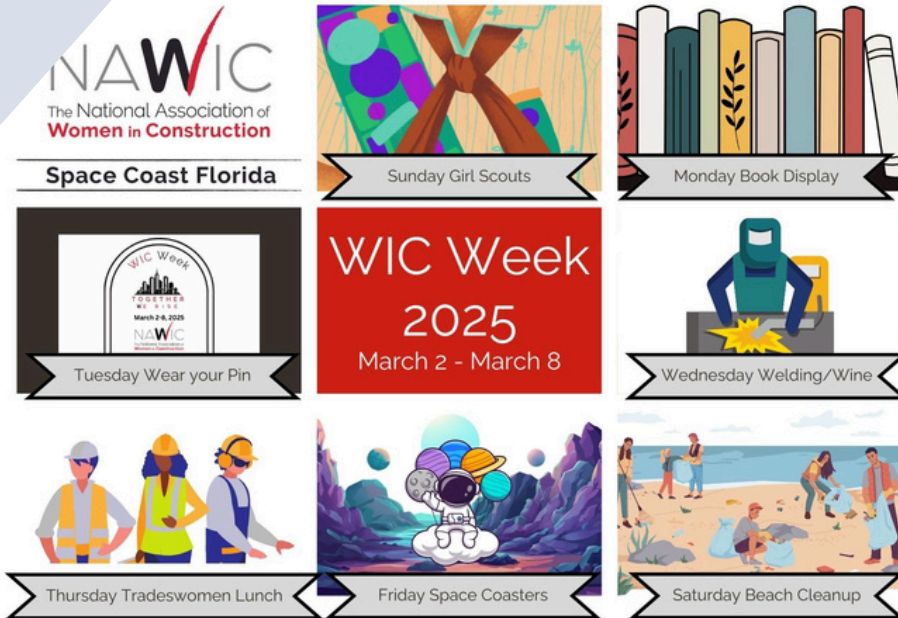




THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355



**PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT CHANGE IN DATES: MARCH 3-9
DUE TO THE GIRLS SCOUT TROUP'S D SCHEDULE, WE ARE
HOLDING THE EVENT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9.
FOLLOW THIS [LINK](#) TO THE UPDATED SCHEDULE**

Welcome New Members

COURTNEY ALTMAN – STATEWIDE MATERIALS
MEGAN REYNOLDS – DANELLA
JACQUELINE WILLIAMS – SUNBELT RENTALS

Welcome Our New Secretary

ELLIE LUCAS OF IVEY'S CONSTRUCTION



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BIRTHDAYS

- Joni Bohne (03/06)
- Bethaney M. Anderson (03/12)
- Samantha Reinneck (03/17)
- Tara Leith (03/23)
- Jamie Hogrefe (03/25)

ANNIVERSERIES

- Valerie Fontaine (10 years)
- Sarah Thrush (1 year)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JAMIE HOGREFE

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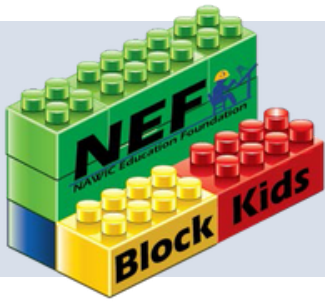
Company: Wharton-Smith, Inc.
Position: Assistant Project Manager
Brief Description: Assist in overall project performance, estimating, scheduling, safety, owner satisfaction, and quality control
Professional accomplishments: Director on NAWIC Board
Strengths: Will go above and beyond to get the job done no matter what it is
Hobbies: Reading, traveling to new places, spending time with family
Interesting Fact: Can perform hot tap and line stoppage on pipes up to 72"
WIC Member Since: 2024

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March Board Meeting is on the 20th at 6 pm at Margarita Island in Viera.

GOT NEWS?

email Klaudia to get your story in the next newsletter



The event was a huge success! The students thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience, from the building process to the creative problem-solving and seeing their ideas come to life. It was an engaging and rewarding experience that truly sparked their enthusiasm!



