



We're Pleased to Share a Few of Our Many Success Stories!

Emily Davis: From Single Mother to IBEW Local 569 President



Emily Davis was one of the first females to join IBEW-NECA's inside apprenticeship program. As a single mother with two young children, her union wages, healthcare and benefits allowed her to build a true middle-class lifestyle for her family. During her long electrical career as a journey-level electrician, Emily served in a variety of IBEW Local 569 elected positions, including President. Today, she is retired and able to spend her golden years with her grandchildren. Emily says, "The people in my apprenticeship class are lifelong friends. You build wonderful relationships going through an experience like that together."

Joseph Slayton: A New Father Who Turned His Life Around



Before joining the IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program, Joseph Slayton struggled with substance abuse. Fed up with being unemployed, poor, disconnected from his family, and intermittently homeless, he turned to the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego in 2001. The group referred him to a Building Trades pre-apprenticeship program. Today, Joseph is a journey-level electrician. He and his wife Diane, a registered nurse, are homeowners in Cardiff-by-the-Sea and proud parents of 7-month Joseph Alexander III. In the pre-apprenticeship program, Joseph was inspired by Sam Bass, an instructor, electrician, and long-time leader in IBEW 569. Today, Joseph credits his electrical industry career to helping him stay clean and sober and notes his top priorities are being a good husband and father.

Nicholas Segura, Jr.: Elected Union Leader and Navy Veteran



When Nicholas Segura Jr. transitioned from active duty in the Navy to civilian life, he worked without a union. Seeking a voice at work, Nicholas organized into the IBEW and in 1997 and entered the IBEW-NECA Electrical Apprenticeship. As his skills developed, so did his dedication to social justice and the electrical industry. Nicholas began volunteering with the union and in 2007 was elected President of IBEW 569. In addition to leading the local union, Nicholas works fulltime as a journey-level electrician and serves on numerous committees, including the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Nicholas and his wife Leticia, an Associate Principal at the Chula Vista Elementary School District, live on the west side of Chula Vista with their three children: Nicholas III, Karina, and Aurora.



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Kevin Rodill: The Next Generation of Clean Energy Leaders



Kevin Rodill is a senior at Mira Mesa High School, one of the IBEW-NECA San Diego Electrical Training Center's educational partners. He is enrolled in the Advanced Placement (AP) Physics program and is studying renewable energy technologies. This groundbreaking partnership program allows students to study the physics of renewable energy. Students like Kevin have the opportunity to engage in both hands-on and research-based curriculum and can use their ingenuity and intelligence to explore energy solutions that are good for the planet. While many of his classmates are wondering what to do after high school, Kevin plans to attend the IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program and build upon the skills and interests he has developed in his AP Physics class.

Dan Sullivan: Cutting-Edge Entrepreneur in the Green Economy



Dan Sullivan graduated from the IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program in 2002. Two years later he started his own business, Sullivan Solar Power. For Dan, the IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program was a good introduction to business. He was paid while he learned and was not saddled with student loans like many of his contemporaries. In 2009, Dan's business continues to thrive. Dan notes, "I work hard and I had a vision. A lot of businesses are started by people who went to business school and who have backgrounds in financing. I learned business principles on the job. My background was being a good electrician."

Amy Leah Robershaw: A Proud Role Model with a Lifelong Career



Amy learned about the IBEW-NECA apprenticeship program from her older brother. Now a fifth period sound/communications apprentice, she is "proud of what I accomplish every day." Amy considers herself a role model for her younger sisters, and was a mentor for high school girls during a summer camp for high school girls interested in construction careers. She places high priority on her healthcare and pension plan, because they help her feel secure about her future. Amy says she is "very family oriented" and notes that being part of IBEW Local 569 is "like having a huge family with lots of brothers and sisters always looking out for you."