

Andrea Ornelas

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - April 2025



Level of Experience: Journeyworker

Years in Trade: 9 years

Union: LIUNA

Local: 242

City: Milton, WA

Bio

Andrea Ornelas is an active member of Laborers Local 242, where she is dedicated to advocating for workers' rights and supporting her fellow union members.

Outside of her professional life, Andrea is a devoted wife and mother of five. She enjoys rollerskating, running 5Ks, and playing pool with her husband, as well as spending quality time with her family.

Andrea is also deeply involved in her community, giving her time and energy to make a positive impact on those around her.

Her commitment to family, community, and her union reflects her passion for making a difference in both her personal and professional life.

Why Nominate Andrea?

Andrea Ornelas is a dedicated and influential leader, making her a deserving nominee for the Tradeswoman Hero Award. As the Assistant Political Director for Laborers Local 242, she advocates for workers' rights by organizing political action campaigns and building relationships with lawmakers. Andrea also serves as Chair of the Local 242 Women's



Committee, empowering and supporting women in the trades through mentorship and advocacy.

In addition to her union roles, Andrea sits on the Executive Boards of both Local 242 and Buildup Apprentices, contributing to the development of labor and apprenticeship programs. Her active participation in multiple Career and Technical Education (CTE) boards highlights her commitment to workforce development and shaping the future of trades education. Andrea is also involved in community service, working to create positive change in her local area.

Outside of her professional commitments, Andrea is a devoted wife and mother of five, balancing family life with her passion for advocacy and leadership. Her unwavering dedication to her union, community, and family exemplifies the qualities of a true hero. Andrea's efforts to uplift her colleagues, particularly women, and her involvement in shaping the future of the trades, make her an invaluable asset to her community and a deserving candidate for the Tradeswoman Hero Award.