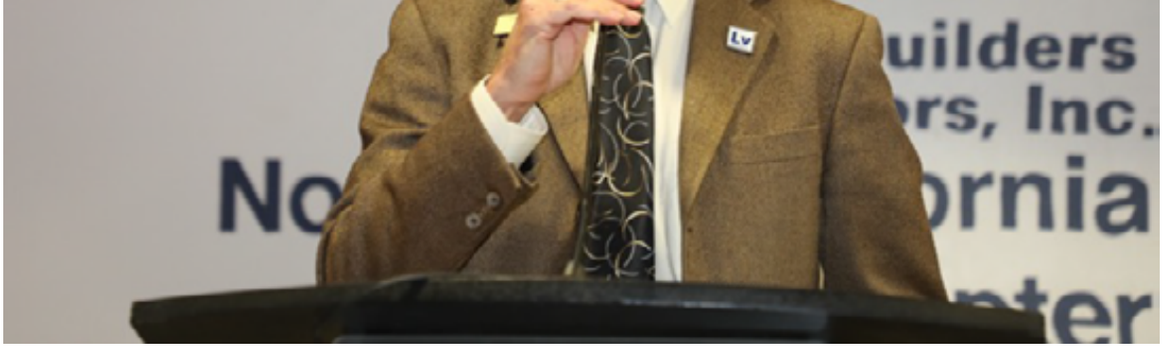
APPRENTICESHIP

ABC NorCal is delighted to announce the graduation of its most recent group of apprentices. The program, known for its hands-on training and comprehensive experience across various construction domains, has equipped these graduates with the skills and knowledge to excel in the industry.

The graduation ceremony—held on Friday, March 22, 2024, in Livermore CA—was a celebratory occasion, which marked the accomplishments of the graduates and underscored the many opportunities that await them. During the ceremony, the graduates received their certificates and took the opportunity to express gratitude to their supporters, while sharing their experiences and aspirations. Respected guest speakers included Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Hershel Baser Jr., Apprenticeship Consultant, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, both of whom offered invaluable insights and inspiration to the graduates. Also present were Carolyn Siegfried, Executive Director, Pedrozzi Foundation and Blaine Torpey, Superintendent, Eden Area ROP.

Pictured below: Livermore Mayor John Marchand



Pictured below: Hershel Baser Jr., Apprenticeship Consultant, Division of Apprenticeship Standards

“We are immensely proud to celebrate the achievements of our apprentices and eagerly anticipate the contributions they will make to the construction industry,” remarked ABC NorCal President John Morris. “Their unwavering commitment and diligence throughout the program have yielded remarkable results, and we have every confidence in their ability to positively impact the field.”

The Construction Apprenticeship Program remains inclusive—welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds and experience levels, and offering a clear pathway to a fulfilling career in construction. The collective efforts of the program’s instructors, industry partners and supporters have been instrumental in its success. ABC NorCal is steadfast in its commitment to providing invaluable training and support to aspiring construction professionals.

At the Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony, ABC NorCal Leadership had the honor and privilege of announcing the winners of the Apprentice of the Year competition. These outstanding individuals were nominated by their respective companies and were evaluated on their work habits, program performance, on-the-job performance and safety awareness. The winners represent the best of the best in their respective trades, and we are proud to recognize their dedication and hard work.

The Apprentice of the Year Winners Are:

▶ Carpentry Apprentice of the Year

Daniel Hedley

Nominated by Cushman Contracting Corporation

Pictured below (from left to right): Blaine Torpey, Hershel Baser Jr., Daniel Hedley, William Marini, Luan Huynh

▶ Construction Craft Laborer Apprentice of the Year

Jacob Avila

Nominated by Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc.

Pictured below (from left to right): Blaine Torpey, Hershel Baser Jr., Jacob Avila, William Marini, Luan Huynh

▶ Tied for the Electrical Apprentice of the Year

Lester Fonseca

Nominated by Helix Electric

Pictured below (from left to right): Walter Masters, Blaine Torpey, Christine Leone, Hershel Baser Jr., Lester Fonseca, Shane Whitehead with Helix Electric

Evan Gutfeld

Nominated by Corvid Electric, Inc.

Pictured below (from left to right): Walter Masters, Christine Leone, Blaine Torpey, Evan Gutfeld, Hershel Baser Jr.

