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WINTER/SPRING 2026



Over the last few months WTS Atlanta Chapter engaged the community through a series of impactful initiatives, beginning with a Black History Month visit to the Atlanta History Center, where members participated in a curated tour highlighting key moments in Atlanta's Black history. In recognition of Women's History Month, WTS Atlanta released spotlight videos showcasing a chapter member each week and supported families served by The Drake House through a successful Dress for Success donation drive, providing professional clothing to help women prepare for employment. The chapter also participated in the 2026 ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day by leading a hands-on mini lava lamp activity that demonstrated basic scientific concepts and encouraged STEM engagement. Additionally, WTS Atlanta's Transportation YOU (TYOU) program visited the Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia Plant in LaGrange, where students explored advanced automotive production, robotics, and diverse career pathways.

WTS ATLANTA MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER

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## 2026 Diamond Partners

The logo for AtkinsRéalis, with 'Atkins' in a dark blue font and 'Réalis' in a lighter blue font.The logo for AXIOM, with the word 'AXIOM' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A small red vertical bar is located at the end of the letter 'M'.The logo for WSP, with the letters 'WSP' in a stylized, orange, sans-serif font.

## 2026 Platinum Partners

The logo for ARCADIS, featuring an orange circular icon with a white shape inside, followed by the word 'ARCADIS' in a black, sans-serif font.The logo for HDR, with the letters 'HDR' in a bold, grey, sans-serif font.The logo for TYLin, with 'TYLin' in a black, serif font.The logo for HATCH, with the word 'HATCH' in a bold, red, sans-serif font.The logo for JAT CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., with 'JAT' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Below the text are three small grey squares and the text 'Financial & Management Consultants'.The logo for vhb, featuring a stylized green and blue globe icon to the left of the lowercase letters 'vhb' in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

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## — Message from the President —

**Spring is here!** I hope everyone is ready to enjoy one of the most beautiful seasons in Atlanta—and even more excited for the upcoming WTS Atlanta events. I am proud to reflect on all that our chapter has already accomplished in the first quarter of 2026, and even more energized by what lies ahead.

I'd like to highlight the outstanding work of two of our committees during the month of March: **Access and Engagement** (Co-Chairs Keri Lee and Bianca Wilson) and **Community Service and Outreach** (Co-Chairs Christina Roberts and Sunny Abree).

- The **Access and Engagement Committee** completed a series of videos featuring four of our emerging leaders and dedicated WTS Atlanta volunteers. These women represent just a small fraction of the incredible members who generously support our chapter while growing professionally and making meaningful contributions to the transportation industry. You can visit WTS Atlanta LinkedIn page to learn more about these inspiring professionals.
- The **Community Service and Outreach Committee** organized a successful clothing drive in support of The Drake House. Thanks to donations from members, community supporters, and industry partners, we delivered four full carloads with donated items: clothes, shoes, purses, and accessories that were distributed to three Drake Closet locations.

Looking ahead to April, WTS Atlanta will host a **happy hour in Jonesboro, Clayton County**, and a unique behind-the-scenes visit to **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**. This is an exciting opportunity to learn about ongoing and future projects at the busiest airport in the world.

I would also like to warmly welcome our **2026 WTS Atlanta Corporate Sponsors**, including our Presenting Sponsor, **HNTB Corporation**. The programs and events highlighted in this newsletter—as well as our scholarship program—would not be possible without the generous support of our corporate partners. Their commitment to advancing women in transportation is truly commendable. It is not too late to join us as a sponsor, so please feel free to contact me. We welcome new sponsors year-round, and the sooner you join, the sooner you can enjoy the benefits.

Sincerely,



*Iris Ortiz*  
WTS Atlanta President

# Meet the Board & Committee Chairs Series

Bianca Wilson, P.E., PMP, Project Manager

## Path to Transportation

*Bianca Wilson has a background in Civil Engineering and graduated from Auburn University. Early in her career, she envisioned becoming a bridge engineer. After graduating, she started out in geotechnical engineering before her transition into transportation. Her entry into transportation began after meeting Dana Neiger, who introduced her to her hiring platform. This connection led to a role at Pont Engineering, where she worked closely with GDOT. Through that opportunity, she gained valuable experience in transportation, managing bridges in Districts Two and Five and solidifying her career path in the industry.*



*Bianca Wilson*

WTS Atlanta Chapter  
Access & Engagement  
Committee Co-Chair

## Current Role in WTS Atlanta

*Bianca currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Access and Engagement Committee, where she works to ensure small businesses are afforded equal opportunities and supports efforts to give back to DBEs. She is also a member of the Community Outreach Committee. Through WTS, she has connected with professionals across many areas of transportation, making the experience both rewarding and impactful in her career.*

## A Moment that Reinforced Her Passion

*One defining moment for Bianca was attending the ACEC Transportation Summit. Being able to explore different booths and listen to leaders from Atlanta Airport, MARTA, and other organizations discuss current and upcoming transportation projects was both exciting and inspiring. It gave her insight into the future of transportation and allowed her to witness Atlanta's growth firsthand.*

