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Introduction Meera Joshi, Deputy Mayor for Operations, New York City

Woman of the Year Veronica Vanterpool, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration

Closing Remarks Erica Swansen, WTS-GNY Vice President

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Message from WTS-GNY President Ece F. Koch



Welcome to the 2024 WTS Greater New York (WTS-GNY) Annual Gala! Thank you for joining us to celebrate another successful year of advancing women's careers and strengthening the transportation industry.

Tonight, we honor Veronica Vanterpool, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as our 2024 Woman of the Year. Deputy Administrator Vanterpool has made remarkable contributions to the transportation industry and has been a powerful advocate for women in their career journeys. Her commitment not only inspires us, but also paves the way for future leaders. A native New Yorker born and raised in the Bronx, Vanterpool is a longtime supporter of WTS-GNY.

We are also pleased to recognize women who have demonstrated exceptional promise in the transpor-

tation field by awarding the annual WTS-GNY scholarships. We take great pride in helping these talented individuals to make tremendous strides in their studies and eagerly look forward to the innovative ideas they will bring to the industry to improve our communities. All proceeds from this evening's raffle will go toward our educational initiatives, including our scholarship program. We appreciate your bids, which reflect your dedication to dynamic transportation developments.

This Annual Gala, along with all WTS-GNY programs throughout the year, would not be possible without the generosity of our members and corporate partners, as well as the tireless efforts and volunteer hours of our Board of Directors and committees. We are truly grateful for your contributions in advancing the WTS vision and mission. Your continued support is vital as we work together to transform the transportation industry by promoting equity and access for women.

Thank you and have a wonderful evening! ■

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2024 Woman of the Year Veronica Vanterpool

Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration



Veronica Vanterpool has served as Deputy Administrator of the FTA since May 2022. She joined the agency as senior advisor in August 2021.

In her current role, Vanterpool helps to advance the Biden-Harris Administration's goals associated with equity, climate, innovation, safety and workforce development. She oversees policy priorities and objectives along with the day-to-day operations of the 700-person agency.

She established the FTA's Data Office, a new business unit dedicated to data analysis, governance and communication. She also represents the FTA on the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation and serves as a member of the White House Inter Policy Council on Puerto Rico.

Prior to her tenure at the FTA, Vanterpool worked at the Delaware

Transit Corporation, where she was the first chief innovation officer. Other leadership positions she has held include deputy director of the national Vision Zero Network; executive director of the New York City-based Tri-State Transportation Campaign; and board member of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

As a member of a number of boards, commissions, task forces and working groups, Vanterpool has garnered 17 years of experience in advocacy, policy, media communications, public outreach, coalition building and issue campaigns. She is co-founder and former president of the Delaware Chapter of WTS; a member of Latinos in Transit; and a 2023 recipient of COMTO's Women Who Move the Nation Award. She also was selected for the first cohort of the Biden Administration's Presidential Leadership Workshop. ■

WTS GREATER NEW YORK WOMEN OF THE YEAR

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- 2022 Meera Joshi
- 2021 Marie Therese Dominguez
- 2020 Clarelle DeGraffe
- 2019 Denise M. Berger
- 2018 Catherine Rinaldi
- 2017 Mary K. Murphy
- 2016 Karen Rae
- 2015 Polly Trottenberg
- 2014 Veronica "Ronnie" Hakim
- 2013 Helena E. Williams
- 2012 Susan M. Baer
- 2011 Joan McDonald
- 2010 Pippa Woods
- 2009 Susan Bass Levin
- 2008 Susan L. Hayes
- 2007 Susan Kupferman
- 2006 Jane Chmielinski
- 2005 Janette Sadik-Khan
- 2004 Flora Castillo
- 2003 Barbara Spencer
- 2002 Barbara Thayer
- 2001 Laurie Gutshaw
- 2000 Martha Walther
- 1999 Deborah Wathen Finn
- 1998 Barbara Richardson
- 1997 Beverly Dolinsky
- 1996 Lorraine Hoffman-Ho
- 1995 Janis Beitzer
- 1994 Barbara Mickens-Washington
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Introduction by Meera Joshi



Meera Joshi is the Deputy Mayor for Operations, overseeing the City's infrastructure, public realm and climate portfolio. In this role, she directs initiatives to expand open space, reduce emissions, and protect residents from the impacts of climate change. At the same time, she ensures that the City's infrastructure and foundational services like trash collection and drinking water are strong and reliable. Joshi also is a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board.

