



# In the Spotlight

*Highlighting Exceptional Employees*

## Akalema Pherribo

**Transit Operator**

Akalema Pherribo has worked Chapel Hill Transit for five years. He enjoys driving the buses, especially the 60-foot-long articulated buses. He is also a driver for the EZ Rider service, where he patiently assists disabled riders. He enjoys interacting with riders and providing excellent customer service. He has a willingness to help the riding public to safely meet their transportation needs. His motto and daily living experience is "Treat people the way you want to be treated."

He enjoys his job so much, he even had his license plate personalized as "Bus Driver."

Akalema serves on several committees for the Town, including the Employee Forum, the Transportation Employees Forum, and the transportation run cut/scheduling committee.

As a first time contestant in the Regional and State Bus/Van Rodeo in 2009, he entered both van competitions and won first place in both events.

Akalema grew up in Hillsborough, the fifth of eight children.

Akalema has a love for digital photography and shares his beautiful pictures and colorful sayings with his co-workers. He can be seen

walking for wellness around Millhouse Road.

His other hobbies include watching *National Geographic*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Wild Kingdom*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Escape to Chimp Eden*, and more.

He also enjoys traveling, refinishing antique furniture, lawn manicuring and landscape work and biking, and he is thinking of adding roller blading. He loves eating delicious foods of all types!

### **Philosophies:**

Work at keeping a positive attitude and encourage others to do the same.

### **Value in the Spotlight**

## Respect

trustworthy • open • defender of individual rights • customer-focused • sensitive • civil • decent



Melanie Miller photo

Always treat others as you wish to be treated and whatever your work is, always strive to do your best!

### **Senior Management Team Values**

In November 2007, the Town's Senior Management Team adopted the following set of values to guide their behavior and decisions. These values are Ethics, Social Equity, Professionalism, Respect, Innovation



and Teamwork. It is the intent of the Town Manager and the Senior Management Team to strengthen the organization with a commonly held set of values that drive our mission and objectives.