

j'Amey Bevan

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - February 2023



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 24 years

Union: Boilermakers

Local: 146

City: Edmonton, Alb.

Bio

Originally, j'Amey Bevan sought a career that would allow her to fund her hobby of training and caring for horses. Post-college, she quickly realized that she needed a better way to do that and financially take care of herself. Her neighbor, who was a Boilermaker at the time, provided her with an opportunity to go to a jobsite and see what the trade was all about. She found herself excited about the possibilities the Boilermaker trade could offer her. Today, with her many years of experience and positions held at Boilermakers Local 146 and within the labor movement, she realizes that she found so much more than she ever knew she was looking for.

j'Amey began her journey with L-146 in 1998 and three years later, she became a journeyworker. She spent her early career as a shop tech at the local's training center and over time her interest in apprenticeship education led her to become the Director of Apprenticeship and Education. For 14 years she held that position and was responsible for all the training trust funds for the province of Alberta. During this time, j'Amey was appointed a part-time position by the Minister of Advanced Education in Alberta to be a Chair of the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board. Holding this office for a six-year



term, she would help oversee all the trades in the province of Alberta and advise the Minister of Advanced Education about the needs of the labor movement and how to further promote the trades.

Coming full circle, she now enjoys her hobby of caring for horses. When she is not promoting the trades and working to improve the labor movement, she spends her time at the horse sanctuary she created and cares for the 20 horses and donkeys she rescued.

intake processes, and making sure they are prepared for work was certainly something I have always been passionate about."

In the spring of 2020, j'Amey took on her current position as the Director of National Training for the Boilermakers National Training Trust Fund. Becoming the Director during the pandemic certainly gave her challenges. The pandemic didn't stop her from fighting for the changes she knew were necessary to move the trades forward. You can see the proof in the pudding. Under her supervision, she has helped create new initiatives, acquired federal grants, made upgrades to the virtual campus, and assisted in the start of the national pressure welder program throughout Canada.

Why j'Amey Was Nominated

j'Amey stands out as a tradeswoman because her dedication to the trades goes far beyond herself and her own career but looks to nurture the success and achievements of others. She has a clear desire to be a part of the advancement of the trades and she sincerely puts in every effort to help create the best educational experience that can be provided for an apprentice. She says, "Being able to make a difference to apprentices and to our training programs felt like something that I could have an impact on that would benefit our local and the union itself. Making sure that we had really good apprentices,