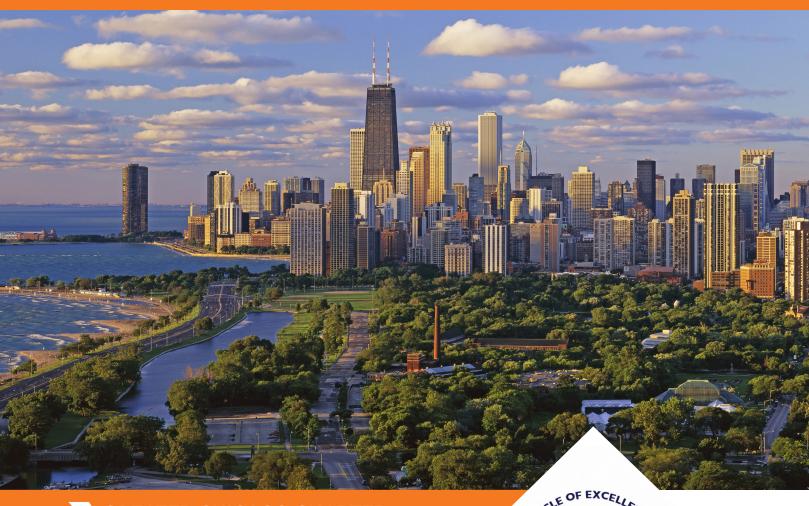
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

s the weather cools, and we prepare for the end of the year, I can't help but look back at the eventful year our Chapter has had so far. I am so proud of our entire Board of Directors for constantly raising the bar, offering our members and partners relevant and engaging programming. I also want to thank our Advisory Board members, who have been so engaged in our Chapter events and truly supported our Board of Directors this year.

WTSI announced their Legislative and Regulatory Priorities earlier this year. Our Chapter has been a leader in implementing these and has done a phenomenal job bringing the industry's policy and decision makers to our Chapter.



It was great to see so many of our members and partners participate in the Central Region Conference. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the conference such a success. As the conference concluded, participants left feeling re-energized and inspired!

As we begin to plan for next year, I welcome any suggestions on programs, topics, or initiatives you'd like to see WTS explore. We always encourage others to get involved with the Chapter — if you are interested, please do not hesitate to reach out! WTS operates on our board's volunteer time and our partners' support, so I want to especially thank everyone for your dedication and commitment to our organization.

I look forward to the coming months as WTS continues to advocate for women and the transportation industry during this transformational time.

- Mara Kirby, 2023-2024 WTS Greater Chicago President

2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Catherine Lopez



Vinothni Shammugam Narayan



Ruolin Zhang



Ariette Jiana Kaberlein



Haley Dahl



Jiewen Luo



Lara Diab



Sahar Bayat



Amy Hofstra



Chi-Ya Chou



Motahare (Yalda) Mohammadi



Uttara Sutradhar

Diversity in Transportation

Catherine Lopez (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Helene M. Overly Graduate Scholarship

 Vinothni Shammugam Narayan (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Leadership Legacy Scholarships for Graduates

· Ruolin Zhang (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship

· Ariette Jiana Kaberlein (University of Illinois at **Urbana-Champaign**)

Molitoris Leadership Scholarship for Undergraduates

Haley Dahl (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Executive Partner Scholarship

Jiewen Luo (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

President's Scholarship

- Lara Diab (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
- Sahar Bayat (Illinois Institute of Technology)
- Amy Hoftsra (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Chi-Ya Chou (Northwestern University)
- · Motahare (Yalda) Mohammadi (University of Illinois at Chicago)
- Uttara Sutradhar (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

- Stephanie Vega (Noble Street College Prep)
- Jacianna Lendor (Kenwood Academy High School)

WTS is dedicated to creating a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable transportation industry through the global advancement of women. WTS operates under a specific vision with core values, goals, and guiding principles behind all of its activities and programs.

COMMITTEES	MISSION	COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CONTACT INFO
Central Region	Foster connections and knowledge sharing across the central region chapters, primarily through regional committee calls and events including a regional conference hosted every 12-24 months.	Jane Wilberding and Kim Jarosz region@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Communications	Assist in writing, editing, layout, and distribution of communications materials for chapter membership including flyers, email announcements, and social media posts.	Emily Achelpohl and Aubrey Tetreault- Folmsbee communications@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Diversity	Serve as a resource for diversity and inclusion by providing a network of people, programs and tools to help women of diverse backgrounds grow and manage their careers in the field of transportation.	Cecilia Diaz and Beth Norton diversity@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Legislative Affairs	Share legislative news or items of interest to the industry with our membership as well as plan events with a legislative focus.	Tim McMahon and Kasia Hart legislativeaffairs@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Membership	Participate in recruitment of new members and retention of current members; welcome new members; initiate and run programs to increase membership and host special events for members.	Niki Nutter and Hannah Knight membership@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Partnership	Assist WTS Greater Chicago in receiving partnerships with local area partners that aid us in advancing women in the transportation industry through events such as seminars, events and scholarships for women and men.	Ann Hammo and Nicole Rose partnership@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Professional Development	Provide resources and programs that engage and encourage our members and community in continuous professional growth in an effort to increase the success of transportation professionals.	Farida Mahmud and Sophie Cohen profdevelopment@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Programs	Organize and host luncheon programs as well as assist with other committee's events throughout the year.	Melissa Mulrooney and Sophia Scarpa programs@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Recognitions	Recognize and honor individuals, employers and projects that promote the WTS mission.	Colleen Miller and Stephanie Abezetian awards@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Scholarship	Solicit, review, select and secure applicants from area schools, colleges and universities for numerous local annual scholarship awards.	Janice Pang and Laura Bloomberg scholarship@wtsgreaterchicago.org
Transportation YOU	Develop programming to educate female high school students (ages 13-18) about transportation careers.	Lissa Sweeney and Ann Ammash tyou@wtsgreaterchicago.org



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Woman of the Year **Tara Orbon**

Assistant Superintendent, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Member of the Year **Colleen Miller** Midwest Business Development Manager, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Honorable Ray LaHood Joseph Catalano

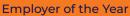


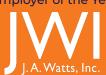
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We recognize our Corporate Partners and Public Agency Partners for their dedication and support in Advancing Women, Advancing Transportation.

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