

Upcoming Events

May 18 - Advisory Board Meeting

May 20-22 - WTS International Annual
Conference - Chicago, Illinois

August 13 - WTS Summer Social &
Mentor Program Kick off

September 24 - Leadership Roundtable

October 8 - WTS Transportation Mini-Series

WTS Connecticut Chapter's Vision:

Offer a WTS chapter that provides exceptional benefits to its members in the areas of professional development, career support, mentorship, and student outreach; offers leadership, educational, and networking opportunities; advances women in the transportation industry; and strives to function in an environmentally sustainable manner, with integrity and a commitment to diversity.



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WTS Connecticut Chapter

ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

April 16th, 2015

The Gallery

Glastonbury



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Program

Honored Guest

Michael A. Sanders-Transit Administrator CTDOT
Introduced by: Kimberly Dunham, GNHTD

2014 AWARD WINNERS

WTS Connecticut Scholarships

Elizabeth Furman
Kelly Bertolaccini

Presented by: Lauren DiGovanni, Michael Baker Jr.
Shivani Mahajan, AECOM

Mentorship Program Graduation

Presented by: Shawna Bartkus, H.W. Lochner

Employer of the Year Award

HAKS Engineers
Presented by: Scott Hill, CTDOT

Member of the Year Award

Catherine Young
Connecticut Airport Authority/Groton-New London Airport
Presented by: Dep. Commissioner Anna Barry

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award

Lynn Warzecha
CTDOT Diversity Committee Chair
Presented by: Catherine Young, CAA

Innovative Project Solutions Award

Accelerated Bridge Construction-I-84 Southington
CTDOT & Steere Engineering
Presented by: Amy Jackson-Grove, FHWA

Woman of the Year Award

Donna Shea
UConn-Connecticut Transportation Institute
Technology Transfer Center
Presented by: Cheryl Malerba, CTDOT

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Honored Guest

Michael Sanders is Administrator of the Office of Transit and Ridesharing for the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Program Administrator for the recently opened CTfastrak. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and has represented the state on a number of task forces and committees involving transit issues and concerns.

2014 Scholarship Winners:

Sharon D. Banks Memorial Scholarship Winner:

Elizabeth Furman is a senior at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT studying Civil Engineering. Elizabeth wishes to pursue a graduate degree in Civil Engineering, with a specialty in railroad engineering using sustainable or green energy.

Helene M. Overly Memorial Scholarship Winner:

Kelly Bertolaccini earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering and English at the University of Connecticut. She is currently finishing her doctoral research on incorporating social equity into transit network design and expects to complete her Ph.D. in July.

Mentor & Mentee Teams:

Anna Barry (CTDOT) & Shawna Kitzman (FHI)
Sandra Dumas (HAKS) & Stacy Graham-Hunt (FHI)
Kim Dunham (GNHTD) & Jennifer Scolamiero (CME)
Sandy Fry (CRCOG) & Jessica Peruti (HAKS)
Amy Jackson Grove (FHWA) & Alicia Leite (CTDOT)

WTS Connecticut is celebrating our successful performance by receiving Silver Status in 2015 WTS Chapter Circle of Excellence Awards



2014 AWARD WINNERS

Woman of the Year

Donna Shea is the Program Director of the Connecticut Technology Transfer Center at the University of Connecticut. The primary responsibility of the center is the transfer of knowledge and best practice to over 3,000 municipal transportation employees each year. Prior to joining the University of Connecticut, Donna was the Program Manager for the Tuck Executive Education Program at Dartmouth College.

Member of the Year

Catherine Young was the Manager of the Groton-New London Airport (formerly with CTDOT, now with the Connecticut Airport Authority-CAA) for 18 years. She recently became the new Business Developer for CAA's five general aviation airports. She is on the Advisory Board of WTS CT Chapter and a member of the Groton Economic Development Commission. Before coming to CT, Catherine worked with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership

Lynn Warzecha is the EEO/DBE Coordinator for CTDOT Office of Construction in District 2. She was one of the first members in the Code of Fair Practices Review Committee. This eventually led to her current responsibilities as Chair of the Diversity Council which promotes diversity, inclusion and multi-cultural awareness within CTDOT.

Employer of the Year

HAKS Engineers is a full-service consulting firm with over 14 offices along the East Coast. They have been involved with bridge and sign inspection, construction management and material testing in Connecticut for the past decade. They have been corporate sponsors of the CT Chapter of WTS for many years and continue to support the recruitment, development and advancement of women in the transportation industry.

2014 AWARD WINNERS

Innovative Project Solutions Award

Accelerated Bridge Construction—I-84 Southington is not CTDOT first Accelerated Bridge Construction Project, but is the largest and most extensive project of this kind in CT. Over the course of a weekend in June 2014, two bridges carrying I-84 over Marion Avenue in Southington were replaced via Self-Propelled Modular Transport Units. The scope of the project and the project location required extensive planning, public outreach and multiple vested partners. From CTDOT, Mary Baker, PE with the Consultant Bridge Liaison Group and Terri Thompson with the Office of Construction played vital roles in making this project a success. Steere Engineering, a structural and civil engineering DBE/WBE firm founded in 2010 by Patricia Steere, PE, provided technical support.

