

Margaret Russell

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - May 2023



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 1 year

Union: UA

Local: 602

City: Leonardtown, MD

Bio

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Ms. Margaret (Megan) Russell for the NABTU Tradeswomen Heroes Award. In addition to performing her job at an exemplary level, Megan has demonstrated appreciation and commitment to her Local Union Community and the general public.

Megan is a 1st-year apprentice at Steamfitters Local 602 in Washington DC. She lives with her family in Leonardtown, Maryland. Megan began her career with Steamfitters Local 602 as a helper for one of the Biggest HVAC service contractors in the DC area. She applied and was accepted into the Steamfitters Local 602 apprenticeship program, where she began her apprenticeship in August 2022.

Megan knew at an early age that a desk job was not what she wanted, and being a Steamfitters was a great option for her. She has an older brother who is also a member of the union and that is how she learned about the work that the members of her local union perform every day and found it appealing. Per the company's Service Manager's own words, she is an asset to the company. He has stated that he wishes he had 10 more like her. She is known by her supervisors and peers for her great work ethic.



Megan has also exhibited a commitment to her Local Union by volunteering her time at various events when we needed volunteers. This is an excellent trait for such a young person. Megan is an example of strength in a male-dominated career field. She excels through hard work and perseverance, and this has gained her the respect of her peers. Megan is a great example of empowering women to join the Pipe Trades. We are fortunate to have her as a Tradeswoman and Member of Steamfitters Local 602.

Why Margaret Was Nominated

Megan Russell had the distinct honor of introducing President Joe Biden at an event that we hosted at our Virginia Apprenticeship School in Springfield, Virginia on Thursday, January 26th. In doing so, she represented our Local Union, the United Association, and all Building and Construction Trades Workers extremely well. She displayed courage and composure on a National Stage with less than 12 hours to prepare.