

Stephanie Ecker

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - February 2022



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 11

Union: Boilermakers

Local: 27

Bio

Stephanie Ecker is part of a family legacy of journeyman Boilermakers: Her grandfather, dad, brother, uncles and two cousins are all Boilermakers. So it's no surprise she indentured as an apprentice at Local 27 in St. Louis, Missouri. It's in her blood.

Stephanie was in her 30s and had worked for five years on permit before becoming an apprentice in 2014, and she graduated to journeyworker in 2019.

Why Stephanie Was Nominated

Stephanie Ecker, journeyworker at Boilermakers Local 27, holds her own as a tradeswoman dedicated to being the best she can at her craft. Case in point: As an apprentice, she finished second in her local's Apprentice of the Year competition.

She is a tradeswoman who steps up when others step back. "She's very active in her local, and she volunteers to help out with classes, setting up for upcoming classes, filing



paperwork—basically she volunteers for anything the local needs,” says Great Lakes Boilermakers Apprenticeship Program administrative assistant Wanda Conroy.

She’s also determined to continuous improvement, serving as a role model to both her brother and sister Boilermakers. “It seems like she is always at the local working to improve her welding on her own time,” says Conroy.