

Tatiana Knaub

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - September 2022



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 7

Union: UA

Local: 469

Bio

Tatiana Knaub followed in the footsteps of her father, who was a pipefitter for UA Local 208 in Colorado. When she found she was drawn to the HVAC side of the business, she moved to Phoenix where she could continue her training with UA Local 469 in an environment where air conditioners are about as important as, well, the air itself.

When Tatiana turned out in 2019, she did so with the STAR Mastery certification, which showed she had exhibited exemplary skills after completing a UA training program.

She's helped rebuild the chillers at the Arizona Cardinals stadium and worked on big HVAC systems at both Gila River Casino and local ABC television affiliate Channel 15, among other commercial projects.

With her enthusiasm for learning new things, she's very excited about the advances in smart chillers with oil-free compressors and centrifugal chillers that make use of magnetic bearings. These state-of-the-art, energy-efficient systems are especially important in the desert southwest, she said.



Tatiana credits UA Local 469 with providing her the chance to continue learning and growing within her profession.

She said working and going to school through the Local is worth the investment in your time because there's no place else that will provide the training and allow you to earn while you learn.

"To be able to be part of the union and go to school is an opportunity a lot of people wish they had, and once you have that opportunity, you should stick with it," she said.

When new apprentices approach her with questions regarding training, Tatiana said she gives them a little bit of information and may even look up some data for the apprentice who can incorporate that into the equation. She's always glad when they come back to her later and say, "Ok, now I understand it."

Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference that was held in Minneapolis where she worked with about 2,000 fellow tradeswomen who participated in networking, training and leadership development.

Why Tatiana Was Nominated

Tatiana has always displayed a high level of professionalism and dedication to the trade. She is a Tradeswomen Hero with integrity, ambition, and a thirst for knowledge. A born leader, Tatiana attended the 2019