

# APPRENTICESHIP

## A Word From an Instructor

*What does apprenticeship mean to you?*

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“My two passions are building and teaching. Being an apprentice and journeyman instructor for UA Local 250 allows me to pursue both. I knew when I joined the apprenticeship program with Local 250 that I wanted to become an Instructor at some point during my career. I was blessed by having several skilled instructors and I gained so much knowledge from their classes. They had so much to give, not only technical skill and knowledge, but also in personal experience being on job sites. I wanted to be



Ashley Kollar in her hardhat.

able to do the same, to give back and be a part of the same apprenticeship program that gave so much to me. Through hard work, and not wasting opportunities I was able to become an A&J instructor soon after graduating from the apprenticeship with UA Local 250. Working all day at a job site, and then teaching night or weekend classes at the training center can be challenging on us as instructors and our apprentices. The long days and long nights are completely worth it when both apprentices and journeymen approach me asking questions looking for guidance and a better understanding pertaining to our trade. That's how I know I am making a difference. That I am giving back. I am an A&J instructor.”