Prior to joining the Adams administration, Joshi was nominated by President Biden as administrator of

the U.S.DOT's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which is responsible for regulation of interstate trucking. Previously, Joshi was chair and CEO of the New York Taxi and Limousine Commission, the nation's largest for-hire transportation regulator. Her career in City government includes a stint as inspector general of the Department of Corrections. She investigated corruption at all levels of jail operations. Joshi also was the first deputy executive director of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, where she led probes of civilian allegations into police misconduct.

Meanwhile, her private-sector experience includes serving as general manager of the New York office of Sam Schwartz Transportation Consultants and as a visiting scholar at New York University's Rudin Center for Transportation Policy

Joshi holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. ■

Special Guest Speaker WTS International Chair Bridgette Beato



Bridgette Beato is an accomplished entrepreneur and leader, known for her contributions to the transportation industry. As the Founder and CEO of Lumenor Consulting Group, she has established a reputable firm specializing in various aspects of transportation, such as Program Management/ Project Control, Environmental and Transportation Planning, GIS, and Asset Management. Since its inception in 2007, Lumenor has demonstrated expertise in serving the largest transit and transportation agencies across the United States, as well as Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to her role at Lumenor, Beato has been actively involved in fostering diversity and empowering women in the transportation sector.

Her leadership extends beyond her business ventures to her involvement with organizations like WTS International, where she has served on the Board of Directors since 2018 and held the position of WTS Foundation Board Treasurer from 2020 to 2022. Through these roles, she has advocated for women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs, while also dedicating time to mentorship initiatives.

Beato's impact transcends her professional endeavors; she has contributed her expertise to academia as well. Her role as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University/The National Transit Institute underscores her commitment to knowledge dissemination and educational advancement within the transportation field. Through her authored and delivered courses, she has shared insights and best practices with future industry professionals.

Beato's dedication and excellence have been recognized through various awards and accolades. Notably, she was honored with the 2020 Railway Age Women in Rail Awards, highlighting her leadership within the rail sector. Additionally, her commitment to creating exceptional workplace environments was acknowledged with the 2020 Exceptional

Companies to Work For award. Furthermore, her inclusion in the 100 Women of Influence in Georgia from 2019 to 2024 is a testament to her enduring impact and leadership within the state.

Overall, Bridgette Beato's professional journey is characterized by a steadfast commitment to excellence, advocacy for women, and a passion for advancing the transportation industry. Her multifaceted contributions as a business leader, mentor, educator, and advocate are aimed to inspire others. ■

WTS-GNY Scholarships Committee Co-Chair & Interim Co-Chair



Neda Moini

Neda Moini is a civil engineer in HNTB's New York City office. Moini received her B.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Since then, she has worked on several projects providing civil engineering services and assisting in roadside

design, street reconstruction, drainage, and utility improvements through the development of contract drawings, specifications, and cost estimates. As a native New Yorker, she has always been passionate about building a better city. Moini has been co-chair on the WTS-GNY Scholarships and Recognition Awards Committee since 2020 and is continuously inspired and empowered by the other members and her colleagues in the organization. ■



Uma Lakshman

Uma Lakshman is a roadway designer at Hardesty & Hanover's New York City office. Lakshman graduated from NYU's Tandon School of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Her interests lie in highway and roadway design. She has worked on several notable projects,

such as the Hunts Point Interchange, the Van Wyck Expressway, Terminal 6 at JFK Airport, and most recently, the Cross Bronx Expressway. Lakshman's passions include creating sustainable and equitable infrastructure for all, as she serves as president of the Engineers Without Borders New York Chapter. She has been an active member of the WTS-GNY chapter since 2021, when she first became involved with the Scholarships Committee. Lakshman hopes to pave the road for young women in the transportation sector, as her mentors did for her. ■

WTS-GNY 2024 Scholarship Recipients

HELENE M. OVERLY MEMORIAL/LEONARD BRAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Schayne Fox

Schayne Fox is pursuing her Master's in Urban Planning at Hunter College with a focus in transportation.

