerships with local students as part of WTS's TransportationYou program as well as numerous other student outreach events to volunteer events on the BeltLine and with Habitat for Humanity. WTS Atlanta members also had the wonderful opportunity in May to connect with one another and members from throughout North America in the beautiful city of Toronto at the Annual International Conference. This newsletter captures all the fun pictures, collaborative events, and learning opportunities from this spring.

As we move into summer, please join us for the Annual GDOT Board Breakfast on Wednesday, June 18. Read on to learn more and register. We look forward to connecting with you then!

Follow WTS Atlanta on our Social Media!



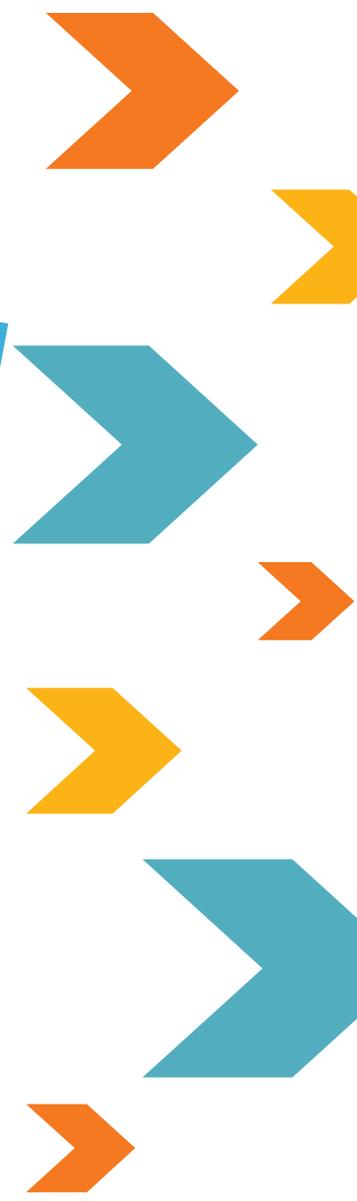
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WTS Atlanta



Student Chapter Engagement Committee

Chair: Nykita Hurt

Vision



Provide programs and activities to meet the needs of a diverse student population

ATTRACT

Create an environment and network for student members to engage with WTS professionals

CONNECT

Support and challenge student members in the exploration and pursuit of their goals

SUSTAIN

Position student members to effectively implement skills and guidance during their college tenure

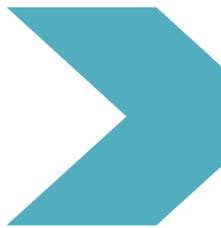
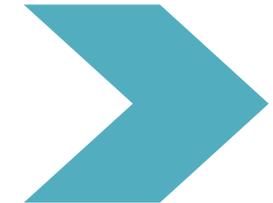
ADVANCE

2026-2027 Goal: Help us Establish a New Student Chapter!



Community Service and Outreach Committee

Co-Chairs: Christina Roberts & Sunny Abree



Mentor-Protégé Committee

Co-Chairs: Maria Yesenia Trejo & Alisha Smith

The Mentor-Protégé Program pairs early-career and seasoned professionals as a means of professional development and career advancement.



All program participants will meet as a group monthly, while mentor-protégé pairs will have the opportunity to connect several times over the course of the program based on their personal schedules.



Applications for mentors and protégés will be made available in February.
Kickoff is anticipated for April and Graduation in October.

Transportation YOU Committee

Chair: Martika Johanson-Murray



Hands-on, interactive, mentoring program for girls ages 15-18



Introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers



Spark interest in all modes of transportation & encourage courses in math, science, and technology



Meet monthly at Benjamin Mays High School or Other Chosen School



Open to exploring evolving the program and/or addition of school(s)



Governance Committee

Chair: Rukiya Thomas

✓ Coordination on received nominations

- ✓ The committee will set up the nomination forms and manage the request for nominations.
- ✓ Ballot is created after nominations are received and vetted for validity.

✓ Creation and Coordination on the Ballot

✓ Notifying members voted upon for a Board position

✓ Coordinate Chapter announcement of election outcome

✓ Monitor and manage the voting process

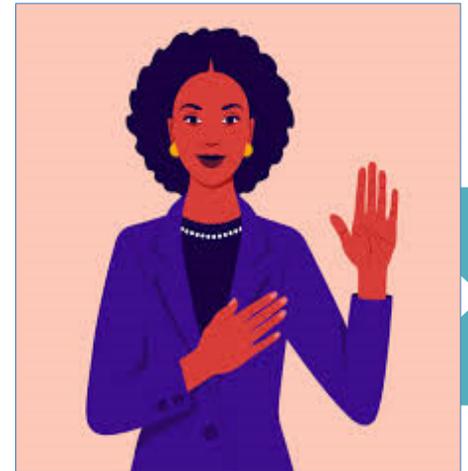


Governance Committee

Chair: Rukiya Thomas

*This is your formal call to
serve on the WTS Atlanta
Board!*

We need YOU!



