

Ciara Rodriguez

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - January 2025



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3 years

Union: IBEW

Local: 697

City: Demotte, IN

Bio

My name is Ciara Rodriguez and I am a second-year apprentice with IBEW 697. I currently work for MJ Electric at the Whiting BP refinery. I have a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter and a son on the way who drove me to join and be an asset to the union along with being involved in the community it brings.

I was recently elected president of my local union women's committee, the "Sisters of 697". I also recently attended the 6th District Progress Meeting with hall representatives, learning more about what happens behind the scenes and networking with other sisters who were there for the women's conference they hosted. I have helped with a lot of union events like the blood drive, various collection drives, the widow's committee, the annual picnic, and walking in the Labor Day parade with my daughter and grandmother for the last 2 years.

Why Nominate Ciara?

Ciara has shown exemplary initiative in the field and our union. As a second-year apprentice, she has become president of our women's committee, Sisters of six nine seven. Ciara attends every union meeting and women's committee meeting she can and



volunteers in countless projects. I had Ciara in one of the first bootcamp classes I taught and I could tell that she was going to be an asset for our local. I can't wait to see where her career takes her.