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National School Transportation Association  
Announces 2017 Industry Award Winners

Indianapolis, Indiana - The National School Transportation Association presented annual industry awards honoring those who have achieved a level of excellence from all facets of the industry at NSTA’s Awards Dinner held on Tuesday, July 18 as part of NSTA’s Annual Meeting and Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"The National School Transportation Association is delighted to honor this year’s recipients for the dedication and commitment made by each to the school transportation industry," stated NSTA President Todd Monteferrario.

The 2017 National School Transportation Association awards and the recipients of each included:

The Golden Merit Award recognizes excellence in the industry in service, safety and community responsibility. This year's recipients include:

Lydell Banks, New Orleans, Louisiana, First Student  
Darlene Davis, Olathe, Kansas, First Student  
Keith Harms, Great Lakes Region, Michigan, Petermann Bus  
Sandra Higgins, Alliston, Ontario Landmark Student Transportation  
Emma Hussey, Windsor, Ontario, First Student  
Alma Lawrence, Irvine, California, Durham School Services  
Scott Parker, Chicago, Illinois, First Student  
Esther Sanford, Lansing, Michigan, Dean Transportation  
Russ Stratton, Cuba City, Wisconsin, Stratton Buses Inc.

The Outstanding Driver Service award is given to school bus drivers who have demonstrated exemplary safety performance and a commitment to excellence. This year's recipient is Manuel Vasquez of First Student in Phoenix, Arizona.

NSTA’s Green School Bus Fleet Certification Program recognizes NSTA members for their efforts in working toward a cleaner environment. This award has been reviewed and is endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean School Bus USA Program. The certification levels to be bestowed are Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze depending on the level of fleet reduction in particulate matter. This year's award winners include:
Platinum

First Student
Council Rock, Pennsylvania

Gold

First Student
Bozeman, Montana
Lewisville, Texas
Portland, Oregon
Ogden, Utah
Olathe, Kansas
Orono, Minnesota
Waukesha, Wisconsin

Landmark/Sinton
Vaughn, Ontario

National Express LLC
Durham School Services, Casa Grande, Arizona
Durham School Services, Rosemead, California
Durham School Services, Waterbury, Connecticut

Silver Level

Dousman Transport Co.
North Lake, Wisconsin

First Student
Avalon, California
McMinnville, Oregon
Providence, Rhode Island
Palm Springs, California
Springfield, Massachusetts
St. Andrews, California
West Valley, California

Hendrickson Bus
Bayville, New York

Huntington Coach
Harbor Yard, New York

Landmark/Sinton
Alliston, Ontario
Mid Columbia Bus Co.
Rainer, Oregon

**Bronze Level**

**First Student**
Santa Ana, California
Seattle, Washington

**Huntington Coach**
Fifth Avenue, New York
Northport, New York

**National Express LLC**
Durham School Services, Racine, Wisconsin

The Hall of Fame Award recognizes excellence in long-term efforts on behalf of pupil transportation. This year's recipient is **Kyle Martin** of the TransPar Group of Companies in Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

The Meritorious Service Award was established to recognize individuals who have displayed unparalleled vision, support, and leadership toward improving pupil transportation safety, the promotion of NSTA and the school bus industry. This year NSTA is honoring two such individuals: **Barry Stock** of Landmark Student Transportation in Aurora, Ontario and **Ronna Weber** of the National School Transportation Association in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Contractor of the Year Award is presented to a contractor who has demonstrated an outstanding ability in improving the operations and management of their companies. This contractor has made significant contributions to promote contracting at the national or state level. This year’s award recipient was **John Corrado** of Suffolk Transportation Service in Bayshore, New York. The Contractor of the Year Award is presented by *School Bus Fleet Magazine*.

**About NSTA:**
The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for over 50 years. The association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide.

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