

JUNE 2025



NEWS FROM THE VALLEY

THE **VALLEY BUS** NEWSLETTER

NEW HIRES

BRETTANY SOLBERG PARA **THOMAS ALBOL** PARA **HUDSON WEEKS** PARA
HEATHER GRIMMY PARA **ISABELLE KIMBALL** PARA **LYNN JOHNSON** DRIVER
ASHLEY LEE PARA **& more to come!**

INTRODUCTION

As another school year rolls to a close, we at Valley Bus are taking a moment to reflect, recognize, and celebrate the dedicated individuals who go the extra mile—literally and figuratively—for our students and communities.

In this issue, we're proud to highlight the winners of our End of the Year Awards across all Valley Bus locations: Grand Forks, Fargo, West Fargo, and our exceptional SPED Department. These team members have set the standard in reliability, compassion, professionalism, and positivity—and their hard work hasn't gone unnoticed.

From perfect attendance to outstanding rookies, from long-time service champions to drivers and paras of the year, these individuals embody what Valley Bus is all about: safe, dependable transportation and a heart for the communities we serve.

Join us in celebrating their accomplishments—and thank you to everyone who made this year a success. Here's to a summer of rest, recognition, and getting ready for the road ahead.

-Danny M

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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THE NEXT THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

FARGO

Ask your supervisor for details about summer hours if you have questions!

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**GRAND
FORKS**

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2024-2025 AWARDS CEREMONIES



Each year, our Awards Ceremonies offer a chance to pause and appreciate the people who bring heart, humor, and hustle to our Valley Bus family.

From Grand Forks to West Fargo and every route in between, our team members show up for students, coworkers, and communities—often in ways that go unseen. These award recipients stood out for their commitment, kindness, and excellence in action.

We extend heartfelt congratulations to all our 2024-2025 winners, and we thank every member of our Valley Bus crew for another successful year on the road. You keep us moving—and we're proud to celebrate you.

Grand Forks Awards

- Driver of the Year: Bryant Galeana Benitez
- Para of the Year: Chelsie Wilson
- Employee of the Year: Kristina Vacura
- Rookie of the Year: Jacob Doyea
- Perfect Attendance: Sean MacKenzie & Jacob Doyea
- Fruit Lady Award: Daria Harbacheck
- GFPS Driver Since 1991: John Koppy

Fargo / West Fargo Awards

- WF Driver of the Year: John "Boots" Johnson
- Fargo Driver of the Year: Roger Trulson
- SPED Driver of the Year: Heidi Hauger
- Para of the Year: Ahmed Shallal
- Rookies of the Year: Julie Tweten & Dominiq Holmgren
- Employee of the Year: Jordan Shaw