## A Moment She Felt on the Right Track

*Passing the PE exam was a major milestone in Bianca's career. Earning her Professional Engineer license in the transportation field gave her a strong sense of confidence and accomplishment, making her feel like anything was possible.*



# Meet the Board & Committee Chairs Series

Christina Roberts, Senior Portfolio Manager at MARTA

## Path to Transportation

*Christina Robert's path into transportation was not a traditional one. She studied Health Promotions and Business Management, which led to a 14-year career in the legal field working with intellectual property. Growing up in Atlanta, she regularly rode MARTA, and while living in DC, she relied on the city bus to get to school. Seeing how public transit serves people from all walks of life sparked her interest and ultimately led her to transition into the transportation industry. She joined MARTA about nine months ago as a Scoping and Scheming Manager before moving to her current role as Senior Portfolio Manager.*



## Christina Roberts

WTS Atlanta Chapter  
Scholarship Luncheon Co-Chair  
and  
WTS Atlanta Chapter  
Community Service & Outreach  
Co-Chair

## A Moment that Reinforced Her Passion

*One particularly meaningful moment came after Christina lead the development of the Project Data Package form which is used to track projects from inception to close and is implemented in MARTA's governance. Before this effort, there was no single framework for project managers to follow, so knowing her work will benefit the organization for years to come has been incredibly rewarding. In addition, she rides the train to work and often hears passengers appreciate the improvements MARTA is making, which reminds her why she loves what she does. Even helping customers during her commute reinforces the impact of her work.*

*Christina currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Scholarship Luncheon Committee, a role she recently stepped into and is still learning her way through. In addition, she is the Co-Chair of the Community Service and Outreach Committee, a position she began in October 2025. Since then, she has helped plan an exciting roster of upcoming events and enjoys being actively involved.*

## A Moment She Felt on the Right Track

*Christina felt unstoppable when she began working on Oracle implementation for the Project Data Package workflow. Drawing on implementation experience from previous roles, she was able to take the lead and make recommendations on changes that could be made.*



# PAST EVENTS

## 2026 WTS ATLANTA BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

### Curated Experience - Guided Tour By Historian Dr. La'Neice Littleton



By: Sheryl A. White

On February 26, 2026, the WTS Atlanta Chapter celebrated Black history Month with a visit and tour at the Atlanta History Center. Dr. La'Neice Littleton facilitated an awesome curated experience of Black History events from Atlanta's past. Items on display with history facts:

- Washerwomen's Strike of 1881 resulted from Black women demanding higher wages and immediate payment for their services. This launched the first American labor movement for service workers.
- Transit and Transportation effects within the Black neighborhood that introduce MARTA to provide transit services to Black neighborhoods.
- Alonzo Herndon - Atlanta's first Black millionaire who helped found the National Negro Business League.
- Atlanta University - established in 1865 which is currently Morehouse, Spelman, and Clark-Atlanta
- The Atlanta Race Massacre of 1906 which was not reported anywhere until a French newspaper published the story
- Paschal's restaurant the unofficial first headquarters of the Civil Rights Movement



Photo of Dr. La'Neice Littleton speaking to WTS Atlanta Chapter members.

# PAST EVENTS

## ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day - Mini Lava Lamps



By: **Saran Sesay**



*Photo of attendees participating in the Lava Lamp activity with WTS Atlanta Chapter members.*



The WTS Atlanta Chapter attended the 2026 ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day on March 21st, where WTS members facilitated an engaging Mini Lava Lamp creation activity. Participants used common household items such as small water bottles, oil, Alka-Seltzer tablets, and food coloring to create their own lava lamps. The activity demonstrated basic scientific concepts, including liquid density and chemical reactions, in a fun and interactive way. Attendees were able to actively participate, ask questions, and gain a clearer understanding of how simple materials can be used to illustrate engineering and science principles.

# PAST EVENTS

## Transportation YOU Kia Tour



By: **Martika Johnson**



*Photo of WTS Atlanta Transportation YOU students at the Kia tour.*

**W**TS Atlanta TYOU embarked on a trip to LaGrange, GA on March 26th. We were on a mission to showcase careers at Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia Plant! Students were able to sit in the newest car fleet of SUVs produced at that plant and learn about all the various employment opportunities at this state of the art facility. Additionally, students were offered guidance on the Four E's and know that it is okay to not have everything mapped out. Sometimes you will be prepared for education, and employment simultaneously but maybe not entrepreneurship for several years in the beginning phrases of your career journey.

Did you know that there are around 2,200 welds on a single vehicle? These welds are done by various robots onsite. Robotics continues to be the future with increasing applications in automotive production. These machines are capable of repeating a task with high accuracy, efficiency, and loads without fatigue that could harm humans. Thank you so much KIA for hosting us for this amazing experience. May these brilliant young minds find their way to your facility again in the future! Thank you to our amazing teacher sponsors (Ms. Boone & Ms. Leonard) for coordinating this effort, it would not have been possible without your support and passion.

