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# WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

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## Project Management Training - Bulletin

25 County employees recently completed the WiT|LA Project Management Professional (PMP) training series, developed by Auditor-Controller Systems Analyst, CISA / PMP / LEAN SIX SIGMA-certified instructor Rachel Schmeidler and Board of Supervisors PMP-certified Project Manager, Shane Putharickal. The 11-hour class series, focused on best practices, tools, and resources tailored to project management delivery in the government sector. The course emphasized the foundations to successfully pass the Project Management Institute's (PMI) PMP exam.

This no-cost course provided 11 PMP PDU and CISA CPE credits for students who completed the series. The session also featured project managers from Qualtrics, Accenture, Koru Strategies, Blue Shield of California, and LA County, who joined to share about their professional journeys.

*"This course is an invaluable tool to help government project managers work more efficiently. Project managers must develop strong skills to ensure that government projects are completed on time and within budget."*

**- Trevon Smith, DPSS**

We are proud to announce that one of our students has already passed the PMP exam since the completion of this course. 33% of students are registered to take the PMP exam. Project management is an important component within an organization to ensure a common and clear vision and strongly defined strategic goals for a project.

The Project Management for Government course will be offered again next year, so please keep an eye out for registration information.



# EMPOWHER GALA

On Oct 7, 2021, a few of the WiT|LA team spent the evening at the EmpowHer 6th Annual PATHMAKER Awards Gala, honoring Supervisor Holly Mitchell; Founder of EmpowHer, Betty Lamar; Civil Rights Activist and Labor Leader, Dolores Huerta and ESPN Sports Commentator, Shelley Smith. These women were honored for their contributions to their community, and for being Fearless, Resilient, and Unstoppable leaders. Join WiT|LA at [www.wit.lacounty.gov](http://www.wit.lacounty.gov) and help to provide greater pathways for young women!

## ACTIVITIES

### CURRENTLY ONGOING

#### DATA SCIENCE WORKSHOP/LABS

More than 120 individuals have registered for the workshop and we were introduced to cloud computing platforms, and how advanced data engineering and analytical tools can provide insight for government operations.

On October 6th, we launched our first hands-on lab session for participants to run AI+ML analysis in real cloud computing platform using Google Qwiklab. We plan to deliver two more sessions based on interests! **Email** us at [wit@auditor.lacounty.gov](mailto:wit@auditor.lacounty.gov) to sign up.



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### UPCOMING

#### MENTORSHIP - Jan 15, 2022

WiT|LA is sponsoring an upcoming Mentoring Series, free of charge, for LA County employees to support women and men in technology roles. You will learn how to seek Mentorship for Self, or offer Mentorship to others. Please join us to hear this insightful dialogue with our distinguished panel of speakers from LA County employees and other private and public sector participants.

#### LAC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Apr 2022

Next year's conference theme, WE RISE, celebrates the journey overcoming life's hurdles and our growth as individuals and as a community, lifting each other up to reach our greatest potential. For more information, visit <http://www.lacountywomensleadership.org>.