

## Samantha Schanus

Tradeswomen Heroes Award  
Winner - July 2021



**Level of Experience:** Journeyworker

**Years in Trade:** 5+

**Union:** Roofers

**Local:** 96

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### Bio

Samantha Schanus has been a Roofers Local 96 member since 2016. She came from a construction family, with her dad, uncle, and grandpa working in the trades. Samantha is a 30 year old who relocated from Southeast MN (Red Wing) to the twin cities metro to find work. After a visit to the Local 96 training facility with the Women Building Minnesota group, she decided to join our union. She graduated from the Local 96 apprenticeship in 2019 and received her Journeyworker card in the spring of 2020. She was nominated for Recording Secretary in June, running unopposed; she will be sworn in as the first woman elected to any officer position at our July meeting. As they say, the rest is history.

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### Why Samantha Was Nominated

Samantha has been very active in union activities since becoming a member. She has attended many job fairs and has helped recruit new members, including women, to our union. She has also attended union and community fundraisers and events. During the 2019 Tradeswomen Build Nations event held in Minneapolis, she not only represented Local 96, but was one of the keynote speakers on the final day. Her exceptional meeting attendance mirrors her dedication to our union.



She will be the first woman elected as an officer in Local 96 when she is sworn in at the July meeting as Recording Secretary. Her strong commitment to union values and beliefs are the reasons I am submitting her for the Tradeswomen Heroes Award.