October 2007: Viridiana “Viry” Martino, an undergraduate student of the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the University of Southern California, wins the Ava Doner Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship of the Los Angeles Chapter of WTS, an organization dedicated to creating new opportunities and advancing women’s careers in transportation. In Fall ’07, Viry transferred to USC from Southwestern Community College in Chula Vista, CA and is a junior in the Civil Engineering Construction track’s Progressive Degree Program, which can lead to a Masters in Construction Engineering and Management.

She is vice president of the USC Student Chapter of Construction Management Association of America, and is the Philanthropy Chair with the Association of General Contractors of America Student Chapter. She is also heavily involved with the Honduras Water Project of Engineers Without Borders.

Before transferring to USC, Viry interned with Caltrans in San Diego. Since then, she has worked at the Southern California Earthquake Center as a student assistant and translator in the Office of Education, Communication and Outreach; and interned with Turner Construction at an LAUSD high school project. She is currently an intern with Bovis Lend Lease at the Summit on Sixth project in Koreatown, Los Angeles.

For more information about WTS and the Ava Doner Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, please visit www.wtsinternational.org/la

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