# PAST EVENTS

## WTS Atlanta Dress for Success Donation Drive Supports The Drake House



By: **Christina Roberts**

**I**n honor of Women's History Month, WTS Atlanta members came together to support women and families served by The Drake House through a successful Dress for Success donation drive.

Members were invited to donate gently used professional clothing and accessories for the Drake Closet, which helps women prepare for employment and regain confidence as they enter or re-enter the workforce. The response was overwhelming. Four office drop-off locations across Atlanta quickly filled with generous contributions from WTS Atlanta members, community supporters, and corporate partners. Committee volunteers collected the donations and coordinated delivery to The Drake House. Due to the incredible volume of contributions, additional deliveries were made to two additional Drake Closet sites to ensure all items could be received and distributed.

The Drake House empowers single mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in North Fulton and Metro Atlanta by providing crisis and transitional housing, along with supportive services such as career coaching, financial literacy, and mental health resources. Their work helps families achieve economic independence while keeping mothers and children together.

WTS Atlanta extends sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of this initiative and helped make a meaningful impact in our community.



*Photo of WTS Atlanta Chapter members with the Dress for Success donation boxes.*

WTS & Clayton County DOT

# HAPPY HOUR

April 9, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Nouveau Bar & Grill

103 W. Mill Street  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

MEMBER: \$45

NON-MEMBER: \$60

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*Southern Crescent Habitat for Humanity*

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Laying Sod

**MEMBERS ONLY EVENT**

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**GET READY TO  
BUILD,  
BOND, AND  
EMPOWER!**



**Date: Saturday, May 9  
Time: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Location:  
2131 Rockspray Court  
Hampton, GA 30228**

**\*Park at City of Lovejoy  
Community Center**

**Cost: \$25 for Members**

# 2026 WTS Atlanta Upcoming Events Calendar

January	February	March
<p>Future Cities (1/17) Membership Meeting (1/28)</p>	<p>Black History Month Event - Guided tour of Atlanta History Center by Dr. La'Neice Littleton (2/26)</p>	<p>ACEC Introduce a Girl to Engineering (3/21) Community Service &amp; Outreach Event -Dress for Success Clothing Drive (3/23 - 3/27)</p>
April	May	June
<p>WTS Atlanta/Clayton County Happy Hour (4/9) WTS/Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport Tour (4/17)</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 &amp; Engagement - Virtual Presentation w/ Veronica Davis (TBD) WTS Atlanta/County Happy Hour (TBD)</p>	<p>Community Service &amp; Outreach Event - PAWS Atlanta (9/12) Multimodal Exchange Event (TBD)</p>
October	November	December
<p>GDOT Board Breakfast (10/15) Access &amp; Engagement Joint Event (TBD) West Interchange Project Tour (TBD) Community Service &amp; Outreach Event - Moo Moo &amp; Mimosa (10/17)</p>	<p>Scholarship and Awards Luncheon (11/6)</p>	<p>Annual Holiday Party (12/10)</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 [Amanda.vonOldenburg@atkinsrealis.com](mailto:Amanda.vonOldenburg@atkinsrealis.com).

[View Membership Presentation Here](#)

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## 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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# Member Opportunities

## 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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## Get Involved!!

Check out these WTS International events for 2026:

**WTS International Chair's Reception at TRB Annual Meeting**

**WTS Workshops & Webinars**

**WTS International Annual Conference**

**WTS Capital Summit**

**WTS Signature Leadership Training**

**WTS Chapter Leadership Summit**

For more information on these events:

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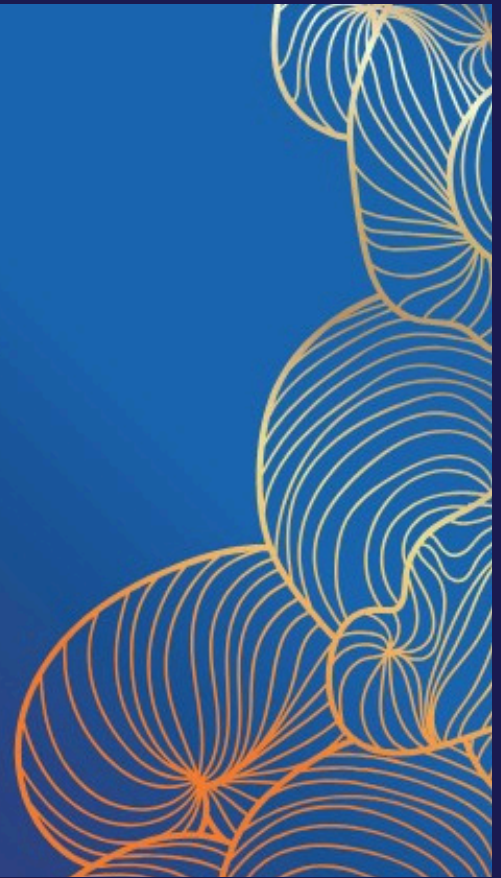


# Help WTS Atlanta Raise \$30,000

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 \$100,000 in scholarships since 2020.

Thank you for your donation and support!

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