

Arlington Bus Driver Named Dutchess County Bus Driver of the Year



On Wednesday, May 1, County Executive Marc Molinaro and William Johnson, the Dutchess Traffic Safety Board Director, recognized Arlington bus driver Janice Tito (center) as the 2019 Dutchess County Bus Driver of the Year.

When nominating Janice Tito as the Dutchess County Bus Driver of the Year, Transportation Director Daniel McNamara wrote, “Janice is one of our most senior drivers. She is reliable and always going out of her way to make sure transportation for our students is safe, clean, and on time. She is well respected by her peers, building administration, and loved by the students. She takes on any challenge presented to her and is consistently successful. I am honored to nominate her for this award.”

Janice works out of the Arlington Garage outside of Arthur S. May School. She has been driving an Arlington school bus for 25 years and has been accident free throughout her tenure with the district.

In his letter of support for Janice’s nomination, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brendan Lyons wrote, “I have known Janice for over 20 years as a colleague in the Arlington Central School District. During this time, I have worked with Janice in many capacities, including coach, teacher, assistant principal, principal and superintendent. Regardless of the many roles that I have played, Janice has always been an excellent bus driver and colleague.

Janice's qualities as a person are what make her an outstanding bus driver. She is confident, friendly, down-to-earth, and loves kids. I first got to know her when she would drive me and my JV Girls to away basketball games. As a young teacher and coach, she was always kind and helpful in getting us where we needed to go, but also in showing interest and enthusiasm in her interactions with the girls and me.

Although Janice is not an outspoken individual, she is one of the behind the scenes heroes of Arlington. On any given day, she can be asked to cover any number of routes with different age groups and vehicles, and she takes on these assignments without hesitation.... Over her 25 years with Arlington, Janice’s operating record has been without blemish and she continues to drive every day with the confidence and expertise of a veteran employee.”

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