

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT A TRUCK DRIVER?

CANDIDATE #1

RENARD BROOKS

Renard Brooks stands out of the crowd in multiple areas as a human being. Renard Brooks on multiple occasions for us at Celadon has went out of his way to help coach up newer drivers on with us as he sees them at customers, truck stops, or terminals at no financial benefit to him. Renard Brooks has also been known to come in and personally thank his dispatcher and planning staff here at Celadon for providing him with the loads and revenue necessary to keep his Owner Operator business running profitably as well. Renard Brooks's level of professionalism, safety, and passion for this industry make him a great candidate for this award. I wish that we at Celadon and in the industry as a whole had more partners on the road with the drive, passion, and loyalty as Renard Brooks does. I personally have learned a lot from Renard Brooks over the years working with him at (a different company) and now Celadon, and will continue to value our relationship for years to come!

Submitted by: Bradley Hackett, Celadon Trucking

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BILL FRANTZ

Bill Frantz is a great example of a safe and professional truck driver. He has worked at Metzger & Son Trucking Co., Inc. since 1994 and has had over one million accident free miles. He is courteous, safe, and professional while on the road. Our company recently recognized Bill Frantz for his excellent work history and safe driving by presenting him with a crystal trophy commemorating his achievement. He takes pride in his truck and has won the yearly award for "clean truck" every year we have had this award! We are proud that he represents our company and helps further our motto of "Excellence In Transportation".

Submitted by Cara Roe, Metzger & Son Trucking Co., Inc.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT A TRUCK DRIVER? **CANDIDATE #3**

Jeffrey Hoevener II

We at Wischmeier Transport, Inc. would like to nominate Jeffrey Hoevener II for the driver of the year. His sheer dedication to our company, and to the safety of him, and of so many others on the road is impeccable. He not only is out there to make a living for his wife and two children he is out there to help other drivers achieve greatness for their families as well. This all around driver who is at the young age of almost 32 shows a lot of greatness and dedication. He not only drives, but also helps work on the farm. Jeff is a great mentor with helping other young drivers in getting their CDL's and teaching in detail how to complete an inspection on both the tractor and trailer. He is always up for a challenge, while others know him for his smooth operation while using an excavator; one even mentioned "He could even scrape icing off of a cake without damaging the cake." His talents and driving skills of operating any machinery is what makes him an all-around driver and so well liked on the road. He is the go to guy when other drivers need directions and is always there to answer the phone to help others out. He is the true spirit of what we at Wischmeier Transport, Inc. are looking for in our drivers. He exceeds our expectations in safety, with no accidents; he is the type of driver that ensures all of us to have a future in trucking.

Submitted by Lesli Stevens, Wischmeier Transport, Inc.

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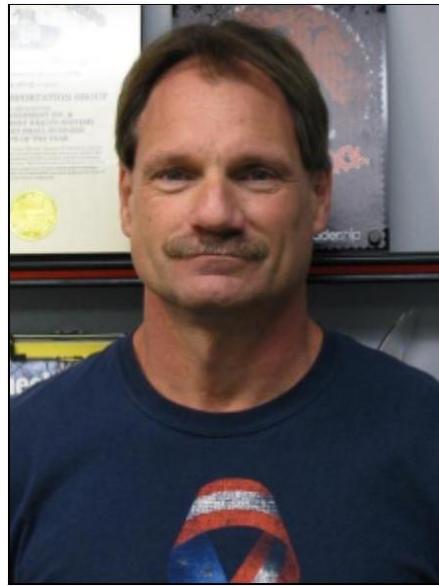


Greg McNicholas

Although Greg is fairly new to the trucking industry, he has a great passion for what he does on a daily basis. He is a very considerate, kind and hard-working CMV driver who always puts safety first. Greg treats others, fellow drivers and facility/customer staff, as he wants to be treated and strives to be the employee that he would want to have if he were an employer. Greg is very diligent in making certain that his equipment is in safe working condition, that he keeps himself safe by wearing proper PPE and follows each step loading and unloading to ensure that everyone around him stays safe. That's what is so special about a truck driver.

Submitted by Kathy McNicholas, Grammer Industries, Inc.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT A TRUCK DRIVER? CANDIDATE #5



Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson is an amazing truck driver from Muncie, Indiana. He enjoys being out on the road and takes pride in maintaining a great attitude. He would help any driver in need. Robert has been a truck driver for ten years. He has never been in an accident and strives to maintain his safety record! Way to Go Robert!

Submitted by Mackenzie Melton, Garner Trucking

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William Mannix

My Truck Driver is every part of the word special.
S~Safety' s a must! 1.5 million safe miles can't be wrong
P~Paying homage to an industry that keeps America strong
E~Everyday working away from his home
C~Checks that take care of his family while he has to be gone
I~Inspiring his children to work hard and succeed
A~Allowing them college educations so they can become degreed
L~Loving his family more than anything else
...A hard occupation, but a special one, yes.

