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Operators place at DART Bus Roadeo, advance to state competition

Four operators took top honors in today's DART Bus Roadeo at Southridge Mall, advancing to state finals on Saturday, June 13, in Des Moines.

DART operators competed in a timed driving contest called a roadeo, in which they navigate the large buses through a tightly configured obstacle course of road cones. Those who hit the fewest cones, while finishing on time, score the most points. The top two finishers from each class advance to state finals. Today's winners include:

Fixed route (35-foot bus)

1st Place: Cesar Chavez
2nd Place: Abay Mengistu
3rd Place: Dasarath Khanal

Paratransit (25-foot bus)

1st Place: Kurt Mackel-Wiederanders
2nd Place: Ivan Thompson
3rd Place: Wayne Payeur

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and onTime Transit app are now available at www.ridedart.com.

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