

NRMCA's National Mixer Driver Championship was held September 29 to October 1, 2018 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in Metro Washington, DC in conjunction with ConcreteWorks.

Out of 75,000 concrete delivery professionals in the United States, only 86 competed in the national competition. This was an extremely close competition. These are the "best of the best". The challenge consisted of scores collected from a driving challenge course, visual vehicle inspection, reaction-time test, delivery ticket station and a 2-hour written examination.

The spirit of Texas was definitely there! We were represented very well with 12 drivers (14%). I was very fortunate to be at the starting line to greet each professional driver and see the look of pride and competitive spirit in their eyes.

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating our Texas team members:

Garth Ayling – Lattimore Materials, McKinney  
Cory Ball – Martin Marietta, Spicewood  
Paul Benavidez – BURNCO Texas LLC, Justin  
Ignacio Caceres – Redi-Mix, Wylie  
Juan Diaz – Knife River, Bridge City  
William Givens – Campbell Concrete & Materials, Cleveland  
Robert Guerra – Argos USA, Irving  
Marvin Lopez – Redi-Mix Concrete, Denton  
Jose Navarro – Campbell Concrete, Spring  
Jose Rincon – Lattimore Materials, Prosper  
Vincent Stanish – Argos USA, Prosper  
Tim White – Argos USA, Fort Worth

An awards dinner was held on September 30th to honor the professionals and their families. The winner of this year's competition went to Thomas Comeau with Cemex in Marana, AZ. Special medals were given out to distinguish those with outstanding performance in various stages of the competition. Many from our Texas team received special medals.

I want to especially thank our members who sent their professional drivers to the event and vendors who were present. This is the dream of a lifetime for them. In addition, thanks to the leadership who was there to support all the participants and the truck manufacturers for their sponsorship.

I look forward to next year's event! If you aren't participating, please do! Get involved! Let's "Build with Strength".

Sincerely,

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