

APPRENTICESHIP

ABC San Diego Celebrates One of Their 2020 Outstanding Graduates

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Over the last four years, Papa Mboup has participated in the electrical apprenticeship program at ABC San Diego. His hard work and achievements over the last four years has been exemplary. He achieved all A's, as well as perfect attendance for every semester. On July 31, ABC San Diego had the honor of celebrating Papa's accomplishments as one of their 2020 Outstanding Graduates.



Papa Mboup, poses with his certificate of achievement at the ABC San Diego class of 2020 graduation.

Papa's interest in becoming an electrician first started with his brother sparking his interest in the trade. Papa's brother is an electrician in France, and he shared with him ABC San Diego's programs and suggested he apply. This single decision drastically changed his life. Through the apprenticeship program, he received a top-quality education without incurring any student debt. Papa is now established in a prosperous career with tremendous opportunities for him due to the high demand of his trade.

When reflecting on his time during the apprenticeship program, Papa found he did not have struggles learning the material and the trade. In fact, it came easily to him. The most rewarding part about his apprenticeship experience was becoming a foreman. He takes pride in "always climbing the ladder" and values the chance to teach new guys everything he has learned throughout his own apprenticeship.

When asked what advice he would give to others. Papa shared “My advice to others is to stick with the program, four years goes by so quickly. Also, pay attention in class, do your homework, and ask questions. Hard work always pays off.”

Papa Mboup is now an electrical journeyman and continues to move forward on his career path. His next goal is to one day become an electrical engineer. Join ABC San Diego in wishing him all the best. Congratulations, Papa!