Tureka Dixon
Tradeswomen Heroes Award Winner - March 2021

Bio
Tureka grew up in Boston before relocating to Delaware where she graduated from Brandywine High School in Wilmington. After she earned a degree in Psychology from University of Phoenix, Tureka found herself doing payroll for a construction company in Boston. When she observed that crews in the field made more money than she did, she investigated becoming a construction worker. She joined LU421 in Boston as a laborer, where she worked steadily until the 2008 financial crisis. After a series of layoffs, a friend suggested Tureka become a glazier. The friend had attended a brief training session installing glass panels. When she moved back to Delaware to be closer to family, she transitioned from her Boston union to LU252. Tureka went on to earn an additional bachelor's degree in Construction Management from the National Labor College in 2014. Over the last 9 years Tureka has proved herself as a well-rounded glazing mechanic and is also a part-time instructor with the FTI in Philadelphia.

Level of Experience: Journeyworker
Years in Trade: 9
Union: IUPAT
Local: 252
**Why Tureka Was Nominated**

I have had the pleasure of working with Tureka in many different ways. I first met Tureka while we were both enrolled at the National Labor College. A few years later I had the pleasure of having Tureka on my crew at Eureka Glass. While working with Tureka, I came to admire her hard work and intelligence. No task was too much for her. To be honest, the fact that Tureka is a female didn't matter to me. Having someone like her on the job regardless of their sex is an asset to any foreman.

I was hired by the FTI in 2018 and the very first part-time instructor I brought in was Tureka. This decision has proved to be a good one. Tureka teaches for the Health and Safety and glazing departments. She has even assisted with our high school recruitment program. Tureka is a proud member of LU252 with a bright future.