

KB Amador

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - November 2023



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 6 years

Union: UA

Local: 601

City: Madison, WI

Bio

KB Amador completed her Steamfitter Apprenticeship and became a Journeyworker with Hooper Corporation in July 2022 after five years of training and working hard to become the best Steamfitter, Tradeswoman, and Union member she can be.

Amador grew up in suburban Las Vegas and always thought taking the route of a traditional education was what she was supposed to do. Even though she knew it was not for her, she went to college anyway. After graduating and journeying through her 20s, she finally found something she truly enjoyed and looked forward to doing daily as she embarked on her Steamfitter Apprenticeship.

Amador appreciates the outreach that Steamfitters Local 601 did when she was enrolled in the welding program at Madison College. Without that look into the trades, and the encouragement of a retired Steamfitter, she would have never applied to become a Steamfitter.

"Becoming a Steamfitter is honestly the best choice I've ever made in my life," said Amador.

The work is challenging and keeps her interested. It also brings her satisfaction on a daily basis because she can physically see



what has been accomplished and can feel it as well.

Amador shared, "There's also a special connection with other Steamfitters that you make when working so closely and accomplishing these goals. We're all on the same team and fighting the good fight together, and because of that, we can have a good time while getting the work done. All in all, I'm pretty happy with the life I chose!"

Why KB Was Nominated

KB Amador is the epitome of what it means to be a Steamfitter Journeyworker and Tradeswoman. As a Journeyworker, she is requested by name to work on jobs by her foremen. She is always positive on the job, on-time, willing to help where needed and very observant of her surroundings.

In addition, Amador is a great communicator. When working with pre-apprentices and apprentices, she never gets frustrated or upset with them. She encourages her less experienced counterparts and assists them in learning the trade. Finding patience on the jobsite is often hard to find, but Amador always has a level head and works hard to get the job done correctly and safely. She is extremely

organized and always thinking ahead. As both an apprentice and now a Journeyworker, Amador keeps a close eye on the parts and supplies for each project she works on so that they are never without. One of her foremen with Hooper Corporation refers to her as a "breath of fresh air" and is confident in everything that she does on the jobsite.

Currently, Amador is working at a local hospital where the working conditions are tight quarters, and accuracy and safety are of the utmost importance. Her foreman on the job is incredibly impressed with her attention to detail and he is confident that the job is being done correctly.

Amador loves being a steamfitter and takes great pride in her work. She is a hardworking tradeswoman that the next generation of women can look up to and learn from as they enter the construction workforce. Amador has the drive and determination to be great in her craft for many years to come.