

# APPRENTICESHIP



Kurt (center) with mom and dad at his graduation in 2017.

## A Word From an Apprentice and His Mom

*What does apprenticeship mean to you?*

### **Kurt Thomas**

*Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Southern California Chapter Plumber Apprenticeship*

“The ABC plumbing apprenticeship program was something that my dad urged me into. Through schooling and

on-the-job training, I was able to learn the trade quickly. The first company ABC connected me with had a great foreman who took the time to thoroughly teach and train me, as well as help me find my passion in plumbing. It was a prideful moment when I graduated the program in 2017. And I am eternally grateful that I got to share that experience with friends and family, especially my dad before he passed away. Although it's unfortunate that my dad wasn't able to see me truly thrive in the career path that he set me on, I know that I've made him proud and will continue to do so. I'm thankful I listened to his guidance to attend the four year program, because it set me on the path to a career that is constantly in demand and has helped me purchase my first home.”

### **Petty Thomas**

*Proud mom of an ABC graduate apprentice*

“Five years ago, Kurt got the opportunity to attend the ABC plumber apprenticeship. Kurt learned his trade, and worked so hard to graduate, earning numerous certifications and ultimately becoming a journeyman commercial plumber. I remember how there was an unlimited amount of support that was given to him in regards to earning

certifications and employment during his studies. He went to school and worked simultaneously for four years. During all of this time, he saved up to one day buy his very own home. That day has finally come. Kurt just picked up the keys to his very own home! He has come so far on his very own and I am so proud of him today. Thank you so very much ABC for what you have done for my son, who still buys a new tool every payday.”



Kurt saved up and bought a piece of the American dream! A home to call his own.