



The Transportation YOU Vision

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive program that offers **elementary school aged through high school aged students, specifically those who identify as female**, an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Transportation YOU was established in 2009 in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Through Transportation YOU, WTS Chapters encourage the exploration of studies and careers in all modes and all roles in the transportation sector by offering programs and activities that will spark interest in STEM and the many other interconnected career pathways in transportation.

The Transportation YOU Mission

- Introduce students to all modes of transportation
- Provide insight into the variety of careers and roles available in the transportation industry
- Guide educational choices and opportunities for students, including introducing schooling and coursework, afterschool enrichment opportunities, and building a network of like-minded peers and professional mentors
- Establish mentor/mentee relationships to promote the value of careers in transportation, and provide a support system for women entering into the industry

Transportation YOU Core Values

- We encourage a curious mind and support all career paths into transportation
- We cultivate a future-focused mindset for all participants
- We are collaborative and believe in the power of teamwork
- We are future focused and embrace new ideas, agility, and innovation
- We approach everything we do with honesty, transparency, and integrity
- We are inclusive. WTS is a safe place to find one's voice, develop, learn, and thrive. We embrace the belief that all people have value and the right to belong. We are committed to fostering a culture of mutual respect and creating an open environment that is equitable and accessible to all, where differences of thought, life experiences, and backgrounds are appreciated and welcomed, and contributions are valued

Transportation YOU Programs & Partnership Development

- **WTS Foundation Programming and the WTS Capital Summit**
At the International level, the WTS Foundation hosts our annual summer residential program, the **WTS Capital Summit**. The Summit brings WTS chapter mentors and students from around North America to the D.C. region for a week-long experience of transportation project tours, guest speakers, and leadership development skills. Fundraising for the WTS Foundation at both the International and Chapter level supports not only scholarships, but programming like Transportation YOU.
- **Transportation YOU at the WTS Chapter level** is the cornerstone of the vision and mission. In our Chapters in the United States and Canada, local volunteers develop relationships and original programming that highlights their own communities. Examples include but are not limited to hands-on, in classroom building activities; after school clubs; individual mentoring; guest speakers, tours and field trips to local transportation projects; and more.
- **Regional Programming**
The WTS Foundation has a **long-term roadmap** for expansion of program like the Capital Summit to other cities in our regions as "mini-summits," 2-3 day programs that provide equitable access for high school students around the country.