SPACE COAST CONSTRUCTION CAREER CAMP AT VIERA HIGH



**APPLY
HERE
BY 3/15**

Our location is confirmed at Viera High for the Construction Career Camp for the week of June 16th. This hands-on experience is designed for 8th, 9th, and 10th-grade girls interested in exploring construction skills. We're assembling volunteers, and Brevard Public Schools has generously waived all volunteer fees. To sign up, start your registration online: [Volunteer Registration](#) and complete it at the School Board Security Office (2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, M-F, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM). More details can be found [here](#).

Thanks to our collaboration with BPS Career & Technical Education, campers will receive free transportation, meals, and facility use at no cost.

If you'd like to join the planning committee, please reach out to Kate Howick—we're excited to bring this event to life! 🚧👷

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Are you a female student pursuing a career in a construction-related field of study such as but not limited to, construction management, project management, engineering, architecture, or interior design? We believe in investing in your future. Don't miss this opportunity to shape your career. Apply today!

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Full-time female student (12 credit hours or more)
- ✓ Student must be a Brevard resident
- ✓ Student must be a U.S. Citizen
- ✓ Student must submit an essay (more information on the website below)

APPLY TODAY

[HTTPS://BREVARDSCHOOLSFOUNDATION.AWARDSPRING.COM](https://brevardschoolsfoundation.awardspring.com)

Scholarship money is available for high school students through Brevard Schools Foundation. See **Donna** and **Klaudia** for more details.



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Tri-Region Forum
May 7-9, 2025
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590 W. Peachtree St. NW,
Atlanta, GA 30308

Information & Registration

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**DESIGN A HARD HAT STICKER
PROMOTING NAWIC!**

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT SPRING FORUM

NAWIC
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Women in Construction
Southeast Region

Cash prize
\$100

Email entries to
kate.howick@gmail.com

All Entries Due April 1, 2025

CAREER FAIR CALENDAR

- 3/26 - Cocoa High (9:00-1:00)
- 4/4 - Astronaut High (8:30 - 2:00)



Career Fair at Bayside High School
February 12

Attendees: Kate Howick & Jen Yoli

The event had a fantastic turnout, allowing us to engage with a large number of students from Bayside High School, Palm Bay High School, and Heritage High School.

It was a great opportunity to connect with future talent and discuss potential career paths with students.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS

We have 3 excellent candidates for Southeast Region Director and will be sharing information on each in the upcoming newsletters, Meet Adriana Perez out of Greater Palm Beach Chapter



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TO THRIVE**

ADRIANA PEREZ
FOR SE REGION DIRECTOR

NAWIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN BOSTON, MA



SAVE THE DATE

NAWIC's 70th Annual Conference

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BOSTON, MA

Aug. 20-23, 2025
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

3/6 Bluebeam in Construction [REGISTER HERE](#) During this meeting participants will explore real-world applications & best practices while using Bluebeam.

3/11: Construction Industry Technician (CIT) Certification Free Study Group Begins
Southeast Region PD&E Committee hosting 4 weeks of virtual study classes in prep for the CIT Certification Exam [REGISTER HERE](#)



Director, Jen Yoli of WastePro was appointed as an Ambassador to Space Coast Home Builders & Contractor Association

Megan Golinowksi, Hensel Phelps recently got engaged and we wish her well in all of the planning

Kate Howick, Danella, had the unique opportunity to speak to MIHS students through Junior Achievement GLOW program

Our next Membership Meeting is on April 3rd at 6 pm at Pizza Gallery in Viera.



March Safety Challenge

Watch [this](#) video to learn more about ladder safety.

March is National Ladder Safety Month! 🚧 ⚠️

Did you know that falls are the leading cause of death in the construction industry and one of OSHA's Focus Four hazards? Stay safe by following these ladder safety tips:

- ✓ Read all labels before using the ladder.
 - ✓ Maintain three points of contact when climbing up or down.
 - ✓ Avoid using the top step/rung unless specifically designed for it.
 - ✓ Ensure extension ladder locks are fully engaged.
 - ✓ Never exceed the maximum load capacity.
 - ✓ Set the ladder on a stable, level surface before use.
 - ✓ Inspect the ladder for damage before each use.
 - ✓ Consider a "Ladders Last" policy—evaluate other safer options (e.g., extended-reach tools, scaffolding, MEWPs) before using a ladder.
- Stay safe, stay informed, and always think before you climb! 🚧

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