Dear WTS-DC Chapter members & friends,

In 1977 a group of female transportation professionals in Washington, DC came together to establish a new organization to support women in their field. They named the organization the Women’s Transportation Seminar because at that time, women couldn’t get association memberships subsidized unless they were for educational purposes. Over the last 40 years this organization has grown to encompass 71 chapters across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, with the support of an International Board of Directors, an International Foundation Board of Directors, and a paid staff. Today we are better known as WTS and boast a membership of over 6,500 women and men. We are very proud to have reached this 40th anniversary milestone, which WTS-DC is marking with a new Chapter logo and celebrating with a large event planned for December 2017, as well as integration of the 40th anniversary theme throughout the entire year. It is sure to be an exciting time!

WTS-DC would not be where we are today without the support of our membership and volunteer members of the Board, and I thank you for your votes in our recent Executive Board election. It is an honor to continue serving in the role of Chapter President in 2017. In December our membership also reelected Adrienne Ameel of Kimley-Horn as Vice President and Jennifer Heilman of Stratacomm as Secretary, as well as elected Bailey Lozner of Kittleson & Associates as Treasurer, who is taking over the position from outgoing Treasurer Iris Ortiz of Cambridge Systematics. We serve alongside Immediate Past President Melany Allison-Brick of Toole Design Group with the support of over 20 returning Board members on WTS-DC’s 12 committees.

WTS-DC closed out a wonderful year with our Annual Holiday Party, Silent Auction, and Awards Ceremony on December 6th, where we acknowledged six outstanding members of the Washington, DC transportation community with recognition awards and presented $8,000 in scholarships to six deserving students studying transportation at undergraduate and graduate programs in the area. You can read more about these outstanding awardees in this newsletter issue. In addition, with your generous support, we are delighted to have raised more than $16,000 over the past year to support future scholarship awards!

Ready to continue the momentum of 2016, the new 2017 Board and committee members met for a four-hour strategic planning session on Sunday, January 22nd. Many attendees were also fueled by their participation in the Women’s March on Washington the day before – an event that shares the common goal with WTS of providing a platform to help advance women. The strategic planning session yielded a number of ambitious goals for WTS-DC to strive for in 2017 and we are ready to get to work.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to celebrating our “ruby anniversary” with you all year!

Best regards,

Avital Barnea
President, WTS-DC Chapter

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In a collaborative effort, WTS-DC’s Transportation YOU committee and Dunbar High School launched a monthly lunch series to improve the college readiness of young women interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and careers in transportation. During the monthly 50 minute lunch period, Dunbar freshman and sophomore students are exposed to a series of speakers and activities to provide advice on furthering their education and developing their careers in STEM and transportation-related fields.

Transportation YOU’s inaugural November event with Dunbar High School provided an introduction to the monthly series. The committee members introduced WTS and themselves, discussed STEM education, transportation careers and transportation applications in the day-to-day life of students in an interactive classroom environment. Students were encouraged to share their knowledge of college and complete a survey which assessed their understanding of how to advance professionally. Students discussed the benefits of a college education as well as their own personal interests and goals in a dialogue guided by the mentors. The overarching goals of the program, monthly schedule and tentative topics for discussion were presented.

Transportation YOU’s December event featured Queenstar Akrong, a representative from the College Board, as well as a panel of undergraduate and graduate students from surrounding universities. After a quick introduction from WTS-DC Transportation YOU Chair, Jasmy Methipara, Ms. Akrong began her interactive presentation on financial aid and college. Along with an introduction to different types of universities and financial aid, the attendees also received handouts that directed them to more information and resources from the College Board.

After a quick Q&A with Ms. Akrong, the five panelists from the George Washington University and the University of Maryland joined her in the front of the room for an open Q&A session. The panel also included the 2016 Transportation YOU Summit attendee from the WTS Portland Chapter, Kyla D’Sa, currently a freshman at GWU. The young women and panelists discussed several topics including choosing which college to attend and choosing a field of study/major. In addition, panelists were asked to discuss what they wished they did in high school and what some of the ‘shocks’ going from high school to college were.