She received her

B.S. in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2020. Her most recent research investigates the state of car ownership in New York City, as well as provides a roadmap for NYCDOT to foster a streamlined, equitable approach to reducing vehicle ownership and increasing multimodal options across the five boroughs. She also is working as a senior transportation planner on the MTA's Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign project, utilizing performance indicators, public feedback, current and future land uses, stakeholder input, and equity considerations to modernize Brooklyn's bus network.

Fox has contributed to the Hunter College Graduate Department of Urban Policy and Planning's biannual publication, *Urban Review*, and participated in the MTA's Operations Planning Enrichment & Development Program, a multidisciplinary initiative that provides opportunities to learn about the agency's various operating units and develop proposals to supplement its goals. She has been a

member of WTS since 2022.

"I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. I would like to thank the Women's Transportation Seminar of Greater New York, Evan Bialostozky and Nicholas Bloom, who recommended me, as well as my friends and family for their support."

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP



Eliza Parrinello

Eliza Parrinello is an architectural designer at Hardesty & Hanover (H&H) and is currently pursuing her Master of

Architecture at Boston Architectural College. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Lehigh University in 2019. Parrinello is committed to amplifying women's voices in the transportation industry through open communication and mentorship. She served as a lead architectural mentor for the ACE Mentorship Program from 2019 to 2022 and has participated in H&H's mentorship program, both as a mentee and as a mentor to summer interns.

As an architectural designer, Parrinello has contributed to various transportation projects, including the development of a new commuter rail line in Indiana that connects suburban areas to Chicago. Her work emphasizes accessibility, consistently adhering

to ADA compliance and setting a standard for inclusive design. A new WTS member, Parrinello is eager to continue her professional growth with the Greater New York Chapter.

"I am incredibly honored to receive this award. Thank you for your support in furthering my education, helping me achieve my goals, and enabling me to create a lasting impact on the transportation industry."

MOLITORIS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERGRADUATES



Sreevarshini Karthikeyan

Sreevarshini Karthikeyan is a senior at Cooper Union, majoring in Civil Engineering. This past summer,

she was a structural engineering intern with Stantec, where she worked on the structural design for the rehabilitation and replacement of elevators and related structures throughout the New York City subway system. The past two semesters, Karthikeyan was involved on a collaborative research project with the Cooper Union School of Architecture and Art to produce an interdisciplinary study of public housing spaces. She focused on the impact of flash flooding on the communities residing in these areas. Meanwhile, she serves as the president of the Cooper Union ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) chapter. In this role,

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Karthikeyan plans and hosts networking, social and professional events for students in the department.

“I am incredibly honored to have received this scholarship and to be part of this inspiring community of women. I hope to contribute by applying myself to creating a better world through my knowledge as an engineer.”

SUSAN MISZKOWICZ MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Victoria Maidana is a junior at Columbia University, studying Civil Engineering

with a minor in Mechanical Engineering. She is an international student. Growing up in Paraguay gave her first-hand insight on the importance of accessible and optimized transportation systems. Her interests include pursuing a career at the intersection of structural design and optimization of transportation systems.

During the academic year, Maidana works part time as a lab assistant at the Robert A.W. Carleton Strength of Materials Laboratory. Her tasks include tensile testing on suspension bridge cables, element composition of the steel of these cables, and fatigue testing. Currently, she is a structural engineering intern at CityScape

Engineering in Port Washington, NY, where she works on structural modeling and design, as well as forensic and pre-construction inspection and reporting. On campus, she serves as part of the ASCE Leadership Board and is working in cooperation with the Civil Engineering Department to reestablish the School’s Steel Bridge Team.

“I would like to thank WTS-GNY for allowing me to continue my studies and broaden my connections within the transportation industry. This scholarship will aid me on the path to exploring and growing not only as a member of our community, but also as a person and resource to my peers. I thank every single person involved in giving me this opportunity for seeing and trusting my potential!”