▶ Tied the Painting Apprentice of the Year

Adam Segovia

Nominated by Tarlton and Son, Inc.

Eduardo Torres

Nominated by Ro's Precise Painting, Inc.

▶ Plumbing Apprentice of the Year

Jhocep Rodriguez-Penaloza

Nominated by American Incorporated

Pictured below: Jhocep Rodriguez-Penaloza

Each winner received a prize package of Milwaukee Tools, plus a $250 gift card!

We also had the opportunity to honor one of our most recent Electrical Commercial-Residential Craft Competitors Dominik Ruiz with Acme Electric Company. Dominik represented ABC NorCal at the recent Craft Championship and joined the Apprenticeship Graduation celebration.

Pictured below (from left to right): Zach Philbrick, Walter Masters, Luan Huynh, Daniel Albano, William Marini, Christine Leone, Dominik Ruiz

ABC NorCal would like to congratulate one of our recent graduates, Warren Chase Louderman, for winning the Outstanding Performance award. Warren had a flawless record during his entire Electrical Apprenticeship Program. Congratulations Warren!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS FOR MAKING OUR 26TH ANNUAL GRADUATION POSSIBLE

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Women in Construction Day at the Capital

March 7th was a big day for female construction professionals! Joining a large group of talented women in various roles supporting the trades, ABC NorCal attended the State Assembly and State Senate Resolutions reading for Women in Construction at the capital in Sacramento. We were honored to share a morning with other women in the industry, hearing from trailblazers and celebrating big accomplishments made to female skilled trades-workers in the field. There were so many of us gals who showed up to attend the hearing inside the assembly chambers, they could only let 50 of us in—this was under half of the attendees! ABC NorCal snagged the 50th out of 50 spots, just making it in!

You can find out more through this link and selecting “SCR 16”:
https://sfa.senate.ca.gov/sites/sfa.senate.ca.gov/files/packet/trp_030421.pdf

Just how many of us were there? Here’s a peek!

Our Electrical Year 1 class (E Core 2 Circuits), celebrated Women in Construction Week in style. Two teams led by remarkable women, engaged in a friendly competition to construct a new Unistrut Rack Project with precision and speed. Team Emily squared off against Team Stephanie—each vying for the coveted title of completing the project in the shortest time possible. In the end, both teams emerged victorious, showcasing their skill as the fastest completion clocked in at an impressive 1 hour and 8 minutes.

Team Members and Employers:

- Emily Rouse – Pacific West Controls, Inc.

- Stephanie Storey – Coburn Electric
- Reuben Acosta – Bergelectric Corp.
- Andres Aguilar Mota – Anderson Pacific Engineering Const., Inc.
- Miguel Cervantes – Bergelectric Corp.
- Devin Fagan – Best Electric
- Fernando Garcia Gonzalez –- PSR Electric
- Garrett Leong – Helix Electric
- Juan Morales – Renewable Construction Services, Inc.
- Tony Nguyen – Modesto Executive Electric, Inc.
- Nathanael Olson – Pacific West Controls, Inc.
- Alex Segovia – Key Electric
- Justin Thompson – Modesto Executive Electric, Inc.
- Lucio Vasquez – Royal Electric Company

Pictured below: Team Emily on the left and Team Stephanie on the right

Congratulations to Our March 2024 Apprentice Graduates!

- **Andres Bruno** – Carpentry Program
- **Van Trung Le** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **James Tate** – Carpentry Program
- **Kyle Titus** – Electrical Program

Welcome new apprentices!

ABC NorCal would like to welcome the new apprentices who joined the apprenticeship program in March 2024:

- **Noah Ackles** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Jose Alvarado Carranza** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Blake Burres** – Carpentry Program
- **Steven Cabrera** – Electrical Program
- **Josue Contreras Naranjo** – Electrical Program
- **Michael Gedde** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Elliot Guzman** – Electrical Program
- **Michael Humber** – Plumbing Program

- **Mohamed Ibrahim** – Electrical Program
- **Erik Koski** – Electrical Program
- **Vasiliy Kubay** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Jesus Manzo** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Darion Montgomery** – Plumbing Program
- **Marcos Resendiz** – Plumbing Program
- **Malachi Scott** – Construction Craft Laborer Program
- **Sebastian Walker** – Painting Program

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