To close the event, attendees received lunch and drinks sponsored by MacroSys LLC. Overall, the event was a great opportunity for the young women to ask questions in a safe and knowledgeable environment.

Transportation YOU’s first event of the new year took place on January 25, 2017 and covered both the Transportation YOU Summit and the importance of networking, a critical skill for the person selected to attend the Summit. The meeting began with Jasmy introducing the girls to the annual WTS Transportation YOU DC Summit and encouraging the girls to apply to this culminating event. Hosted by WTS International, the Transportation YOU DC Summit is a phenomenal opportunity for WTS chapters to send a mentee-mentor pair to Washington D.C. for a long weekend filled with opportunities to learn about transportation career paths, valuable networking skills, and exposure to successful women in transportation, all while making lasting relationships with other like-minded youths across the country. Since 2013, WTS-DC has been able to sponsor one local high school student to attend the Transportation YOU DC Youth Summit each year.

The students at Dunbar listened to stories of past experiences from former Summit participants including Kyla D’Sa, 2016 WTS-DC mentee

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Apply to be a WTS-DC Mentor or Mentee!

Would you like a personalized professional development experience? The 2017 WTS-DC Mentoring Program pairs mentees and mentors based on professional interests, career focus areas, and communication style for a customized learning exchange in an engaging, dynamic forum. Click here for a detailed description of the mentorship program.

Applications are due by Friday, March 17th, 2017. The program will begin in late March 2017 and run through November 2017. Feel free to contact Mentoring Committee co-chairs Meredith Howell and Stacy Weisfeld at wtsdcmentoring@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you to last year’s mentors and mentees for making it such a great experience. We would especially like to thank Kristen Johnson (Transurban), Natalie Bacon (AECOM), and Pamela Larson (Transurban) for attending every event and consistently showing strong effort and enthusiasm!

We look forward to working with the 2017 participants and are excited for the coming year.

Milka Ashine (a Cardozo Education Campus student), and 2012 WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Chapter mentee Britton Hammit, who currently works at the FHWA Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center.

Milka and Kyla joined the group by video, discussing how much they enjoyed and appreciated their Summit experience last summer. Britton, a student participant in 2012 and Summit steering committee volunteer in 2013, explained how her participation in WTS and the DC Summit helped to shape and support her education as well as bolster her career in transportation.

After hearing from the DC Summit participants, WTS-DC Transportation YOU Committee Deputy Chair Margaret Akofio-Sowah led the girls in a lesson on networking and building relationships. The event ended with a great interactive game of human bingo that allowed the girls to hone their newly acquired networking skills. A special thanks goes out to WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff, who sponsored lunch for the students in January.

February’s event featured a career spotlight from WTS-DC Immediate Past President and Toole Design Group’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Engineering Director, Melany Alliston-Brick, P.E. If you are interested volunteering to do a career spotlight, would like to get involved in the WTS-DC Transportation YOU program or to sponsor an event, please contact Jasmy Methipara at jasmy.methipara@gmail.com.
Our very own Washington, DC chapter spearheaded advancement for women forty years ago. A handful of women, largely representing railroads and trucking, realized they needed to band together -- to form a group focused on advancing women in the broad field of transportation. They reached out to a few women in the USDOT, the then Interstate Commerce Commission, and other organizations. Goals, strategy, legal status all were kicked around; a couple lawyers in the mix helped with the incorporation. Thus, in 1977, the Women’s Transportation Seminar was created.

I was already in my second job, and on my second mode within the Maryland Department of Transportation. I was hired as an environmental planner. Back then, women were scarcer than secretarial or receptionist positions. Seniority ranked higher in state government service than qualifications. Federal money still flowed for infrastructure. Few people had heard or cared about the National Environmental Policy Act. Needless to say, as a young female in a new field which itself challenged the “normal process” of port or highway development, I found a bit of resistance.

