

## Staci Jett

Tradeswomen Heroes Award  
Winner - November 2023



**Level of Experience:** Apprentice

**Years in Trade:** 4 years

**Union:** LIUNA

**Local:** 172

**City:** Pemberton, NJ

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## Bio

Staci didn't start out wanting to become a Union Laborer. The four-year member actually went to school and earned her degree to become an elementary or middle school teacher with a special-ed concentration.

A member of the Dean's List and college track and field athlete, Staci was attracted to the physicality of construction.

"I love the variety of our work. I can't sit around in an office all day. I like that every day as a Union Laborer is different. I spoke to a female Laborer at my dad's birthday party, and she talked to me about the work and what it's like to be a woman in construction. To tell you the truth, I wasn't completely sold, but committed to give it a try. I was still in college at the time."

"Originally, I said I would give it a year, then it became five years. Now I am looking ten years and beyond. I can totally see myself being a Union Laborer for my entire career."

"Since getting my degree, I have turned down teaching jobs for the privilege of working as a Union Laborer. I have no regrets!"

"I take pride in the fact that every job I have worked on has called me back and asked if I was available to work for them again. I always tell them to call the Union Hall. If I am already



working, Local 172 has many skilled laborers who are ready to work!"

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## **Why Staci Was Nominated**

Right from the very beginning, many knew Staci would be a successful member of LiUNA. Early in her career, it became apparent she was eager to learn every aspect of the heavy highway industry. Traffic control, road construction, pipe installation, concrete repair work on bridges, wastewater projects or performing emergency work on New Jersey's bridges. Staci always performed this work in a professional, safe, skilled, and productive manner. Throughout her Apprenticeship Staci seamlessly flowed between her required Apprenticeship Classes and her work in the field. In addition to what Staci has learned through her apprenticeship, she is also a safety-minded and effective communicator bringing value to her employers. I have no doubt after becoming a journeyworker and gaining some additional experience, she will be a leader in the Construction industry.