SUSAN L. KUPFERMAN MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Sarah Meena Pineandi is a fourth-year Civil Engineering student at Manhattan College, passionately dedicated

to enhancing the transportation infrastructure in urban environments. As the co-vice president of her school’s Society of Women Engineers (SWE) chapter, she helps to champion women in engineering, supporting initiatives like the “SWE for Scouts,” to inspire young girls

to explore STEM fields. Aside from her SWE leadership role, Pineandi manages social media for the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), promoting opportunities to connect students with environmental professionals. As treasurer and social media manager for the Structural Engineering Association of New York (SEaONY), she boosts participation in key networking events. In summer 2023, Pineandi served as a Mahony Research Scholar and analyzed the “Effect of Climate Change on New York City Drinking Water Reservoirs.” Through this project, she developed a keen insight into the challenges posed by climate change on urban water systems. Currently, Pineandi is working part time at Popli Design Group, where she is involved in designing ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps across historic New York City sites. This project has deepened her understanding of how transportation infrastructure impacts communities, particularly those with disabilities and the elderly. Driven by her realization that transportation is a crucial element in shaping communities, Pineandi’s goal is to apply her knowledge and skills to improve the City’s quality of life to enhance the accessibility and efficiency of its transportation systems.

“I am honored to accept this scholarship and grateful for the support it provides on my journey to continue my education and eventually make meaningful contributions to the field of civil engineering.”

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE/ TECHNICAL/TRADE DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP



Ritika Talwar

Ritika Talwar is a senior at CUNY New York City College of Technology, majoring in Construction Engineering.

Her passion for engineering started when she interned at the School Construction Authority. In 2022, she graduated with an associate's degree in Civil Engineering from LaGuardia Community College. She then served as an intern for the NYC Department of Design and Construction on the Borough-Based Jails Program. Currently, Talwar is an engineering intern at EnTech, where she is working on various geo-structural projects. Her responsibilities include performing borings on site and generating weekly analytical reports by extracting data from an online portal, among other tasks. When she transferred to City Tech to pursue her bachelor's degree, she recognized a void of civil engineering-related clubs. With the help of her Fluid Mechanics professor, Talwar revived the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Club and was elected as president. This is the second consecutive year that she is serving as president. In 2024, Talwar also became an ASCE student ambassador and the SEAoNy student

representative. Additionally, she is a peer leader, helping students navigate college life as well as providing tutoring. Meanwhile, she is involved in the "The Valedictorian Project," where she mentors incoming students to ease their transition to college and life. Talwar hopes to pursue a career in engineering/construction as her dream is to contribute to projects that represent safe spaces for immigrants and women.

"I am deeply honored to have been chosen as a recipient of this esteemed scholarship. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the WTS Scholarship Committee for selecting me, and to my parents who are always pushing me to become my better self!"

TRANSPORTATION YOU HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



Meaghan Sullivan

Meaghan Sullivan is a senior at The Harvey School with aspirations of pursuing a career in Aerospace Engineering. She is a member of her school's robotics program, handwriting over 1,200 pages of Engineering Notebooks in the past two years. During the academic year, Sullivan competes in VEX Robotics competitions nationwide. Alongside her teammates, she has earned two international, four national, two state-level and 12 region-

al awards. Sullivan also is committed to giving back to her community through robotics. For the past two years, she participated in demonstrations at Google NYC for the Prep For Prep student program.

"I am honored to have been selected to receive the Transportation YOU High School Scholarship and am extremely grateful for the support it will provide as I pursue higher education next year."

INFRA TECH S. DAVID ALI MEMORIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Yizhou Wang

Yizhou Wang is pursuing her master's in Regional Planning at Cornell University. She received her bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Design from Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University. With a strong desire to create sustainable and resilient urban environments through data-driven insights, Wang's expertise spans transportation planning, climate resilience and data analytics. Through an internship at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), she explored urban densification; transit policies; the impact of electric vehicles (EVs); and transportation-related carbon emissions. As a research assistant

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in Cornell's Systems Engineering Department, Wang developed algorithms for merging transportation data from various sources, enhancing the accuracy and integrity of complex datasets.

She believes that transportation planning reflects societal values and economic dynamics that shape our physical environments. Her work was presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in 2024, where she examined the disparity between gated and non-gated communities in Guangzhou. At Cornell, she serves as vice president of the International Planning Student Organization (IPSO), organizing events that promote diversity and cultural exchanges. Wang is dedicated to ensuring that future transportation systems and urban planning efforts are both inclusive and sustainable.

"I am incredibly grateful and honored to receive this scholarship. This generous support will enable me to further my commitment to advancing equity in transit and climate resilience through continued learning and application of my skills."

