

**WTS
CENTRAL PA
ANNUAL
AWARDS**

GALA

MARCH 24, 2021
**CELEBRATING 2021 AWARD
AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



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Our Mission

WTS ATTRACTS,
SUSTAINS, CONNECTS,
AND ADVANCES WOMEN'S
CAREERS TO STRENGTHEN
THE TRANSPORTATION
INDUSTRY.

Our Vision

THE VISION OF WTS IS TO
PROMOTE EQUITY AND
ACCESS FOR WOMEN IN
TRANSPORTATION.

Program of Events

ARRIVAL/OPENING

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

WTS CENTRAL PA RECOGNITION AWARDS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER, MELISSA BATULA

CLOSING

Keynote Speaker



MELISSA J. BATULA, PE

PENNDOT ACTING EXECUTIVE DEPUTY
SECRETARY

Melissa J. Batula, PE, began her career in the private sector, where from 1987 to 2006, her career progressed to the role of a senior design engineer. She joined PennDOT in 2006 as a senior civil engineer. Since then, she has held various Department management positions, such as Chief of the Accelerated Bridge Program, Assistant Chief Bridge Engineer, and Asset Management Division Chief in the

Bureau of Maintenance and Operations. In 2014, she became the Highway Delivery Division Chief and served as Acting Director for the Bureau of Project Delivery since 2018. In December 2019, she was appointed the Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration and was the FIRST female to hold this position. Effective March 20, 2021, she was appointed as the Acting Executive Deputy Secretary. Melissa is adept at building strong relationships with the industry and government partners and serves as a shining example for women in the transportation industry. She manages 9,000 dedicated staff members who share her commitment to serving the transportation needs of citizens across the Commonwealth.

Award Winners



WOMAN OF THE YEAR

BARBARA HOEHNE, PE
STV



MEMBER OF THE YEAR

KELLY FREEBURGER
BUCHART HORN



HONORABLE RAY LAHOOD AWARD

MICHAEL KEISER, PE
ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

GANNETT FLEMING

ROSA PARKS DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

RK&K WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION AWARD

SR 272 (LANCASTER PIKE) PROJECT, LANCASTER COUNTY, DISTRICT 8-0
NEXA CASTRO, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER



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*15-Year
Milestones*

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Colleen Brown Scholarship Winners



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ALLISON WELLER

Created by WTS Central PA in memory of Colleen Brown. Colleen, an engineer who worked for PennDOT for 26 years, left a lasting impression on the transportation community before losing her battle to pancreatic cancer at the age of 49. We honor Colleen's memory and spirit by supporting young women who are interested in STEM with a potential career path into the transportation industry.



Molitoris Leadership Scholarship

The purpose of the WTS Molitoris Leadership Scholarship is to motivate and reward women who demonstrate leadership in the transportation industry. The leadership, skills, and perspectives of women are essential to assure that the transportation systems of the future respond to the needs of all.

At Penn State, Kaitlyne participates in the Engineering Ambassadors Program - a highly selective professional development program that includes an advanced communication class and STEM outreach into K-12 classrooms across Pennsylvania as a way to share their passion for engineering and to intrigue students into the engineering field. In her recommendation letter it was noted that she has engaged in thoughtful discussions about how she can be a leader in the field.



KAITLYNE KRAMER

WTS Foundation

The WTS Foundation awards scholarships to women who are pursuing careers in transportation through undergraduate and graduate programs.

The WTS Foundation also supports Transportation YOU. Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers.



WTS Central PA thanks our members and sponsors who support the WTS Foundation through financial contributions and volunteering their time. To make a donation to support the Foundation, text the number 41444 with the message "WTSCPAWARDS [Amount] [Your Name]."



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5-Year Milestones

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PA TURNPIKE

KATIE BORDNER
ERDMAN ANTHONY

KELLY FREEBURGER
BUCHART HORN

KATHLEEN KROMMES
HDR

JULIA MOORE
AECOM

JENNIFER TRIMBLE
RK&K

DANA WELTER
JMT

PLATINUM



GOLD

DEWBERRY

REMINGTON & VERNICK
ENGINEERS

STV

SILVER

ARROW LAND SOLUTIONS

HDR

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(Innovative Transportation
Solutions Award, Member of the
Year Award)

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(Member of the Year Award)

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All award/scholarship winners
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