

Casey Aelbers

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - November 2024



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3 years

Union: IBEW

Local: 213

City: Burnaby, British Columbia

Bio

I chose to become an electrician to gain the confidence and capabilities to become more self-sufficient and help pave a path for future women in the trades. I would love to see women all over the world take control of their own lives and be able to harness a useful skill that helps build the communities we live in and helps grow each individual's character and confidence.

I'm an electrician with IBEW 213. From my first day wiring up lights at work, thinking I was going to get a bad bite from an extra low voltage dimming wire to being able to help establish an entire job site's lighting control system. My trust in myself for being able to take on challenges and solve them in such a unique work environment has grown immensely.

I'm so happy I chose to become an electrician and follow in the footsteps of my Dad who has been my number one supporter in the trades since I started. One day, I'd like to use my knowledge to teach women basic electrical skills and help inspire them to pursue a career in the trades. I think a lot of women underestimate their value in the trades and I want to prove that even a petit short blonde girl can take on an electrical job! Just like me!



Why Casey Was Nominated

Casey's deep commitment to excellence and integrity in all she does has made an impact on not only her union but also her wider trades community. She approaches her work with curiosity, professionalism, and care, and in turn, she inspires the same from all who know her.

Outside of her work on construction sites and helping her union, she contributes to fostering an inclusive and equitable skilled trades as an informal peer mentor, encouraging others to find their place in the trades when they are struggling. Casey is continuously pursuing educational and networking opportunities and is an inspiration, as she shares her own sense of growing pride and fulfillment while completing her apprenticeship.