

Erin Dwyer

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - April 2021



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 2

Union: SMART

Local: 265

Bio

Erin Dwyer is a 2nd year Service Technician Apprentice at SMART Local 265. She is the first female to enter the 4-year service program. Erin, a single mother of two, found herself struggling with bills with her first career choice. Erin knew she had to make a change. Erin's father works in the office of an HVAC company and her brother is a member of SMART Local 265. Her father and brother urged her to join the sheet metal trade. Erin was unsure about joining, but the pay, healthcare, and pension benefits was something she could not pass up. Erin's hesitation for joining was not because she didn't think she could handle it, it was "Am I going to like it?" After two years in, Erin enjoys work and looks forward to getting more involved. In her free time, Erin enjoys spending time with her two children, working out and 4-wheeling. Erin's advice: "Don't give up!"

Why Erin Was Nominated

Since becoming a member at SMART Local 265, Erin has shown her enthusiasm to learn the trade and the determination to excel on the jobsite and in the classroom. She shows up every day, on time, eager to learn and ready to



go. It is no surprise to anyone on the jobsite that Erin is among the top students in her apprentice class.

Erin looks forward to participating in the growth and strengthening of our union in the years to come. The idea of her telling her story in the community, encourages others to look at the Unionized Sheet Metal Industry as a viable career path is very exciting! She believes that if you put the work in, you can succeed at anything. She is a great example of the kind of person we want in our union.