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Airport Chief of Staff Receives Woman of the Year Award
Women's Transportation Seminar bestows honor on PHL official

PHILADELPHIA – The Women's Transportation Seminar Philadelphia Chapter has named Philadelphia International Airport Chief of Staff Christine Derenick-Lopez the recipient of its 2011 Woman of the Year Award. Derenick-Lopez was officially recognized at the organization's annual Awards Dinner on December 14th.

Founded in 1977, Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is an international organization dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation. The organization has about 4,100 members - both men and women – and is focused on helping women find opportunity and recognition in the transportation industry through its professional activities, networking opportunities, and access to industry and government leaders.

The Woman of the Year Award is given annually to “a leader in transportation who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation industry.” In a congratulatory letter to Derenick-Lopez, Annemarie Byrnes, President, WTS Philadelphia Chapter, noted that “you have directly contributed toward the advancement of women and minorities through programs and opportunities in the transportation field. Through your career achievements and support of women in the industry, you have advanced the reputation and credibility of women in aviation.”

Byrnes singled out the Chief of Staff's “support of professional growth for females in aviation by offering consultation and sponsorship” of the Airport's professional development series “S.T.A.R.S” for administrative support staff and “L.E.A.D.S.” for managers and supervisors. Prior to being named Chief of Staff in 2010, Derenick-Lopez had been the Airport's Human Resources Manager since arriving at PHL in December 2003.

“I want to thank the Women's Transportation Seminar for recognizing Christine Derenick-Lopez with this prestigious and well-deserved honor,” said Airport CEO Mark Gale. “Christine has demonstrated a commitment to the WTS goals and vision, and the Airport is proud to have a champion of the organization's ideals as its Chief of Staff.”

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The WTS also named Philadelphia International Airport “Employer of the Year.”

The Employer of the Year Award is given annually to “an organization that has enhanced the transportation industry through its commitment to excellence and its quality in services or products.” Byrnes noted in a congratulatory letter to Gale that the Airport “has been a steadfast support of the WTS Philadelphia. In 2011, seven staffers from PHL joined WTS. The Airport happily attends the chapter’s events and key members of management have participated in our monthly programs.”



Megan Syrnick, WTS Corresponding Secretary presents "Women of the Year" award to Christine Derenick-Lopez, Chief of Staff, Philadelphia International Airport

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