Membership Committee

Chair: Amanda von Oldenburg

2026-2027 Goal: We are still trying to reach 400+ members!

Welcome new members and serve as a new member ambassador at events

Put members in touch with committees for those interested in becoming more active with WTS

Report on membership numbers and remind chapter members of upcoming expirations

Assist with membership renewal and joining when needed

Identify member spotlight opportunities

WTS Atlanta Membership Drive

Help us GROW!

Ask your colleagues and industry partners to join us!

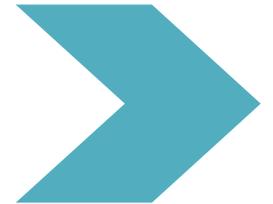
Scan the QR code to share with others for quick access to our page to become a new member.

Feel free to let me know of questions or issues!



Contact Info – Committee Chairs

Committee	Contact Person	E-mail
Programs – Help us with event planning or volunteer day of!	Sherl White	swhite@pontengineering.com
Scholarship and Awards Luncheon – our hottest event of the year! Join a Subcommittee!	Melanie Robinson Christina Roberts	melanie.robinson@greshamsmith.com ccroberts@itsmarta.com
Community Service and Outreach – we love giving back to various charity organizations.	Christina Roberts Sunny Abree	ccroberts@itsmarta.com sunny.abree@terracon.com
Mentor-Protégé – help with programming, leading or being a mentor.	Maria Yesenia Trejo Alisha Smith	Maria.Trejo@hdrinc.com alisha@towncentercid.com
Access and Engagement – we identify ways to incorporate access & engagement into many of our programs.	Keri Lee Bianca Wilson	klee@itsmarta.com bwilson@mc2engineers.com
Student Chapter Engagement – GA Tech is established but we want to grow our Chapters!	Nykita Hurt	ndevonhurt@gmail.com
Communications & Publicity – help us ‘spread the word’ or put your photography/design skills to use!	Bianca George	bgeorge@cerm.com
Membership – Help us grow!	Amanda von Oldenburg	amanda.vonoldenburg@atkinsrealis.com
Transportation YOU – our efforts begin with high school-aged young ladies.	Martika Johanson-Murray	martika.johanson-murray@kapsch.net

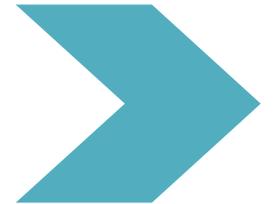


Future Annual Conference Dates

- **Los Angeles, CA**
May 5-7, 2026



- **Washington, DC (50th Anniversary)**
May 6-8, 2027



Next Steps for Members

- ✓ **Register for our future events – we would love to see you!**
- ✓ Maintain your contact information at www.wtsinternational.org
- ✓ Sign up for a committee or subcommittee! **We need you!**
- ✓ Ask about your company's corporate sponsorship
- ✓ Let us know about any free venue space > 50 capacity – **we appreciate your help!**
- ✓ Stay tuned for WTS Atlanta and WTS International events!

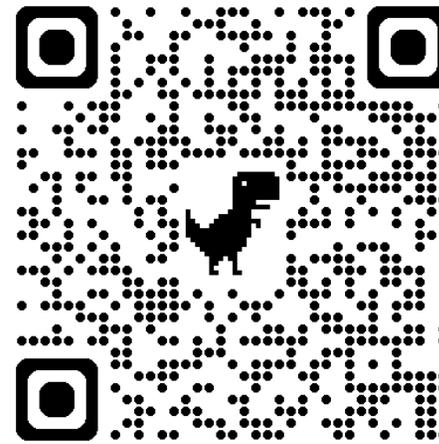
Did you know?? As a member, you can get engaged nationally in MyWTS Communities!

<https://community.wtsinternational.org/>

Scholarship Fundraising – Help make a difference!

WTS Atlanta has set a goal of awarding **\$30,000 in 2026** to support women pursuing transportation careers. Scan or text to help us reach that goal.

Send a text to the number **41444** with the message **AwardsATL25** and include the amount you would like to give and your name.



Q&A

WTS Atlanta VP Membership

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