

Lisa Davis

Tradeswomen Heroes Award

Winner - June 2022



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 16

Union: SMART

Local: 16

Bio

Lisa Davis fully intended on becoming a surgeon when she graduated from the University of California, Davis in 2005 with her bachelor's degree in biology. She moved to Oregon to attend Oregon Health and Science University, but eventually decided that a life in medicine was simply not what she wanted. For the next three years, she worked on a farm in Hawaii, as a barista, and in an operating room, but it was a job working as a mechanic in a bowling alley that changed her life. There, she realized working with her hands in a different way was her ticket to happiness.

She found Oregon Tradeswomen and completed the organization's training before she was accepted into the apprenticeship at Sheet Metal Workers Local 16 in Portland. There she completed a building trades apprenticeship and service program.

Passionate about education, recruitment, retention, and diversity, Davis worked her way up to become Local 16's first female instructor. She also helped form a diversity committee and served on the ground floor of the local's mentoring program, both of which continue at the local today.

In 2019, she joined the International Training Institute, a related organization of the



International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation (SMART) workers, where she serves as a heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVACR) service and testing, adjusting and balancing (TAB) specialist. She also serves on SMART's International Women's Committee, where she helped craft resolutions and amendments leading up to the union's 2019 national convention.

Sister Davis's commitment, dedication, and hard work have proven that opportunity is a viable pathway for members to reach their fullest potential. Sister Davis is a true HERO for all members of SMART.

Why Lisa Was Nominated

It gives me great pride to nominate Sister Lisa Davis, member of SMART Local 16, for the NABTU Tradeswomen Heroes Award.

Sister Davis is leading the industry as the first female HVACR Education Specialist for SMART International Training Institute.

Sister Davis's passion for moving the industry's direction to increase safety, diversity, equity, and inclusive standards in the workplace is nothing short of what she has been able to accomplish to reach those goals. Sister Davis continues to elevate all members by devoting her extra time to actively working with her peers to create and implement DEI and safety language within government laws, initiating mentoring programs, training and educating members, and simply "Doing the Right Thing".