INFRA TECH S. DAVID ALI MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



Yoselin Sarita Sandoval

Yoselin Sarita Sandoval is a senior Construction Engineering Technology student with a concentration in Civil Engineering at the New York City College of Technology. As a transportation construction inspector intern at the NYSDOT, she is participating in the Design-Build Van Wyck Expressway JFK Access expansion project, putting her education into practice and gaining experience in the field of heavy construction and rehabilitation. With her passion for environmental sustainability, accessibility and environmental resource management, she wants to delve into projects involving water infrastructure and public welfare.

Currently, Sandoval is involved in many personal projects, including PlantXchange (PX), a growing LGBTQIA+ NYC-founded, volunteer-led initiative teaching diverse communities about the environment, health and sustainable practices, arts, mental health and more through the practice of horticulture and land stewardship. PX partners with local organizations and small businesses to host free workshops and events. At school, she tutors and facilitates class

recitations for Statics with the guidance of professor and Dean Melanie Villatoro. Sandoval seeks to expand her education; exposure to community policies and rehabilitation; and mental health awareness as well as free and affordable healthcare and health care resources.

"I would like to extend my extreme gratitude to my professors, especially Melanie Villatoro and Ivan L. Guzman, for recognizing my potential and pushing me to develop myself academically and personally. My thanks also go to Luis Aristy for mentoring me at NYSDOT and providing great support and knowledge, and Larry Naraysingh for giving me the opportunity to apply for the WTS-GNY and Infratech scholarships!" ■

“What strategies can the transportation sector implement to mitigate the impacts of climate change?”



Victoria Malaszecki

“In order to begin our journey to reduce climate change, the transportation sector will need to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure and ensure the stations are functional, safe and secure. I also feel that a significant investment in public transit infrastructure is required post pandemic to promote public awareness, utilization, and active lifestyles. Hopefully, as we move in the right direction we can make a difference.”

**Victoria Malaszecki, MBA, PMP,
President and CEO, Envision
Consultants, Ltd.**



Maria Grazia Bruschi

“To bolster resilience and mitigate climate change, we can tap alternative energy sources and use climate-friendly materials in the construction of transportation facilities; use renewable sources to power our vehicles; and rethink how communities are laid out via concepts like Transit-Oriented Development and Smart Growth Policies, which also yield health and quality-of-life benefits. The City continues to expand the bike lane network, creating a safer ride in a region where vehicular traffic is prevalent. New York also is expanding the cargo-bike program, which cuts the number of delivery vans sitting in traffic. NYCDOT’s Blue Highways initiative is exploring creative solutions to move more freight via waterways. Meanwhile, the MTA has committed to replacing its entire bus fleet with zero-emissions vehicles by 2040, with 60 slated for service by the end of 2024, and only electric ones being added in 2029. These programs give me hope for a better future. I can’t wait for Congestion Pricing to become a reality. It will support the City’s long-term strategic plan of carbon neutrality by 2050, including an interim goal of a 40 percent reduction by 2030.”

**Maria Grazia Bruschi, PE, Env SP,
Program Director, Parsons**



Mary K. Murphy

“The key to introducing new strategies in the transportation sector to help mitigate the impacts of climate change will come down to one word: INNOVATION. The EPA estimates that transportation accounts for about 30 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. That will require big changes from an industry that isn’t always quick to adapt to new ways of doing things. The future of driving, whether it be for personal use, transit, or goods movement, needs to shift more rapidly toward the adoption of autonomous and alternate fuel technologies. Additionally, investment in both electric flight and sustainable aviation fuels is required to address the effect that flying has on climate change. At the same time, the design and construction industry must decarbonize construction materials, as well as seek opportunities to incorporate green technology into such areas as roadway and bridge design. Through efforts like the NYC Partnership’s Transit Tech Lab and the PANY&NJ’s Innovation Hub and Net Zero Road Map, we are making progress and fostering a culture in our industry that embraces change and innovation.”

**Mary K. Murphy, Director,
Planning and Regional
Development, Port Authority
NY & NJ ■**

2024 Events Recap

WTS-GNY's programs aim to uphold its mission to attract, sustain, connect and advance women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.

