

Michele Williams

Tradeswomen Heroes Award

Winner - December 2021



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 10

Union: IBEW

Local: 494

City: Milwaukee, WI

Bio

Michele is a Journeyman Electrician and also serves her local as an apprenticeship instructor. She's been a foreman in the field and is a dynamic leader to her students and to tradesmen and women alike. She set her mind on becoming a tradeswoman 10 years ago, buckled down and has taken every opportunity to improve herself and master her trade. Michele is an inspiration to all women who want to take control of their life and earn a wage to support their families. She's a wife and a mother, a sister and a friend who is always looking to make an impact.

Why Michele Was Nominated

I've known Michele for a few years now, as she is one of the founding members of our women's group, empowHER that exists to support, encourage, and promote leadership among women in the Union Construction Industry. She also leads her Local's women's group that regularly contributes to the community and serves to be examples of successful tradeswomen, inspiring the next generation that we need to organize. She is her local's go-to when they need a spokesperson - even when the local welcomed Kamala Harris!



Michele embodies the heart and soul of this award in every way and continues to shine at event after event, never wavering in her dedication to her craft, to her trade, and to her enormous network of Brothers and Sisters in the trades. Her gentle yet powerful way with words is just one of the unique traits that adds to her value as a leader in the industry - on top of being a quality craftsman, she is full of fire for organizing and making everyone around her better. I can't think of many more deserving of this honor than Michele.