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**LINCOLN, NE — The Nebraska School Activities Association is proud to recognize Terry Tillman of Scottsbluff Public Schools as this week's Above and Beyond Award nominee.** With 25 years of dedicated service to the Bearcat community and a lifetime of commitment to students across western Nebraska, Terry exemplifies what it means to serve with pride, passion, and heart.



Terry has been the trusted face behind the wheel of the MCI Charter bus for Scottsbluff since 2000, safely transporting students and coaches across thousands of miles. From icy roads and long nights to overnight road trips and tough weather, Terry has seen it all—and handled it all—with calm, confidence, and care. His mechanical know-how with diesel engines has made him an irreplaceable asset on the road, often serving as both driver and emergency mechanic when needed.

But Terry's service extends far beyond the steering wheel. Over the years, he has driven for several schools in the region—including Bayard, McGrew, Highland, and Gering—but his heart has always remained with the Bearcats. After finishing a long day behind the wheel, it's not uncommon to find Terry still supporting the team—taking stats, working the sideline, or cheering from the bench. His support is steady, humble, and always student-centered.

Terry is also a familiar face at the West Nebraska All-Star Games, where he and his wife Tammy are longtime volunteers. Together, they take stats, work

the scoreboard and official book, and ensure the events run smoothly year after year. Their dedication is appreciated by student-athletes and coaches from across the region.

Known for his unmatched work ethic, safety-first mindset, and ever-present smile, Terry has earned the respect of generations of Bearcat students and staff. Students light up when they find out “Mr. Tillman is our driver today,” knowing they are not only in good hands, but also accompanied by someone who genuinely cares.

Whether it's helping with equipment, mentoring a student on the sidelines, or ensuring a safe ride home after a tough game, Terry consistently shows up—not for recognition, but because he knows it matters. His quiet leadership, dedication, and unwavering presence have made him more than just a driver—he's a guardian, a mentor, and a cherished member of the Bearcat family.

Terry Tillman truly goes Above and Beyond—every single mile of the way.

**The NSAA's Above and Beyond Program is designed to recognize the hidden gems of communities across Nebraska. [Click here to nominate someone today!](#)**