JANUARY

JANUARY 31: 44th Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner (Keynote Speaker Tiffany-Ann Taylor Vice President for Transportation, Regional Plan Association)

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 8: 2024 Membership Appreciation Event

MARCH

MARCH 27: Careers in Transportation Panel

MARCH 28: Women's History Month, Center for Women's History Guided Tour

APRIL

APRIL 3: Fireside Chat with PANY&NJ Executive Director Rick Cotton

APRIL 16: Transportation YOU Financial Literacy Workshop

APRIL 18: Young Professionals – 14th Street Station ADA Tour and Happy Hour

MAY

MAY 2: Membership Champions Event

MAY 14: Subway Art Presentation with MTA Arts & Design Deputy Director Cheryl Hageman

MAY 16: Scholarship Information Session

MAY 17: Springtime Tea

MAY 21: WTS-GNY 2024 Open House

JUNE

JUNE 5: SBA Series: Part I How SBA Can Help Your Business

JUNE 26: SBA Series: Part II Grants for R&D: SBIR and STTR

JUNE 27: Maritime Spring Dinner "Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime"

JULY

JULY 24: SBA Series: Part III Government Contracting Series I: Doing Business with the Federal Government

JULY 25: WTS-GNY Transportation Technical Tour – MTA Facility

AUGUST

AUGUST 21: Young Professionals: Brooklyn Cyclones Game Networking Event

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 16: Young Professionals Life After Graduation Panel

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1: WMSDBE Fall Expo

OCTOBER 8: WTS/YPT/APA Transportation Trivia

OCTOBER 9: SBA Series: Selling to the Global Market – Resources and Assistance

OCTOBER 21: Annual Gala

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 21: Fall Dinner

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 11: Holiday Party

DECEMBER TBA: Young Professionals Holiday Party

Galas from Past Years

2023 GALA



From left: MTA Chairman and CEO Janno Lieber, Woman of the Year Catherine Sheridan, MTA Bridges & Tunnels, WTS-GNY Board Member Desiree Gazzo (HNTB) and WTS-GNY President Carla Artis (Stantec)



From left: Emily Gallo (HNTB); Dana Hecht (MTA NYCT); Rena Barta (Parsons)



From left: Malinda Foy, MTA Bridges & Tunnels, and Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi



Woman of the Year Catherine Sheridan (center), Minely DeCoo, deputy Director of Infrastructure for New York Governor Kathy Hochul, NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Senior Vice President of the Capital Program Division Kathryn Prybylski, WTS-GNY President Carla Artis (Stantec), WTS-GNY Vice President Ece Koch (AECOM), WTS-GNY Board Member Desiree Gazzo (HNTB), WTS-GNY Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Danielle Selzer (AECOM) and Neda Moini (HNTB) with the scholarship winners



From left: Kim Haas (Haas Media) and Adrienne Kanter (Arch Street Communications)



From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Colker (Parsons) and Debbie Chin (Siemens); Special Events Committee Members Daniella Bernett and Linda Travis (Travis Enterprises); WTS-GNY Board Member Desiree Gazzo (HNTB); Special Events Committee Member Kelly Lovallo (HNTB)

2022 GALA



From left: WTS-GNY President Carla Artis (Stantec), Woman of the Year Meera Joshi, FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez and WTS-GNY Vice President Ece Koch (AECOM)



From left: Mark Zuckerman (The Century Foundation); U.S.DOT Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg; Woman of the Year Meera Joshi; Emily Gallo (HNTB)



Woman of the Year Meera Joshi (center) and WTS-GNY Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs Danielle Selzer and Neda Moini with the scholarship winners



From left: MTA Chairman Janno Lieber and Tom Prendergast (AECOM)



From left: Wynton Habersham (HNTB); MTA Board Member Andrew Albert; Veronique Hakim (HNTB); FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez; FTA Deputy Administrator Veronica Vanterpool; MTA Board Member Midori Valdivia; Kala Wight (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration)



From left: Laura Eng (WSP); Hadia Sheerazi (Columbia University Climate School); WTS-GNY Board Member Desiree Gazzo (HNTB); Daniella Bernett (STV); Sarah Colker (Parsons); Debbie Chin (Parsons); Megan Yu (MTA C&D); and Danielle Chu (LIRR)

2021 GALA



From left: WTS-GNY President Keri Cibelli and Woman of the Year Marie Therese Dominguez.