What has happened over 40 years? Fortunately, not all “Old White Guys In Ties” felt threatened. A few key workplace laws fell into place. Slide-rules stayed in drawers, replaced by calculators. The typing pool gave way to PC’s, then laptops. Telephones could take voice-mail. Email replaced the fax machine. Drafting tables disappeared as CADD took over.

Spreadsheets, pivot tables and PowerPoint presentations could be contained on a flashdrive. Cellphone GPS replaced USGS maps. Two weeks or months for shipping anything morphed into just-in-time delivery. World War II technology controlling the nations’ skies finally can get updated with FAA’s NextGen. More women found more fields in transportation, the sciences, politics and other professions. The environmental process and public participation became commonplace. There’s a third woman confirmed as Secretary of USDOT; that’s the kind of secretaries we are these days.

Through all this, the WTS had a vision and a mission. The word had spread. A national organization grew from that original Capitol area group and continues to bring an empowerment to women in the transportation realm. Even now, the individual chapters fuel this empowerment. The volunteer spirit from those women back in 1977 continues with today’s WTS-DC chapter. What other advancements will there be for transportation, for technology – for women? Where will our scholarship winners of the future take us? These are great questions for the next 40 years!

The Author has chaired or served on many committees for WTS-DC since the late 1990s, and currently is an advisor to the Board.
True to WTS-DC’s mission to “transform the transportation industry through the advancement of women,” our chapter annually awards scholarships to bright young women who are studying transportation at undergraduate and graduate programs in the DC area. As a chapter, we believe that giving scholarships is one of the most important things we do.

2017 started off with some big changes to WTS-DC scholarships! To start, the newly formed Scholarship and Fundraising Committee was created through the consolidation of the Scholarship and Silent Auction Committees. Traditionally, these committees worked separately on two aspects of the same goal, providing and funding scholarships for deserving future leaders in the transportation industry. Under the consolidation, three Board positions were created; a Scholarship & Fundraising Committee Chair and two Deputy Chairs – one to focus on scholarship operations and one to focus on fundraising. “The merge of the Scholarship and Silent Auction committees allows us to streamline the members’ energy and ideas to raise more funds to achieve our shared goal; providing the greatest number of scholarships possible to women”, said Maheen Aziz, Scholarship and Fundraising Committee Chair.

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of WTS and the WTS-DC Chapter, the committee will showcase previous scholarship award winners in a “Where are They Now” feature in the WTS-DC newsletter throughout the year. If you are a WTS Chapter or International Scholarship Award Winner, or know of someone who is, and would like to be featured in a “Where Are They Now” article, please contact Nancy Connor at Nancy.Connor@hdrinc.com.

In 2017, the Scholarship & Fundraising Committee hopes to award $8,000 in scholarships and raise $16,000 for the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship and Fundraising Committee looks forward to organizing new and old fundraising favorites including our Complete Streets Bicycle Tour and Scholarship Donation Tree to meet fundraising goals. Scholarships are made possible through the support of our Corporate Members, Scholarship Sponsors, Event Sponsors, programs benefiting the Scholarship Fund, and individual donations. If you or your organization are interested in giving to the scholarship fund, please contact Angie Martinez, Scholarship and Fundraising Deputy Chair, at Angela.Martinez@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Thank you for your support!

The WTS-DC Scholarship & Fundraising Committee: Maheen Aziz (Chair), Sophie Guiny (Scholarship Deputy Chair), Angie Martinez (Fundraising Deputy Chair), Nancy Connor (Committee Member)

40 For 40 Member Challenge!

In honor of WTS’s 40th anniversary, we are challenging all members to donate $40 to the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund. Your tax-deductible donation will help support young women as they embark upon their career education in the transportation industry.

