

Sasha Escarcega

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - March 2024



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3.5 years

Union: IBEW

Local: 570

City: Tucson, AZ

Bio

Sasha Escarcega is a fourth-year electrical apprentice with Tucson Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program. Raised in Tucson, Arizona, Sasha attended Salpointe Catholic High School. After high school, she became a member of the Labor Union Local 289T; working for a furniture warehouse. In June 2020, Sasha applied and was selected into the electrical apprenticeship program with IBEW Local Union 570 with the opportunity to learn all aspects of the electrical industry. She is an active member of IBEW Local 570.

Sasha was instrumental in organizing the first Women's Committee and currently serves as Chairperson. She also participated as a delegate at the 7th District Women's Caucus in 2023. Sasha has volunteered her time on numerous union events: putting up and taking down Christmas lights in downtown Tucson, building a house with Habitat for Humanity, Construction Career Days, and Trunk or Treat, since she made membership in 2020.

Sturgeon Electric is preparing and training her to be a leader with Foreman Development Training, as an apprentice. Sasha is always willing to help whether it is mentoring apprentices or volunteering her time. In Sasha's spare time, she likes the peace and tranquility of fishing and camping. She has been married



to her wonderful wife and partner Alex for the past eight years. She has two daughters, Shae and Olive, and loves life.

Why Sasha Was Nominated

Sasha is a lightning bolt of energy and enthusiasm in the field and the classroom. Entering the oral interview with eight committee members, Sasha owned the room with confidence for selection. Sasha joined 29 apprentices who started their careers in the electrical industry. Indentured June 2020, embarking on the unknown effects of the pandemic, this class attended their apprenticeship via Zoom and continued on-the-job training (OJT) as essential workers.

Sasha's leadership among her peers is highly respected, setting the momentum with a positive force. Eighty-seven percent of her class will complete their apprenticeship in June 2024, proving success of comrade. Sasha is committed to the electrical industry as an inside wireman and future supervision.

Her first OJT was with Rosendin Electric. Copious "manpower" populated solar job sites in Casa Grande, Arizona. With COVID protocol, Rosendin Electric implemented safety guidelines the apprentices were obligated to follow, no carpooling, and mandatory face

masks. Since the job site was ninety minutes from Tucson, carpooling guidelines made it economically challenging for everyone. Once the job was completed and after layoffs, Sasha was the last apprentice standing, proving dedication and loyalty to this project.

Sasha is an active member of IBEW Local 570. Sasha gives her time generously to the first IBEW Local 570 Women's Committee. She participated in IBEW 7th District Women's Caucus in Phoenix, Arizona and she currently serves as Local 570 IBEW Women's Committee Chairperson. With her leadership, this group of women have taken the lead at Trunk or Treat, Southern Arizona Construction Career Days and hosted cornhole competitions at IBEW Local 570 Annual Picnic. In every case, she strives to become an exceptional Journeyworker Inside Wireman. Sasha Escarcega is well deserving of the Tradeswoman Heroes award!