

Featured Apprentice

Many believe that a person's future success begins at traditional four-year college. For a period of time, one of those people was our standout apprenticeship certification program student, Logan Johnson. Logan's journey to become a Laborer was a winding one, although both of her parents are in the construction industry. After working a couple of jobs while in high school in an ice cream shop and a computer store, Logan began the college process. To pay for her education, she began flagging. She continued to flag for 2 years with a non-union contractor until she was able to join the Laborers Local 574 through the apprenticeship certification program.

It was then she decided Laboring was the best career choice for her. She looks back on her choice to become a Laborer and is thankful she chose the "non-traditional" direction. According to Logan, she could have instead been still paying a very steep tuition bill, fall into debt, and get an average job upon graduating. She says about her career currently, "Every day I can do something different, and I like how there isn't just one thing I know how to do." She continues, "I have been able to work on some pretty unique jobsites from the Findlay airport to I-75 to country roads." The apprentice certification program allows its students to not only learn in-demand skills, but also make good wages while doing so. In many instances the program takes less time than a traditional university, plus tuition is free to members, and training is offered frequently at the Training Center. Logan herself has taken advantage of the Center by taking as many classes as possible.

It appears that her construction team and Local are also grateful she chose her current path. Local 574 Business Manager, Gary Bretz, says of Logan, "It's been a pleasure to have apprentices that are as dedicat-

ed as Logan." He continues, "she's involved with Local business and is well informed about the important issues facing unions." On the job, Logan has also left positive feelings about her job performance. Shelly Company Project Manager, Bryan Stennett says of Logan, "She's been a ray of sunshine to have around. She always has a smile on her face and is more than willing to go the extra mile on anything she tries, she is a prime example of what it means to be a Laborer."



When Logan is not in class or on the job she enjoys being with her friends and family. She likes to catch up while fishing, camping, or playing cards. Being outdoors and doing various activities brings Logan in contact with scenic views which may have sparked her latest interest, photography. While she is satisfied with her decisions that have led her to the apprenticeship program, she is also mindful of her future goals. She plans on learning in every field and eventually would like to become an instructor at the Training Center. She also likes to give back by working with her Marion Local to help her fellow Laborers.