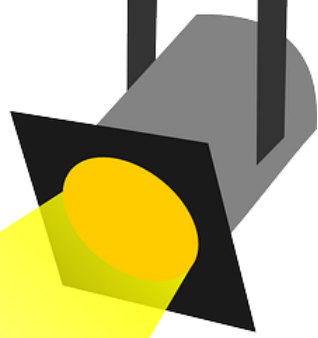




Worker Spotlight



Name: Diocelina St. Anne
Craft/Classification: Carpenter Journeywoman

“HireLAX Opens Doors”

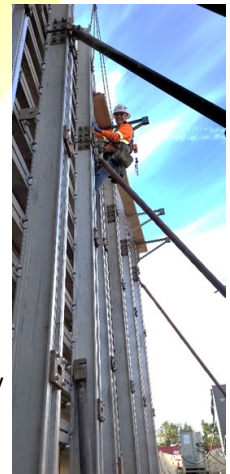


Diocelina St Anne graduated from the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program right as the world was going into lockdown due to COVID 19. She was picked up by Swinerton on the ITF West Project as a Carpenter. She has worked on many projects since then and in August of 2023, she became a Journeywoman.

Diocelina was concerned that being a woman, especially a woman that was no longer in her 20s, would be held against her. Once someone gave her the opportunity to put her tools to use though, she was determined to prove her worth, and she did. “I love working with my hands, building things.”

Diocelina is proud to be a union member. She is even more excited that this work pays enough that she can pay her mortgage and not be completely out of money. Diocelina frequently encourages other women to consider the trades. “Don’t let people tell you that you can’t do it. Anything you set your mind and heart to do, you can do!”

To the people at LAX, the unions, and the contractors, she wants to extend her thanks for the HireLAX Program and bringing people like her into the trades. “Thank you for giving me an opportunity at my age to do construction. I wish when I was in my 20’s they had programs like this cause I would have done it. I thought you had to know someone to get into construction. This opportunity opened doors for me I never thought was possible.”



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