Donations may be made via check or PayPal. Please make checks payable to the WTS-DC Scholarship Fund and mail to:

WTS-DC Chapter
P.O. Box 34097
Washington, DC 20043

WTS-DC welcomes donations of all sizes – any amount helps!
On Tuesday, December 6th, WTS-DC held its holiday party at the University Club. During the party, the WTS-DC Scholarship Committee along with honorary guest, Susan Binder, Senior Associate at Cambridge Systematics, presented six deserving young women with the WTS-DC 2016 Scholarships and a one year WTS-DC Chapter membership. This year’s recipients represent diverse fields of transportation, from policy to engineering. WTS-DC looks forward to seeing these women excel in both their educational and professional transportation careers!

**WTS-DC PhD Scholarship ($2,000)**

**Bridget Lewis, PhD Candidate Psychology, George Mason University**

Bridget Lewis is pursuing a PhD in Human Factors and Applied Cognition (Psychology) at George Mason University. Her research spans multiple areas including multimodal alert evaluation in both vehicles and medical systems, simulation in surface transportation, the design of in-vehicle alert systems, optimizing transportation systems for an aging and age-diverse population, vigilance, fatigue mitigation, and attentional processes. Ms. Lewis is currently investigating the role of attention and executive control in target detection paradigms, and the use of advanced multimodal alerts to assist operators in the use of autonomous and highly-automated technologies. In addition to maintaining a 3.93 GPA at GMU, Ms. Lewis is the Program Coordinator for the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, enjoys reading, cooking and baking, and participating in community outreach events. Ms. Lewis has a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Virginia Tech and a master’s degree in Human Factors and Applied Cognition from GMU.

**WTS-DC Master’s Scholarship ($1,000)**

**Rachel Lesniak, Urban and Regional Planning MPS, Georgetown University**

Rachel Lesniak is a pursuing a master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning (URP) at Georgetown University while working full-time as a Transportation Analyst at Foursquare ITP. In addition to maintaining a 3.95 GPA at Georgetown, Ms. Lesniak is leading the URP Student Life Committee and volunteering as the URP program’s Writing Captain. She is an active member of the WTS-DC Chapter, and is currently a mentee in the WTS-DC Mentoring Program. Ms. Lesniak’s interests in public transit and active transportation in suburban and rural communities began when she was growing up in the Chicago suburbs and working in a bicycle shop. Ms. Lesniak has a bachelor’s degree in English from George Washington University.
2016 Scholarship Awardee Profiles

Undergraduate Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff

Elena Studier, Geography/Int’l Affairs BA/BS, George Washington University

Elena Studier is a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with a Concentration in Global Development and a Bachelor of Science in Geography at the George Washington University. Ms. Studier is currently studying abroad for the semester in Senegal. As a transportation intern at the National Association of Railway Passengers (NARP) this past summer, Ms. Studier went on a passenger rail tour for 40 days to 20 cities, blogging about her experience along the way. As a representative of NARP in collaboration with Amtrak, Ms. Studier met with transportation professionals and city officials across the country. She was also interviewed about her experience by Good Day Washington, Streetsblog, and several other major news outlets. To see more about her tour, visit www.summerbyrail.com. Ms. Studier is passionate about pursuing a career in transportation policy or planning.

WTS-DC Master’s Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by Kimley-Horn

Nicole Wilson, Civil Engineering BS, University of Maryland

Nicole Wilson is a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering with double minors in International Engineering and Sustainability Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. When she isn’t studying, she is busy working on the Executive Board as Secretary for her professional engineering sorority, Alpha Omega Epsilon. This past summer, she worked as a Traffic Engineering and ITS intern for Sabra, Wang, & Associates, and discovered her passion for transportation engineering. Ms. Wilson hopes to continue learning and intends to pursue a master’s degree in transportation engineering after she graduates next spring.

