

Samantha Calderon

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - April 2025



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3 years

Union: IUPAT

Local: 1959

City: Anchorage, AK

Bio

Samantha joined the IUPAT District Council 5 Alaska Local 1959 painting apprenticeship as an industrial coating specialist in the spring of 2022. Her father is an IUPAT bridge painter in New York and instilled appreciation for the union in Samantha. Samantha is even learning how to estimate work.

Why Nominate Samantha?

In addition to having a stellar reputation as a worker in the field, Samantha has also been a leader in the Local Union by helping elect pro-Labor candidates at Alaska AFL-CIO Labor Walks, she promotes IUPAT apprenticeship programs in local high schools, and has attended an Organizing Boot Camp!