

Michelle Clark

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - August 2024



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3 years

Union: LIUNA

Local: 621

City: Friendship, NY

Bio

Michelle Clark, a poised young woman, confidently walked into Laborers Local 621 Union Hall in the middle of the summer looking for a career change. With only interior decorating, banking, & a little farming experience under her belt, we reluctantly brought her on board to prove herself as a laborer. Her bravery & determination to start a completely new career--especially in the labor field--spoke volumes about her character, so it was difficult not to give her a chance.

Not only did she have the confidence in herself to start a completely new career, but now her sons are able to see what a strong, self-assured woman their mother is; especially in such a male-dominated industry. Michelle started in July of 2021 as a first-tier apprentice.

Why Michelle Was Nominated

Although we have other commendable female apprentices, we can't think of anyone else more deserving of this nomination than Michelle Clark. She started Day One with a can-do attitude and has not let up since. After that first week, she was more than beat up and sore, but that didn't stop her from persevering.



Every day, she continues to show up early & ready to work; and when she's there, work is her top priority. In the year and a half that she's been an apprentice laborer, Michelle has gone above and beyond with her training. When an opportunity arises on the job to take the lead, you can bet Michelle will take that chance.

She is not afraid to dive in head first and give it her all. She still works for the contractor she first started with and they have no intention of letting her go. That alone proves she has what it takes to be a successful laborer. But with her outstanding work ethic, dedication, reliability, & integrity it's easy to see why the contractor doesn't want to give her up.

Outside of work, she's friendly & personable and always seems to hold that can-do attitude and positive spirit. We only wish we had twenty more female apprentices just like Michelle.