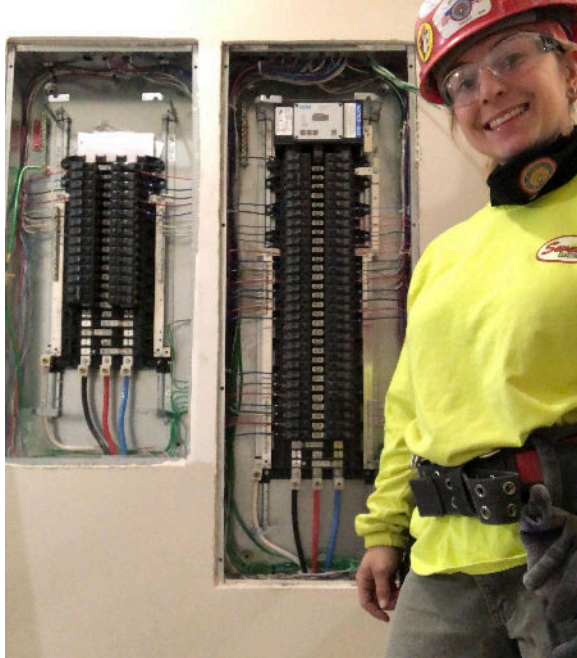


Teresa Baranowski

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - December 2024



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 8 years

Union: IBEW

Local: 697

City: Merrillville, IN

Bio

My name is Teresa Baranowski and I have been an electrician for 8 years. I got in at 19 years old right after high school, and I could not even imagine where I would be without my choice in career path.

Being an electrician comes with constant learning because our field is ever-changing. I love the mental challenges that come with this job. Every day is something new and different. We could be installing conduit one day, terminating a panel the next, and changing hot rails the following day. What you put in is what you get here. The positions are endless and so is the ladder.

At 21, two other sisters and I created our women's committee, The Sisters of Six Nine Seven. We had only 7 women with a 900 membership local. Being more involved and starting to teach the incoming apprentices we have gotten over 20 females now and growing! We are all there for each other in our daily struggles but also we do a lot of community, charity work, and donating. I wouldn't be where I am today without my sisters!



Why Teresa Was Nominated

Teresa was one of the first women I got to know in my local because she was training the incoming apprentices and she made me feel like I fit right in. She is really caring and will help out with anything she can. She puts a ton of time into our Sister's group and we all know we can go to her with any problems we have!