

Ciara Mackrell

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - January 2024



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 6 years

Union: IUEC

Local: 1

City: Wyckoff, NJ

Bio

I'm Ciara Mackrell and I am a proud 3rd generation IUEC Local 1 Elevator Mechanic. I started my passion for the elevator trade at a young age. I grew up watching my grandfather, father, and uncles work in the field. I have my bachelor's degree in business administration, however, after college, I decided I wanted to change my career to follow in their footsteps. I have been in IUEC Local 1 for 6 years now alongside my husband, and we are so grateful to be part of this amazing trade.

Recently I was approached to be an instructor for the apprenticeship program which I gladly accepted making me the first female instructor that IUEC Local 1 has ever employed. In my first few years with Local 1, I had the amazing opportunity to work with my father and I learned so much about every aspect of this business. I have worked in construction, modernization, and service and they were the best years I ever had in this field so far. People may dread going to work but I absolutely love it because no elevator is the same and I learn something new every day.

Life as an elevator mechanic can certainly have its ups and downs, but I wouldn't change my career and the opportunity I have been given for the world.



Why Ciara Was Nominated

Ciara Mackrell is being nominated for her stepping up on the job and within her Union. Ciara has taken opportunities to learn and grow her trade by working in all facets of the Elevator Constructors trade.

Ciara has gone through the IUEC apprenticeship and successfully completed the National Elevator Industry Educational Program (NEIEP) to become a Journeyworker.

She became the first female in IUEC Local One New Jersey school to shadow and become an instructor. Ciara became an instructor and immediately took another Sister in to shadow her and help her become an instructor. It is an amazing display of what a Tradeswomen Hero truly is and is a huge opportunity for defying stereotypes within her trade.