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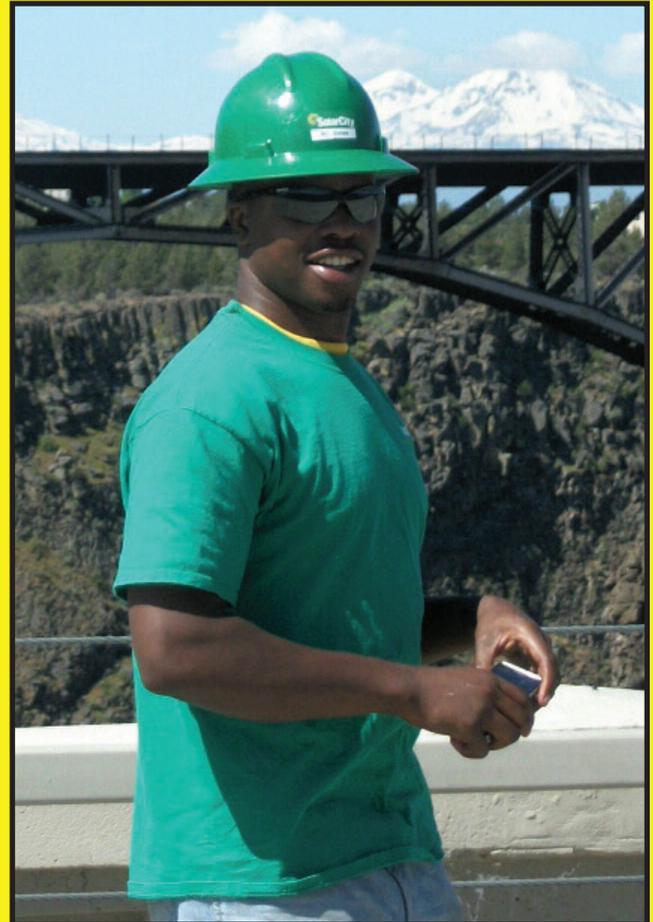
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**OREGON**  
apprentice



meet

**Gerry Jones**

Journey-level Electrician  
& Constructing Hope  
graduate

**What apprenticeship program did you complete?**

I completed the Area I Inside Electrical (MA 1046) General Journeyman program.

**What is apprenticeship?**

It is a program designed to provide classroom and on-the-job training while learning and working with people that have already completed the program.

**Why should someone become an apprentice?**

Because it's a great career path. There are many pay raises so there is a feeling of self-worth while you are learning valuable skills that you can take with you anywhere.

**How did you learn about your current occupation?**

Through my pre-apprenticeship program, Constructing Hope.

**When did you work and did you get paid for your work?**

I worked and studied full time for five years and received a raise every six months.

**How long did you have to go to school for and did you have to pay for the schooling?**

I went to class for four hours a week, nine months out of the year and I paid the tuition cost myself.

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

Be dedicated, punctual and ready to learn and follow directions.

**How did you end up on this career path?**

In high school I was an electrical major and enjoyed it a lot. I got away from it over the years but through Constructing Hope it found its way back into my life.

**What is one thing you wish you would have known prior to starting your apprenticeship?**

To start the apprenticeship at a younger age, that way I wouldn't have student loans.

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

I have gained a new respect for all the men and women out there with a journey level card, if you put in the work then you deserve the benefits.

**Did you get any stigma when you told people that you were entering a construction apprenticeship program?**

Going through the program I had nothing but support from everyone around me. I plan on staying at the company that I work for currently for a real long time because they take really good care of me. Go SolarCity!

