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I am an
OREGON
apprentice



meet
Lori Baumann
Journey-level Laborer
& Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. graduate

What apprenticeship program did you complete?

I completed the Oregon Laborers JATC (MA 1058) Laborer program.

What is apprenticeship?

Apprenticeship means that you are trained by a skilled journeyworker, on how to perform work in your craft in a professional and safe manner.

Why should someone become an apprentice?

It's an amazing opportunity to get paid to learn, and get on the job experience. The pay is appropriately based on your growth (on the job hours and class time) and experience. The pay is good. And the training is surprisingly fun.

How did you learn about your current occupation?

From a friend. I attended a pre-apprenticeship with Oregon Tradeswomen with her, she was going to go to this physical training/work camp for the Laborers, and it sounded hard as hell, so I signed up too.

What recommendations do you have for people who are interested in apprenticeship?

Call the hall. Call all the halls. Find out what it takes to apply. Be anything you want. Be a mason, be a carpenter, be a plumber, and if you really want variety, be a laborer. Just take one step at a time and fill out all the paperwork, take the tests, and show up. Just apply, it's super easy.

Can you tell us about something new that you have learned or gained from the apprenticeship program?

I've gained a pension. And camaraderie with groups of men (work and union) that I never would have expected. I've also gained calluses on my hands, which is actually kind of rad. I have great healthcare. I am a homeowner now... Never had an opportunity for that before. And I never knew a single darn thing about mechanical equipment, but I learned to change spark plugs (not scary, turns out), and I learned to back up with a trailer (kinda scary, but feels great to be more comfortable with it).

Can you think of any projects you worked on that you are proud of?

I'm proud of each and every job I've done. I started off at the Bonneville Dam, and everytime I drive by the fish hatchery I look down and remember that job. I worked on the Oregon City Bridge for 2 years. It's a historic landmark, and the work we did was so extreme. I will always remember showing up on my first day and being led down under that bridge, climbing up onto a platform on the side of a column and handed a chipping gun. There was just bridge in front of me and water below me, and I was so grateful to be there. The men I worked with were so open to teaching me everything I touched. I had great mentors on that job.

Have you taken any college courses related to your field?

No, although, my apprenticeship classes count towards an Associate's degree in construction.

On a scale of 1-10, how content are you with your career?

10. totally happy. I just wish I started this much sooner in life. Like, in my 20's. I'd try so many different trades before I retired.



** Special thanks to Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. for providing pictures of Lori on the job!*