WTS-DC Undergraduate Scholarship ($1,000) Sponsored by Cambridge Systematics

Edna Aguilar, Civil Engineering BS, George Washington University

Edna Aguilar is a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at the George Washington University. Ms. Aguilar was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico and moved to the United States to attend college. She has maintained a 3.95 GPA in a rigorous engineering curriculum, and began work as an undergraduate researcher at the Center for Intelligent Systems Research this past summer. In this capacity, Ms. Aguilar researched the relationship between public transportation usage and the spread of the influenza virus. She authored and submitted a paper to the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and was selected to present her findings at the upcoming 2017 TRB Annual Meeting. Her current research involves developing a model that simulates the spatial dynamics of influenza.
WTS-DC recognizes the area’s leading women who have had a significant impact on transportation, as well as prominent men and distinguished DC organizations — public or private — that support the development, growth, and advancement of women in transportation. WTS-DC received several outstanding nominations for the 2016 Recognition Awards. This year’s winners were honored at the WTS-DC Holiday Party on December 6, 2016.

Woman of the Year

Jennifer Mitchell  
Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Jennifer Mitchell was appointed by Governor Terence McAuliffe as the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation in January 2014. DRPT provides over $700 million annually to 44 public transit providers, six-daily Amtrak intercity passenger trains, and freight railroads for capacity enhancements. At DRPT, Ms. Mitchell has led an expansion of the agency’s passenger rail program, developed a multimodal program for the Transform66 project, and served as a member of the Executive Team for the SMARTSCALE funding process. Ms. Mitchell also serves as the Commonwealth’s lead member of the inter-jurisdictional committee developing the “Metro Safety Commission” for the state safety oversight of WMATA.

Prior to joining DRPT, she was an Assistant Vice President with Parsons Brinckerhoff and served as Deputy Project Director for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Ms. Mitchell has a master’s degree in regional planning from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, and a Bachelor of Urban Planning degree from University of Virginia. She is a member of the Executive Committee for the APTA Board of Directors, Chair of the American Public Transportation Foundation, and a member of the Eno Transportation Foundation’s Board of Regents. She also serves on the WTS International Governance Committee.

Honorable Ray LaHood Award

Andrew Off  
Assistant General Manager, Rail Services, WMATA

As a member of WMATA’s Executive Leadership Team, Andrew Off, P.E., PMP, leads a 4,200-employee organization focused on delivering safe and reliable rail service. He oversees an annual operating budget of $504M and a capital portfolio which includes the rehabilitation of the track system under the SafeTrack program, the 7000 series railcar purchase program, and railcar repair and rehabilitation programs.

Prior to joining WMATA in 2012, he served in various leadership positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He served as an Engineer Officer with the U.S. Army as a combat engineer platoon leader in the 2nd Infantry Division (South Korea), a combat engineer company executive officer in the 101st Airborne Division (Fort Campbell, KY) and a combat engineer company commander in the 1st Cavalry Division (Fort Hood, TX).

Mr. Off received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, Master of Science degree in Engineering/Industrial Management from University of Missouri-Rolla, and Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering (Structural) from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Mr. Off is a licensed professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2016 Recognition Awardee Profiles

Member of the Year

Iris Ortiz
Senior Associate, Cambridge Systematics

Iris N. Ortiz is a Senior Associate of Cambridge Systematics with 16 years of experience in infrastructure financial policy and planning, the FTA New Starts process, transit planning, and alternatives analysis.

Ms. Ortiz is very passionate about WTS. She has served in WTS leadership positions in the Boston and DC chapters since joining the organization in 2005. At the WTS-Boston chapter, she was co-chair of the Mentoring and Professional Development committees, and served in the Board as Director and Treasurer. She received the WTS-Boston Member of the Year Award in 2008. Ms. Ortiz moved to DC in 2013, and immediately joined the DC Chapter. She was the 2014 Recognitions Chair, and began serving as Treasurer in January 2015. Ms. Ortiz received a master’s degree in Transportation from MIT and a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico.

Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

FAA NextGen Weather Processor Project

Xiaoping Yang, General Engineer

The NextGen Weather Program helps reduce the impact of weather on aviation, resulting in safer, more efficient, and predictable day-to-day National Airspace System (NAS) operations. It harnesses massive computing power, unprecedented advances in numerical weather forecasting, translation of weather information into airspace constraints, and modernized information management services. With this powerful combination, NextGen Weather can provide tailored aviation weather products within the NAS, helping controllers and operators develop reliable flight plans, make better decisions, and improve on-time performance.

The NextGen Weather Processor (NWP) identifies terminal and en-route safety hazards and provides translated weather information needed to predict route blockage and airspace capacity constraints, hours in advance. NWP will be fully operational by 2019, meaning that the public will experience fewer delays in flight departures and arrivals, reduced number of flight cancellations and refueling stops, and overall increased safety and efficiency of aircraft operations.

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

Veronica O. Davis
Co-Owner, Nspiregreen LLC

Veronica O. Davis, PE, is a transportation nerd who uses her knowledge to spark progressive social change in the community. Currently, she is a co-owner and Principal Planning Manager at Nspiregreen LLC, where she is able to fuse her love of transportation with her belief that people should have a voice in the process. Ms. Davis is one of the co-founders of Black Women Bike (BWB), an organization and movement that encourages African American women to use biking for health and wellness and as an alternative means form for commuting. In addition, she mentors women and people of color through the TRB Mentorship Program, WTS Mentor/Mentee Program, University of Maryland Intern-for-a-Day, and general people who have reached out to her about transportation. In 2012, the White House recognized Ms. Davis as a Champion of Change and Transportation Innovator for her professional accomplishments and community advocacy in the District.

Employer of the Year

T3 Design

T3 Design Corporation (T3) specializes in traffic and transportation engineering services and is a certified, woman-owned Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) in the Metropolitan DC Region, working in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Established in 2006 with five employees, the founder’s vision was to build a firm that would concentrate on doing exceptional work on interesting and cutting edge projects. Towards that goal, T3 is currently working on a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project, the first in Northern Virginia. They were also heavily involved in the traffic and ITS work related to the I-495 and I-395/I-95 Express Lanes projects, including conducting a sign study to help determine the appropriate guide sign messaging for these HOT lanes that had little precedent across the United States at the time. T3 is headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia and is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year with a staff that has grown to over 25 employees.
Announcements & Upcoming Events

Member Updates
• Amanda Vandegrift has relocated to Atlanta after having served on the WTS-DC Board for 3 years. WTS-DC wishes Amanda well and thanks her for her service to our Chapter!

• Cerasela Cristei is now a Senior Engineer at T3 Design Corporation and looks forward to helping grow the company and inspire and develop the staff. Congratulations, Cerasela!

Upcoming Events
• Book Club for the Busy Professional: March 23, 6:30pm. 1909 K St. Suite 600.

• Save the Date: The annual Complete Streets Bike Ride scholarship fundraising event will take place in May.

WTS-DC is Looking for Your Old Photos!
One of the best ways to remember WTS-DC’s 40-year history is through pictures. We have a number of photos dating from 2009, but the 40th Anniversary Committee would love to receive your photos from before that year. Please send photos from WTS events, members on the job, transportation milestones, and anything else you’d love to see on a slideshow at our end-of-year celebration! Photos may be emailed to photos.wts.dc@gmail.com.

We appreciate your submissions!

New and Reinstated WTS-DC Members

Welcome!

Alisha Robinson       Edna Aguilar
Amie Kalsbeek        Elena Studier
Andrea Ruano Duke    Emiko Atherton
Andrew Off           Felicia Young
Angela Buckner       Jaime Ulloa
Angela Martinez      Jason Mumford
Arianna Koudounas    Jenna Davis
Asma Ali             Julie Evans
Brent Phillips       Julie Minerva
Britton Hammit       Kyla D’Sa
Chinaka Young        Kylie Caviness
Christina Glancy     Lacenatra Williams
Christine Aczel      Margaret Ballard
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David Hieber         Megan Cogburn
Diana Farmer         Nicole Wilson
D’Andrea Walker      Penelope Weinberger

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