

Den-Ray Allen

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - November 2020



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 2 years

Union: IUPAT

Local: 193

Bio

Having begun painting as a child, this is a field in which Den-Ray is passionate about working. However, following a more traditional route of education and career advancement Den-Ray would not realize her dream on a full-time basis until 2018. Ms. Allen holds a Bachelor in Psychology, Masters in Criminal Justice, and had spent the decade prior to joining IUPAT working in the human service field. While she used her painting and decorating skills in the field for part-time businesses, these were not full-time endeavors.

In 2018, struggling with the stress of working a traditional office job, Den-Ray decided to make the transition and follow her passion for working with her hands. She enrolled in Goodwill's Women in Construction program, eventually joining the union after brief employment with GDOT as temporary labor in highway construction. IUPAT is where Ms. Allen has chosen to make her professional home, volunteering as a delegate, Recording Secretary, and Chairwoman of Trustees. She regards her membership and resulting career as therapeutic and life-changing. The brotherhood has given her more than she could ever return.



Why Den-Ray Was Nominated

Since the start of Den-Ray's career with IUPAT, she has shown true dedication not only to help better Local 193 but help the union as a whole. She has been a standout in her willingness to volunteer where she can and is very appreciative of the opportunities that the union has to offer to her.

Den-Ray is currently serving as an elected trustee of District Council 77 and as delegate and recording secretary for Local 193. She's the quintessential example of how an active member should participate in their union. Her steadfastness and work ethic coupled with her involvement in the local and District Council 77 make her a shining role model for both apprentices and members alike.