



Meet the Nominees

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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Arminda K. Damara has 25 years of federal service spanning three agencies: Department of Homeland Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Department of Transportation—the first agency includes traveling the country as a civilian to train military personnel on a new, web-based pay system and public speaking engagements with the United States Coast Guard Chiefs Academy, the second agency involved training the VA National Call Center for our nation’s Veterans, speaking to an auditorium filled with 500 people, and creating over 100 job aids for colleagues, the third agency includes being the genesis of national in-service trainings for Program Analysts. She has been awarded two FMCSA Administrator Annual Awards (2017 and 2024). Arminda participated in the Partnership for Public Service / Preparing to Lead Program, where she delivered a graduating speech and completed the Key Executive Leadership Programs / Aspiring Leader Program. Arminda is a graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. In her personal time, Arminda is a certified yoga instructor, board member of the Saturday Night Literary Club with esteemed professionals in the local region, social organizer for multiple community groups, founded a thriving local dining group, loves the sport of orienteering, and plays in the Prairie Winds Flute Choir for regional music performances. She is actively working to become a professional public speaker to help men, women, and children work through adverse human life experiences and become empowered individuals.