

NECA LU 82 2020 GRADUATION

On August 6, 2020 the Dayton Ohio Area Electrical Training Alliance (ETA) held the Class of 2020 graduation banquet. The original graduation ceremony was scheduled in May, but due to COVID 19, the event was postponed. This was the 74th graduation with twenty three apprentices moving up to the ranks of Journeymen.

The ETA apprenticeship program is supported by the Western Ohio Chapter of the National Electrical Workers (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 82. Two career paths are available at the center, Inside Wireman (5 year program) and Installer Technician (4 year program). Apprentices work 40 hours a week alongside trained Journeymen to learn the skills they will need in their career. In addition, they take classes at the training center once or twice a week to further their education. The ETA has a matriculation agreement with Northwest State Community College so credits from their apprenticeship classes apply towards a two year Associates Degree. There are many career paths for these graduates, 59 to be exact, from Foreman, Supervisor, Contractor, Instructor, to business owner.

The top graduate for the Inside Wireman program is Adam Lucas; the top graduate for Installer Technician is Christopher Ridgway.



Adam Lucas
Top Inside Wireman



Chris Ridgway
Top Installer Technician

Adam wasn't sure in high school what studies he wanted to pursue. He was always good with his hands, and college didn't feel like a good fit. His father is an electrician, and advised him if he wanted to pursue that vocation, to apply to the union apprenticeship electrical program. That's exactly what Adam did and he was accepted the first time he applied.

One of his biggest challenges early on was understanding the AC/DC theories. "I started from scratch getting a foundation in understanding electricity," says Adam. "It takes some time to learn the language of an electrician. But all of our teachers are fantastic and very helpful. I also had a great mentor in David Bruce," continued Adam.

Adam currently works for Chapel Electric and recently worked on the Dayton Phoenix project. He will be teaching a class this fall in Electrical Systems in healthcare, and will be taking a continuing education course for Journeymen in Instrumentation. His goal is to continue learning and teaching to further his career to Foreman and beyond.

For more information about the electrical apprenticeship program visit: www.82jatc.com.



Left to right- front row: Paul Stubbs, Ciara Dickerson, Mario Rodgers, Thomas O'Hara, Joshua Rowe.

Left to right- middle row: William Early, Benjamin Griggs.

Left to right- back row: Kye Sanders, James Berhow, Andrew Howard, Bradley Rhodus, Adam Lucas, Garrett Lange.

Not pictured: Steve Alexander, Max Collins, Henry Dowell, Jeffery Farmer, Jacob Grover, Caleb Johnson, Starlena Phillips, Paul Schommer, Cassandra Ford (Installer Technician) and Christopher Ridgway (Installer Technician).