

Nicki Bradshaw

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - October 2021



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 1

Union: OPCMIA

Local: 528

Bio

Nicki Bradshaw is a first-year Apprentice Cement Mason with Local 528. Nicki grew up and lived in the Spokane, Omak area of Eastern Washington. She left a difficult home life at the age of 13 and ended up doing all sorts of jobs that were constantly interrupted by too much partying. She had her first of three children, was in abusive relationships and was living a destructive life. She ended up in and out of prison with an abusive drug habit.

She credits her intentional decision to live a different life with her acceptance into the TRAC Pre-Apprentice Program and the discovery of her spirituality. She started work as a Carpenter, but the work environment was demeaning and not conducive to her hard-working nature. She got into the Cement Masons and got on with Salinas Construction. She has worked on two City of Seattle Projects and was dispatched, in part, because of her Priority Hire zip code and female, apprentice status. She has remained with the same company because of her strong work ethic.

Why Nicki Was Nominated

Nicki has overcome many challenges and is grateful to finally be on the right path in her



life. She speaks openly about her difficult life and the choices she made. Her inner strength and independence have finally emerged and she is a trailblazer for women at the company she is working for.