Submitted by Kim Mannix, Wal-Mart

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Mike White

Mike White is our 2016 ATA Nat'l Grand Champion with 40 years experience, competing since 1991 with 6 National visit and 1 Grand Title. He has over 2 mil. plus safe driving miles exp. under his belt. Mike has been the front runner of the Indiana Share the Road Program for schools and communities for over 20 years. He organizes and oversees high school driver education classes during summer vacation where students spend time learning highway safety tips about large trucks as well as providing specific life saving instructions on sharing the Road. He also takes his truck to local fairs in the community as well, to reach hundreds of more people each year. This helps to change driving behavior, and thus saves lives. In Mikes spare time, he has volunteered as a firefighter for the past 39 yrs. He is a U.S. Marine Corps Vet., father and grandfather. He serves not only his country, but his fellow man when called. Mike is currently working down in the southern states to help out with relief efforts needed for hurricane Harvey. I believe Mike deserves this award this year.

Submitted by Rebecca Reiser, Wal-Mart

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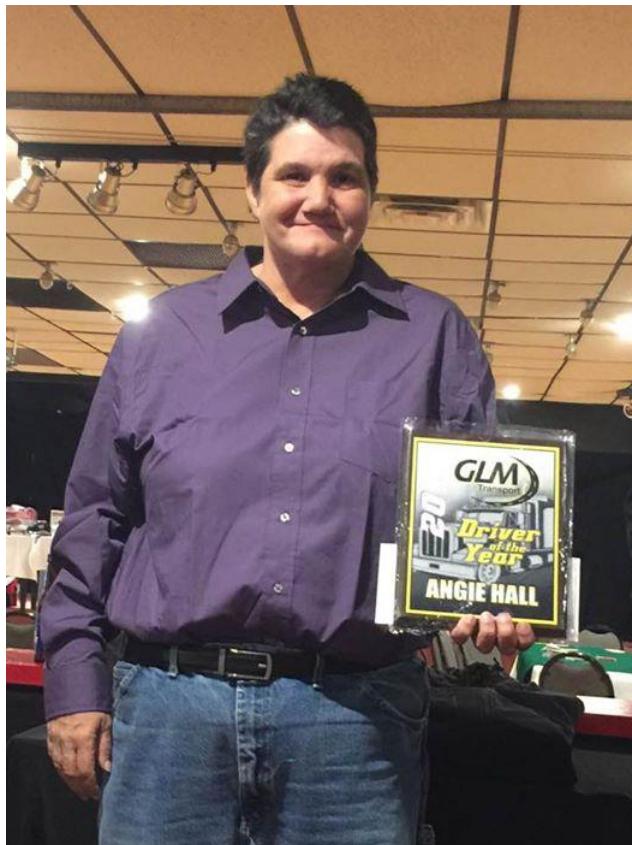
Charles Hopkins

Charles "Charlie" Hopkins is a veteran driver with 23 years of service driving for Carter Express. He started as a trainee and completed our training program in 1994. He has driven a total of 2,671,013 safe miles for Carter Express. He is very proud of his safety record, as are we. We recognize safe drivers by entering them in a Harley Davidson raffle each quarter; Charlie currently holds the highest amount of entries possible, as his name was entered in the drawing 52 times last quarter. He actually won our Harley drawing in September 2016. Charlie was recently recognized for his safe driving when he was asked to be a guest on "The Driver Success Podcast." Charlie had written an article on LinkedIn called "Life in the Slow Lane" that discussed moving to the slow lane, relaxing and arriving to your destination safely. The podcast read it and wanted to interview him. Charlie served in the United States Marine Corps from 1981-1984 and he displays the same discipline in his service to Carter Express. He is diligent about starting his routes on time and being a dependable driver for our customers. He maintains a positive attitude about the company and the trucking industry and is currently a Carter PRIDE Driver Committee Member and a Driver Mentor for our new drivers. In his spare time, Charlie can be found riding his bicycle around town and his mountain bike through various trails in the area. No matter if he is driving 18 wheels or just 2, he takes being safe very seriously.

Submitted by Shonda Claborn, Carter Express, Inc.

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Angle Hall

The trucking industry needs more women like Angie Hall. Angie has been with GLM since 2014 and continually been a top performer for our company. Angie has been driving for over 20 years. In 2016 and 2017 she has had no violations in all her safety inspections. In 2015 she was awarded Safe Driver of the Year and 2016 Driver of the year.

She never fails to do her pre-trip inspections and is always keeping in touch with her dispatcher and safety department. Angie is a person that is always putting a smile on your face and always has a story to tell. She leads the GLM Transport Driver Rewards program, to award safe driving with over 4000 points.

