



## President's Message



*This 4th of July, I enjoyed seeing people in their communities, celebrating together, and making memories. I love summer because it brings people out, filling public spaces with life and energy. These vibrant scenes highlight the importance of designing communities that ensure every person can participate fully in community life. A recent personal experience has led me to reflect deeply on the critical need for thoughtful design.*

*My daughter recently had knee surgery and needed to use a wheelchair frequently over the past few weeks. While attending an event, I sat with my daughter as everyone around us stood, swaying to the music and singing along. We were unable to see the visual effects on the screen or the performers. Although my daughter was indifferent (thank goodness), I couldn't help but question why the venue didn't offer better ADA seating options that also provide a great visual experience. Accessibility is not just about providing a space for a wheelchair, but also about ensuring an inclusive experience.*

*Whether it's pedestrian crossings at an intersection and using HAWK and/or audible signals, ADA access during construction, or the width of a doorway in a transit center, we must think about everything from every angle when we design, plan, and implement a project. While I have always valued accessibility, my recent experiences have deepened my appreciation for its importance. I hope that each of you finds a profound sense of purpose in your transportation careers this summer, knowing that your hard work is making a tangible difference in someone's life.*

- Allison Sambol

Iowa Chapter President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### SAVE THE DATE!

#### WTS IOWA/ISITE BIKE NIGHT & SOCIAL

Join us for Bike Night & Social! Details coming soon.

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#### WTS IOWA AT IOWA STATE FAIR FOR STEM DAY

WTS Iowa is participating again in STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair. This family-friendly event at the State Fair's Grand Concourse provides kids with opportunities to learn about how STEM touches our lives daily and to experience hands-on activities from organizations across the state.

Stop by the WTS Iowa booth between 8 AM and 7 PM at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. We need volunteers! [Sign up here.](#)

[Learn more](#)



## CHEERS TO SUCCESS:

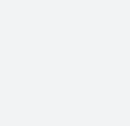
### Celebrating Member Milestones

#### Kim Brix Receives DMACC Outstanding Alumni Award

*We are thrilled to share some exciting news about one of our own at WTS Iowa. Kim Brix, Lead Engineering Technician at Snyder & Associates, has been nominated and selected for the prestigious DMACC Outstanding Alumni Award, the highest honor given to alumni by the DMACC Alumni Association. Established in 1987, this award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to their community, achieved remarkable professional or personal success since graduation, and/or remain actively involved in the life and work of DMACC. Congratulations, Kim, on this well-deserved recognition!*

#### Ashley Cook & Blake Walter Outstanding Sponsorship Success

*A huge shout-out to Ashley Cook and Blake Walter from the Sponsorship Committee for their incredible efforts in securing sponsorships for WTS Iowa! Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the committee has reached its Chapter goal of \$18,000, bringing on two more partners just this past month. Thank you, Ashley and Blake, for your outstanding work and to all of our wonderful sponsors for their commitment to advancing women in the transportation industry.*



### We love celebrating the achievements of our members!

#### Let us know when you...

- » score that much-earned promotion
- » get assigned or complete that big project
- » earn that degree/certificate
- » win that shiny award
- » feel great about your accomplishments

#### You worked hard and you deserve the recognition.

[Fill out the form here.](#)

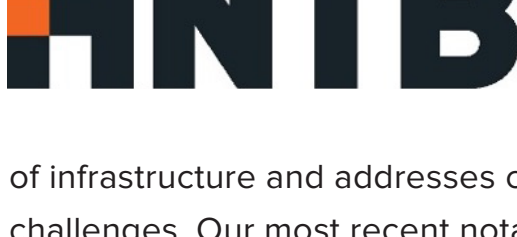


### WTS IOWA HAS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are due July 26!

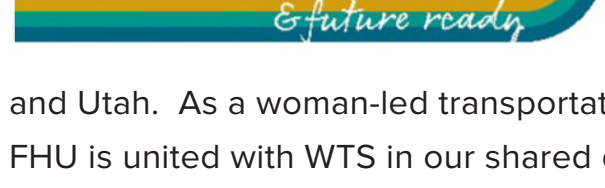
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## SPONSORSHIP SPOTLIGHT



**HNTB** is an employee-owned infrastructure solutions firm, celebrating over 110 years of service. Headquartered in Kansas City with a growing office in Des Moines, HNTB understands the full life cycle

of infrastructure and addresses clients' most complex technical, financial and operational challenges. Our most recent notable work in Iowa includes the Des Moines New Terminal, the Mississippi River Bridge at Lansing, Council Bluffs Interstate System (CBIS) Segment 4 System Interchange at I-29/I-480, the Black Hawk Bridge in Lansing, I-74 Mississippi River Bridge, and the Iowa City Gateway. HNTB's tradition of engineering excellence has been and is greatly aided by the inclusion of individuals with different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs. As a firm, HNTB has over 200 WTS members including numerous current or former national and chapter level leaders. HNTB is a proud key sponsor of the WTS Iowa Chapter and is committed to the ongoing advancement of women's careers in transportation.

