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## GRTC Earns Multiple Honors at State Roadeo

*Best Overall Property, Best Operator Team, Best Maintenance Team*

**RICHMOND, Va. (March 25, 2019)** – GRTC hosted, and earned multiple honors during, Virginia's Annual State Roadeo this weekend, an operator and mechanic competition with skilled course and obstacle tests showcasing safety, efficiency and professionalism.

This is the second year in a row GRTC earned the most points from both competing operators and mechanics to win "Best Overall Property" in Virginia. The coveted traveling trophy will stay another year at GRTC Headquarters proudly on display.

Additionally, GRTC's operator and mechanic teams each placed first in the team competition. GRTC's mechanic team will compete next at the [International Roadeo in May](#) in Louisville, KY. Individually, GRTC Operator Alvin Wattlely placed second in the 40 FT bus competition.



GRTC's Interim CEO Charlie Mitchell says, "We are proud to have welcomed guests from other transit systems across the Commonwealth here at GRTC Headquarters this weekend. This was our first time hosting the State Roadeo in our new facility, and we know guests enjoyed GRTC hospitality while celebrating achievements in safety and skill."

GRTC Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Adams, who presented awards Sunday night, says, "I am so proud of our competitors who, once again, brought the traveling trophy back home to GRTC. Our employees who helped organize and host the event this weekend also deserve our thanks for their tremendous efforts, and we appreciate the volunteers who assisted with judging the competition."





Operator Alvin Wattley accepts the award for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 40 FT bus competition.



GRTC's Mark Carter accepts the traveling trophy for "Best Overall Property."



Top Mechanic Team John "Clem" Clements, Doug Bauserman and Fred "Ty" McCormick during the competition.

GRTC wishes our mechanic team of Clem, Doug and Ty the best as they compete at the International Rodeo in May!

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