

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

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Eric Almaguer

Bus Operator

10 Years Service Award

Congratulations on 10 years of providing steady, safe, and accident-free transportation. Eric is one of three family members who serve our community. While Eric follows in his father's footsteps, he also leads the pathway for his younger brother. Eric's expertise behind the wheel and commitment to excellence make a real difference in our community every day. Eric says, "I am thankful for the opportunity to work here."



Thank You, Eric, for Your Service!



Manuel Matu

Bus Operator

10 Years Service Award

Also known as Fernando, Manuel exemplifies professionalism, turning routine commutes into positive experiences. His dedication goes beyond just "driving"—it's about caring for the community, being patient, and ensuring every rider feels comfortable.



Thank You, Manuel, for Your Service!



Christian Avendano

Bus Operator

10 Years Service Award

Not only are we celebrating Christian's 10 years of service, but this moment also represents his 10-year accident-free milestone. Christian's commitment ensures passengers reach their destinations safe and secure. Christian embodies true professionalism and reliability that strengthen our local transit network.



Thank You, Christian, for Your Service!



Ronilo Santiago

Bus Operator

10 Years Service Award

Despite the challenges of the road, Ronnie is known for maintaining a cheerful, friendly demeanor. Ronnie greets passengers with a smile and brings a warm, welcoming energy to every ride. With 10 years of service and a consistently positive attitude, Ronnie is "a backbone of the community" and a true hero on wheels.



Thank You, Ronilo, for Your Service!



Vincent Vela

Bus Operator

20 Years Service Award

Two decades of dedication and hard work is truly inspiring—thank you, Vincent, for everything you bring to the team! Vince shared, “I’ve been blessed to be part of this great company. I have learned to be patient, meet a lot of great people, and grow as a person. “Thank you God, and thank you Gold Coast Transit.”



Thank You, Vincent, for Your Service!



Cynthia Torres Duque

Director of Planning & Marketing

15 Years Service Award



We are proud to recognize **Cynthia Torres Duque, Director of Planning and Marketing** for 15 years of service to GCTD. Throughout her tenure, she has been an advocate for our riders, consistently championing improvements to the customer experience and ensuring our services and our District's image continually improves to a high standard.

Cynthia grew up in Oxnard, as the youngest of 9 siblings, her family utilized public transit often, giving her first hand experience in the importance of quality transit service.

Over the years, Cynthia's willingness to step into new and complex projects, with optimism and insight, have made a lasting impact on our agency. Most recently, her leadership in guiding her team through extensive outreach including Fare Adjustments and the Short Range Transit Plan exemplifies her commitment to inclusive planning, combining data with meaningful public input to address community transit needs.

Thank You, Cynthia, for Your Service!