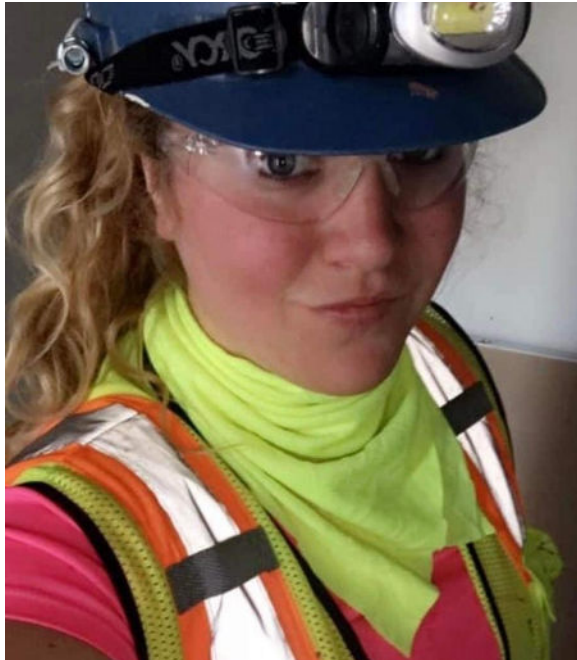


## Maria Peck

Tradeswomen Heroes Award  
Winner - January 2023



**Level of Experience:** Apprentice

**Years in Trade:** 4 years

**Union:** UA

**Local:** 81

**City:** Ithaca, NY

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### Bio

Maria is a 4th-year apprentice for the plumbers and steamfitters in Ithaca, NY. She lives in Lowman, NY where she barrel races one of the 8 horses that live with her on the family farm. Maria is engaged to her fiancé, Jason and they plan to be married in March 2023. Maria currently works at Cornell University as a service plumber.

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### Why Maria Was Nominated

Maria started her journey with the plumbers and steamfitters in 2019. She came to us when there was only one job assignment left - a miserable demo job in an old glass factory. No one gave her much of a chance. Everyone expected her to quit given the awful conditions of the work. Not only did Maria "not quit," she excelled at every level.

Maria went on to be an asset at every worksite that she was on for the next 3 years. Now she is now a highly regarded plumber at Cornell University where she does emergency plumbing repairs and critical boiler work.



Maria is an example of strength and perseverance. She is unapologetically herself in every way. Maria is a trailblazer and a fantastic spokesperson for empowering women to join the pipetrades. We are lucky to have her as a tradeswomen!