We love having her as a member of our GLM team and think that she greatly deserves to be the winner of the "What's so special about a Truck Driver?" contest.

Submitted by Sherrie Stewart

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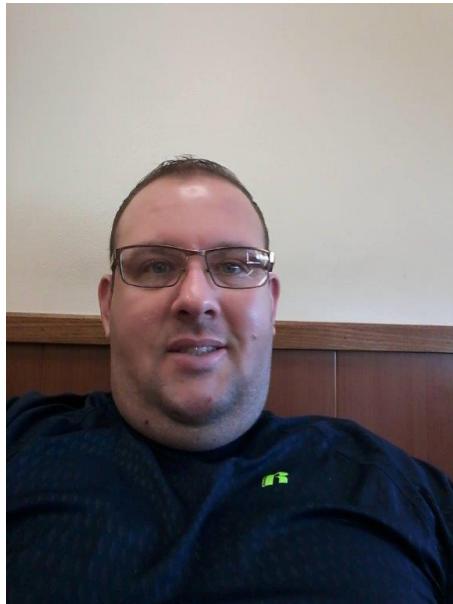
Alan Heath

Alan Heath is as about as special as they come. Not only does he have nearly 48 years of safe driving experience, earning him a Master Truck Driver award, he is also one of the most selfless individuals I have ever met! Alan always wants to help, whether it be in hurricane relief or his local community. (27 years volunteer firefighter, 15 years EMT volunteer, elder at his church, etc.) He is always the first to step up and give his time and resources to help out in any cause big or small. As an example of his selflessness I will share a story. We have a Saturday rotation schedule for the drivers at our company. One of our drivers up to work had a family emergency and was unable to work. Alan, as always, quickly offered his help to cover his co-worker for his scheduled day. Not only did Alan do this, he also asked us to pay his co-worker for the day, not him. While we couldn't oblige, Alan took it upon himself to pay his co-worker himself from his own pocket. Its people like this man we need more of. If I could aspire to be like anyone I know, it would be him. Calling him special only begins to describe what a remarkable individual he truly is.

Submitted by Garrett Knollman, Transmark

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CANDIDATE #11



Mark Schlumpf

Mark reached out to our recruiting group 08/15/16 from a homeless shelter in Evansville, IN. He was on his own and had nothing to his name. Being a former soldier in the United States Army, we felt a level of patriotic and civic duty to help this young man out and get him back on his feet. In a little over a year, Mark has made a tremendous transformation within the Bestway Family. He is very professional and a safe driver for our fleet. We provided him with housing and even made exceptions within his work week to help him sort out some personal issues. After a little over a year since reaching out to us, Mark now has his own residence and transportation that Bestway has assisted with him getting. He is very happy with Bestway Express and has earned each and every safety bonus monthly since arriving. He enjoys watching the NFL and his team the Saints! Mark shows his company pride and his commitment to safety and perfection with everything he has done since coming on. We have all been blessed to watch him mature and become whole again. There were some rough patches along the way, but we stood behind him and helped in every way we could. In return, Mark has embraced his place here among the elite in safety and performance. We are very lucky to have him.

Submitted by Rusty Dowty, Bestway Express, Inc.

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CANDIDATE #12



Jordan Fuller

It is with great pleasure that I provide you this outstanding truck driver nomination for Jordan Fuller. Mr. Fuller joined Monarch Beverage/EF Transit in 2012 as a driver helper. Within six months with the company, he was promoted to a driver and received his CDL Class A. Mr. Fuller quickly became a top driving employee and added the responsibility of being our corporate driver trainer. He conducts all of our onsite CDL training for new hires, including pre/post trip inspection training, skills tests training, on-road driving, and all other aspects of being a CDL Class A driver while performing driver duties himself. In addition to his civil position with Monarch, Fuller is an active member of the Army National Guard, manages 119 howitzer and is in charge of physical readiness for his unit.

Fuller is a model employee in every aspect of the job, from safe driving, to training new employees, to a positive role model, and an advocate for military employees entering the workforce. He has a strong work ethic, is not afraid to get his hands dirty, and completes every task asked of him without a complaint. He lives our company mission and, perhaps most importantly, he is focused on the health and safety of not only himself, but also his fellow drivers.

Each day, Fuller inspires his teammates through his own precautions actions. Then, he reinforces the dangers of irresponsible driving and the impact of making even a small mistake. His own driving technique follows the Smith System Keys for safe driving. Fuller is disciplined and pays great attention to detail which helps him catch potential safety hazards prior to an accident occurring.

His continued drive, hard work, and enthusiasm toward the driving profession has raised the bar for our company and industry and make him the perfect candidate for this award.

Submitted by Terry Williamson, Monarch Beverage/EF Transit