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President's Message

Hello Central Florida transportation community,

I am thrilled to share our first quarter newsletter. This year has been very busy so far, but very rewarding! Your WTS Central Florida Chapter has had a productive first quarter, thanks to our dedicated leadership, members, sponsors and supporters.

We have held our Open House, Quarter 1 Program, 11th Annual A Walk in Her Shoes event, plus several member only events. This is just the tip of the iceberg as we have so many events we are working on to better serve the chapter's 210+ members.

In March, we held our annual Swings for Scholarships event -- our chapter's highest attended fundraiser event yet! We are thankful for the overwhelming response and support from sponsors, members and our colleagues and friends.

If you are feeling inspired to maximize your membership, there are plenty of opportunities to get more involved. Simply email us at membership@wtscfl.com to get connected.

We invite you to join us on this journey of advancing women in the transportation industry. You can support by [becoming a sponsor](#), [attending an event](#) or simply following and engaging with us on [social media](#).

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Stacey Russell
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2024 President, WTS Central Florida



Welcome to our Newest Members!

Joined January 2024

- Alexandra G. Aydelotte
- Sherman Klaus | The Balmoral Group
- Elizabeth Lasley | The Balmoral Group
- Isabel Nayab | Ardurra
- Md Mobasshir Rashid
- LaDonna Tucker | GPI

Joined February 2024

- Albert Castro | BBC Engineering
- Tiffany Crosby | AtkinsRealis
- Flordeliz Faria | AtkinsRealis
- Persys Lahiany Fernandez Diaz | Patel Greene
- Hannah Guglielmello | DRMP
- Laura Hardwicke | City of Orlando
- Rachael Hoyt | Trans Systems
- Michaela MacDougall | The Balmoral Group
- Jinhao Mai | HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Chelsea Mason | HDR Engineering, Inc.
- Katie Mitzner | TuckerHall
- Gabriela Negrón | RS&H, Inc.
- Jhoanna Pantoja | Protean Design Group
- Amahle Snow
- Ashmita Wasti | Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)



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Joined March 2024

- Cristina Dos Santos
- Cassidy Micaya | WGI
- Randy Miner | GPI
- Naiyara Noor
- Michelle Zhao | Baxter Woodman

Joined April 2024

- Carrie Hamblin
- Annemarie Hammond | FDOT

May 2024

- Yoharic Angely Corrales Escalante
- Anne Van Keppel | Hubbard



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Chapter Updates

Meet The Board!

2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



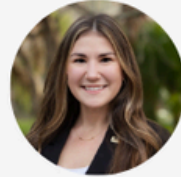
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Recent Activities

#WTSCFL Takes New Orlando For Annual Conference

The City Beautiful was well represented in The Crescent City this week for the 2024 WTS International Annual Conference in New Orleans!

Our Vice President, Sarah Larsen, moderated a panel on finding your path and pivoting professionally. Additionally, for another consecutive year, #WTSCFL was honored as a GOLD chapter!

Additionally, our very own Gail Woods received WTS International's 2024 Rosa Parks Diversity Award! The award recognizes one who contributes significantly to promoting diversity, inclusion and multi-cultural awareness within their organization, the transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports the goals and mission of WTS.

A great conference all around!



Recent Activities

ASCE Florida East Central Branch's 2024 Icebreaker

We had a blast at this year's ASCE Florida East Central Branch Icebreaker event! Big thanks our secretary, Negaar Minaei, PTP and our Community Outreach committee chairs, Shemania Accema and Malaica Nicolas Daceus PE for representing our chapter.

Congratulations, ASCE ECB, for hosting another successful scholarship fundraiser!



Recent Activities



11th Annual A Walk in Her Shoes

We are thankful to our dynamic speakers for the valuable insight shared: Dodie Keith-Lazowick, Melissa Gross, Iranetta J. Dennis, Francina Gil, and Yovannie Rodriguez.

Shout out to Heather Roberts, Julie Keller, and the committee members for organizing another successful event.

Big thanks to every attendee for sharing your perspectives, and to our sponsors for your continued support of our chapter!

Check out more photo highlights on our website gallery:
<https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/central-florida/photo-gallery/11th-annual-walk-her-shoes>



Recent Activities



2024 Swings for Scholarships Fundraiser

#WTSCFL took over the 3rd floor of Topgolf Lake Mary for this year's Swings for Scholarships fundraiser! Huge thanks to our event and annual sponsors for making this year's event another success.

Shout out to Lizette Martinez and Ivannia Bok for executing an awesome event.

Check out more photos highlights on our website: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/central-florida/photo-gallery/2024-swings-scholarships>



Spring Members Happy Hour Sky Bar Orlando!



Check out more event photos on our [Photo Gallery](#)

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Upcoming Happenings [Details on our website](#)



JUNETEENTH REGIONAL CONVERSATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM EST



Virtual Teams Event



Virginia Whittington



Kirk Bogen, PE



Rosa Rountree



Greer Johnson Gillis



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2024 AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

SUBMIT BY JUNE 21

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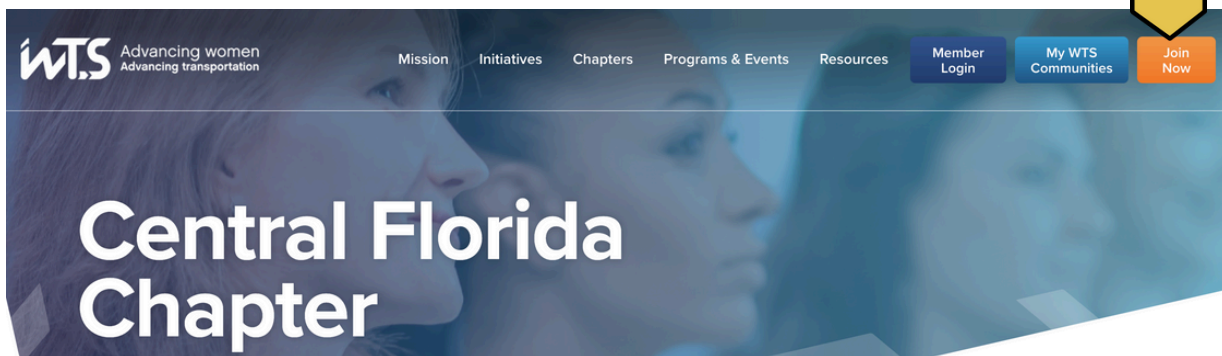
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