EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



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Andres Juarez

Mechanic I



5 Years Service Award

I'm excited to congratulate Andres Juarez on reaching his 5-year service milestone!

Andres has been a reliable, skilled, and positive presence on our team since day one. His mechanical skills have grown so much over the years and have been a huge part of keeping our fleet running safely and smoothly.

He's come a long way—from starting as an apprentice to now being right on the edge of becoming a Mechanic II. Whenever a new challenge comes up, you can see how genuinely excited he gets to tackle it.

We really appreciate everything Andres has done over the past five years and are looking forward to many more great years together at Gold Coast Transit.

Thank You, Andres, for Your Service!



Omar Espinosa

Bus Operator

5 Years Service Award



Omar Espinosa is celebrating five years of dedicated service, and we're proud to recognize his hard work, positive attitude, and creativity. When asked what he enjoys most about working at GCTD, Omar shared how grateful he is for the opportunity to be part of the team. "I love the people, the environment, and the chance to learn and grow. Even though I'm a bit quiet, I enjoy interacting with customers, being out in the city, and the fact that no day is ever the same."

Omar's strong work ethic and dedication are deeply rooted in his family's history. His grandfather came to the U.S. in the 1970s through the Bracero Program and even walked alongside César Chávez. He worked hard to build a life and a future for his family — a legacy that continues to inspire Omar every day. "My grandpa went through so much to establish something here. He's my role model," Omar says.

Now a father himself, Omar is raising a 10-year-old daughter and doing everything he can to give her the same strength and foundation his grandfather gave their family. "Even when times are tough, I do it for her and for my family. I hope to follow in his footsteps."

Outside of work, Omar enjoys drawing and art. His talent has earned him first place in several company contests, including pumpkin carving and designing a t-shirt. He also enjoys hunting for unique finds and collecting random treasures in his free time.

Thank You, Omar, for Your Service!



Rene Lozano

Bus Operator



15 Years Service Award

We're proud to recognize Rene Lozano for 15 years of dedicated service at GCTD. Born in Ventura County and raised in Santa Paula, Rene takes pride in helping passengers — answering their questions, listening to concerns, and making sure they get to their destination safely and comfortably.

Outside of work, Rene and his family love to travel. One of their favorite traditions is visiting different baseball stadiums across the country and going on cruises together.

Thank you, Rene, for your commitment, professionalism, and the care you bring to our riders every day.

Thank You, Rene, for Your Service!



Adrian Rico Gutierrez

Bus Operator



15 Years Service Award

Please join us in celebrating Adrian Rico-Gutierrez for 15 years of outstanding service at GCTD! Adrian is known for his positive attitude and strong commitment to customer service. He enjoys working with the public and values the relationships he's built with both his coworkers and passengers over the years.

When he's not at work, Adrian enjoys flying his 2-foot remote-controlled airplane — a hobby that lets him unwind and have some fun.

Adrian, thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and the heart you bring to your work every day!

Thank You, Adrian, for Your Service!



Lupe Juarez

Bus Operator



45 Years Service Award

We are honored to celebrate Lupe Juarez for an extraordinary 45 years of commitment and service. Throughout her remarkable career, Lupe has been a cornerstone of our team, consistently demonstrating dedication, reliability, and a positive spirit.

Her decades of experience have not only contributed to the success of our organization but have also inspired countless coworkers and set a high standard for excellence.

Lupe's loyalty and hard work are deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for everything she has done and continues to do.

Thank you, Lupe, for your unparalleled service and for being such a vital part of our community.

Thank You, Lupe, for Your Service!