From left: Emily Gallo (HNTB); Marcia Shapiro (Marine Tiger Technologies); Adrienne Kantor (Stokes Creative Group).



Woman of the Year Marie Therese Dominguez and Linda Lubey, NYSDOT Region 2 director with the scholarship winners.



From left: Polina Knaster (American Geotechnical & Environmental Services); Maxine Hill (VHB); Sofia Berger (WSP); Indhira Figuereo (WSP); Jerry Jannetti (WSP).



The WTS-GNY Special Events Committee. From left: Kaylee Moon (Sam Schwartz Engineering); Alexandra Aiello (MTA Bridges & Tunnels); Desiree Gazzo (HNTB); Daniella Burnett (STV); Sarah Colker (Parsons); Ella McLeod; Julie Polak (Sam Schwartz Engineering); Linda Travis (Charter Oak Financial).



Woman of the Year Marie Therese Dominguez and Linda Lubey, NYSDOT Region 2 director (center) with NYSDOT employees.

2020 GALA



Woman of the Year Clarelle DeGraffe with her family.

NYCDOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg was a guest speaker.

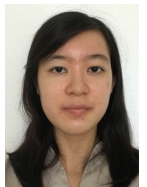


Sally Librera, vice president, Strategic Planning and Client Support at HNTB, introduced the Woman of the Year.

WTS-GNY President Keri Cibelli was Master of Ceremonies for the event.



Cheryl McKissack Daniel, president and CEO of McKissack & McKissack, introduced the scholarship winners.



2020 Scholarship Winners. From left: Diana Ramirez-Rios, Srushti Rath*, Sofia Duran, Odette Dominguez, Helena Oiwa.

* Thank you to Infra Tech Engineering for providing this scholarship in memory of their founder, S. David Ali.

2019 GALA



From left: WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi (HNTB) and Woman of the Year Denise Berger.

From left: WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi (HNTB); Woman of the Year Denise Berger; Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Executive Director Rick Cotton; and Zoë Davidson, general counsel at Milstein Properties.



From left: WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi (HNTB) and Zoë Davidson, general counsel at Milstein Properties, with the WTS Scholarship winners.



From left: WTS-GNY Director-At-Large Portia Henry, LaTisha Smith, Rochelle Joyner and Earlyne Alexander, all of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

From left: MTA Chief Development Officer Janno Lieber and Chris Boylan, General Contractors Association.



From left: WTS-GNY Special Events Committee Co-Chairs Sarah Colker (Parsons) and Desiree Gazzo (HNTB), and Pratima Poplai, (Parsons).

2018 GALA



WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi (HNTB) and Woman of the Year Catherine Rinaldi.



From left: WTS-GNY President Alexa Gangemi (HNTB); MTA Managing Director Veronique Hakim; Woman of the Year Catherine Rinaldi; Lysa Scully, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.



The WTS-GNY Special Events Committee, from left: Jane Huang (Jacobs); Fiona Robe (New York City Transit); Sarah Colker (Parsons); Chair Desiree Gazzo (HNTB); Pamela Daley (MTA); WTS-GNY Board Member Beth Zall (WSP); Daniella Bernett (STV); Julie Polak (Sam Schwartz); Christyn Binder (B. Thayer); Gabriela Kappes (WSP); and Aviva Laurenti (Sam Schwartz).



MTA Managing Director Veronique Hakim (far left) and Woman of the Year Catherine Rinaldi (center) with the Scholarship recipients.



Woman of the Year Catherine Rinaldi and the employees of MTA Metro-North Railroad.



NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti was a special guest host.