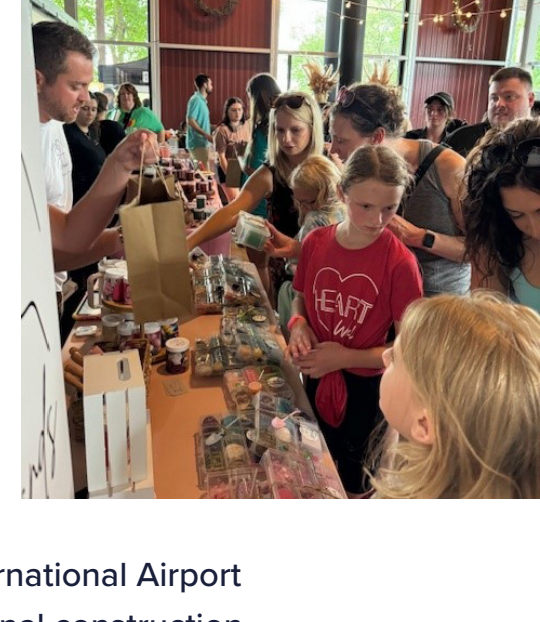
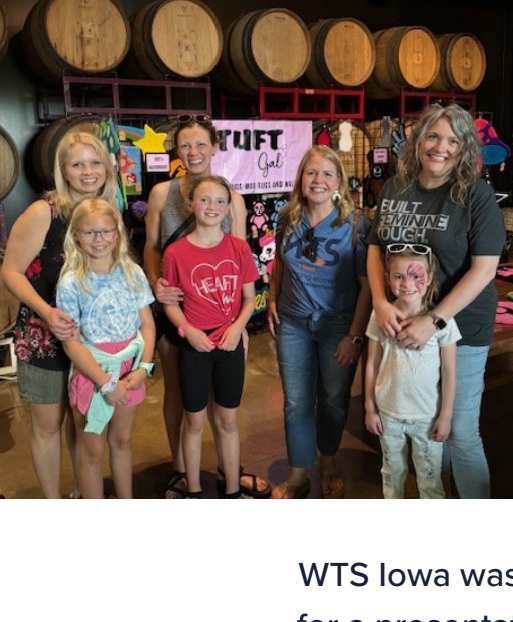


**Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (FHU)** is forty and future-ready! In honor of this milestone year, we are proud to sponsor the important work of WTS chapters in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado,

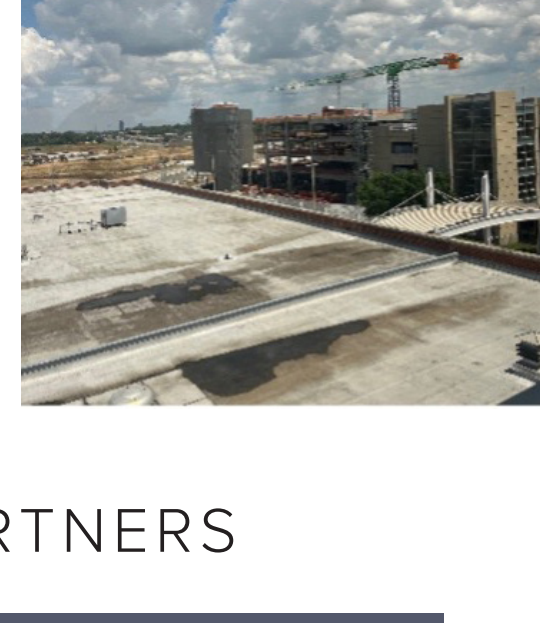
and Utah. As a woman-led transportation engineering firm of 200+ (43% are women), FHU is united with WTS in our shared desire to advance transportation and the careers of brilliant women in the industry. Our diverse team of engineers, planners and scientists specialize in multimodal transportation planning, environmental services, civil design, traffic engineering, and emerging technologies. Every day we collaborate with clients to reshape mobility networks, improve safety, fix equity disparities, address environmental concerns, and harness cutting-edge technologies. We look forward to the next 40-years of delivering future-ready transportation solutions that connect and enhance communities.

## WTS on the Move!

WTS Iowa members had a great time supporting over 40 women-owned small businesses and The Boys and Girls Club at the Boss Babe event



WTS Iowa was thrilled to join the Des Moines International Airport for a presentation and bird's-eye-view of the terminal construction



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