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Celebrating Excellence in the Workplace 2018

Our greatest asset at Metro is you – the Metro Family. That is why I am pleased to announce, in this dedicated issue of Every Voice Counts, this year's nominees for the 3rd Annual Excellence in the Workplace Awards taking place Friday, February 2, at the historic Orpheum Theatre.

The selection committee was a labor and management partnership. This 20 member committee worked cohesively while reviewing over 55 nominations. After careful review the committee determined the employee or team that best demonstrated a commitment to excellence in service in support in their respective category.

Nominees were submitted by their colleagues and are considered to have closely followed Metro's vision of excellence in service and support in one of the following five categories: Customer Service, Innovation, Safety, Spirit and Teamwork. Continued below in this issue is the complete list of awards and nominees, additional event information, as well as an introduction to our special guest speaker.



Customer Service

The Customer Service award recognizes the employee or team that best exemplifies Metro's commitment to exceptional service to internal and external customers. This year's nominees for the Customer Service award are:

- Helen Brandon
- CMF UFS Shop, ECT Crew and Revenue Equip Maintenance Team
- Joshua Cuevas
- Raul Gonzalez
- James Jimenez
- Richard Johnson
- Javier Nicolas
- Mark Poinsettia
- Rail Quality Assurance Team
- Lily Ortiz
- Rick Wurtelle

Innovation

The Innovation award recognizes the individual or team that best exemplifies ingenuity and risk-taking that resulted in improved services or cost-savings. Their creativity, forward thinking and technological ability significantly improved productivity or customer service at Metro. This year's nominees for the Innovation award are:

- Paul Alleyne
- Shelby Anderson
- Stephanie Burke, Marion Jane Colston, Patrice McElroy & Sharyne Ng, Bernadette Mindiola, Michele Moore & Ana Vallianatos
- Frank Ching
- Carolina Coppolo

- Bus Wifi Solution Team
- Stephen Rank and Daniel Heredia
- Sonja Jones
- Richard Lozano
- Nemat Rabizadeh
- Carlos Rodriguez
- Rodrigo Rodriguez
- Mario Reza
- Andre Shamalian
- Greg Garza and Arnold Wong



Safety

The Safety award recognizes an individual or team that has demonstrated outstanding and consistent safety practices. The individual or team identified and remedied safety problems, performed a safety sensitive job safely and/or improved the workplace to embrace the wellbeing of the workforce. This year's nominees for the Safety award are:

- Daljit Bawa
- James Brown
- Todd Halvorson
- Gary Jolly
- Jonathan Rodriguez
- Juan Ruvalcaba
- George Shaw
- Waldermar Arana, Edward Garcia, Yarish Shikman and David Uroza



Spirit

The Spirit award recognizes the individual or team that best demonstrates their commitment to contributing to their community with efforts that will encourage exceptional service and support. Their efforts impact and add value to the community as well as demonstrate how Metro's values go beyond the workplace. This year's nominees for the Spirit award are:

- Michael Ashford
- Matthew Dake
- Sgt. Leslie Gary
- Sal Hernandez
- John Jung
- Yezid Rubio
- Waldermar Arana, Edward Garcia, Yarish Shikman and David Uroza

Teamwork

The Teamwork award is given to a team composed of members from across the organization that effectively created a culture of collaboration, mutual respect, open communication and performance to achieve measurable results. This year's nominees for the Teamwork award are:

- William Brown
- Marion Jane Colston and Tai Alimi
- Nicholas Saponara, Nicole Velasquez and Eddie Zepeda
- Stephanie Davis
- Michael Chen, Wilson Chu, Craig Clifton, Linda Hill, Dale Lanz, Keith Nielson and Raymond Wilson
- Labor Negotiations Team
- Jacob Lieb and Katie Lemmon
- Obed Mejia
- Dagoberto Perez
- Mario Reza
- Joanna Ricci

- Carlos Rasura-Anaya, Ricardo Miranda, Robert Ponce, Paul Kakazu, Jose Caceras, Alma Albarran, and Martin Perez
- Rodrigo Rodriguez
- Waldermar Arana, Edward Garcia, Yarish Shikman and David Uroza
- Cassandra Webb
- Gerry Alvarez, Wells Lawson, Tim Lindholm, Kenyon Price, Nick Saponara, Paul Whang and Eddie Zepeda

Additionally, the CEO's Award, Division of the Year Award and Wheel Chair Securement Award will be presented at the event. Congratulations to all the nominees and thank you to everyone who submitted names and teams for award considerations.

The winners of each category will be announced at the Excellence in the Workplace awards ceremony on Friday, February 2 at the historic Orpheum Theatre in downtown Los Angeles. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Arrive early for light breakfast items and entertainment by our talented in-house Metro Band. I encourage you to come and show your support as we celebrate excellence in the work place.



Introducing our Guest Speaker

Yolanda Favors, Esq., TSSP, is a Contracts and Regulatory Compliance Attorney with SNC-Lavalin. Ms. Favors has decades of experience managing negotiations between transit agencies, state safety oversight agencies and the Federal Transit Administration to help close out projects within scope, schedule and budget. She is a graduate of Georgetown Law and Leadership APTA.



Procurement Postings

There are no procurement postings for the week ending January 13, 2018.

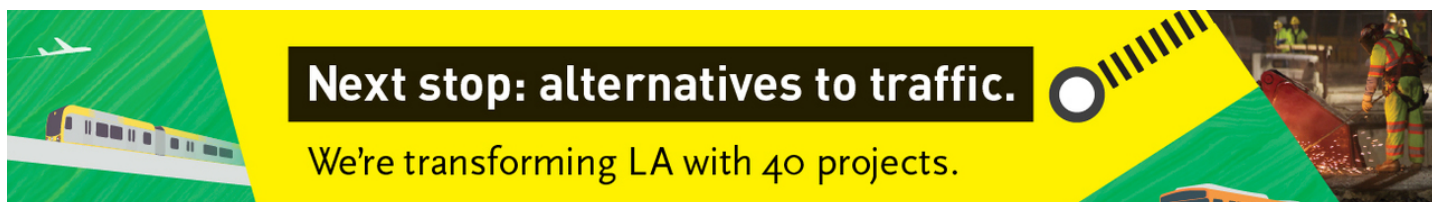
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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

- Will Durant

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