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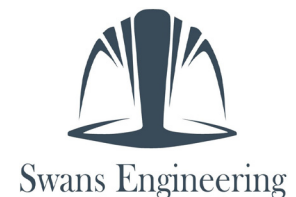
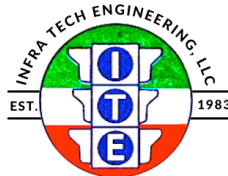
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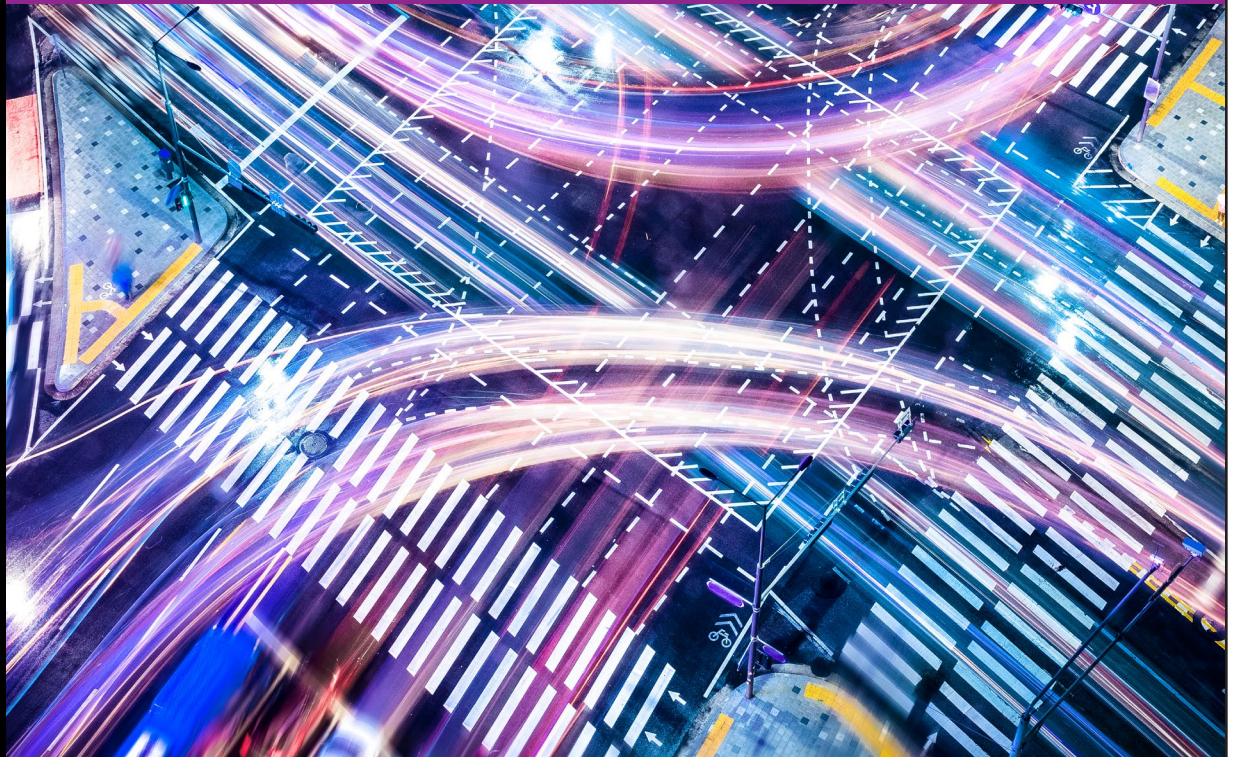
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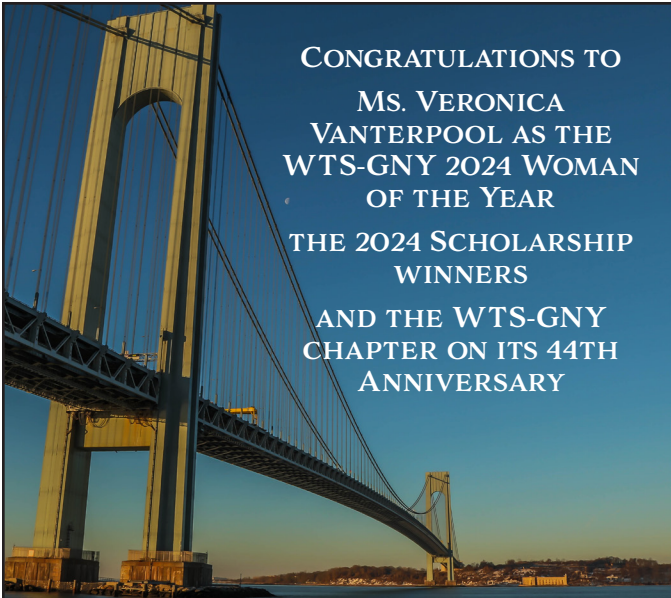


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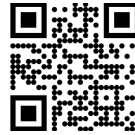
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