

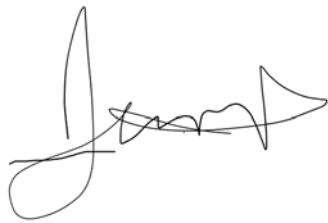
My name is Jazmine. My journey with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) electrical apprenticeship program began in 2012. It was a pivotal moment that set the course for my career. I was drawn to ABC by the prospect of learning a skilled trade that could lead to a fulfilling career. In 2012, I completed the Hope Builders program, a pre-apprenticeship program that prepared me for the next step. This led to my hiring by Berg Electric in 2012, marking the start of my journey in the construction industry. In 2016 at my ABC graduation, I was awarded apprentice of the year.

My current role as a Project Engineer at Berg Electric is the culmination of a 12-year journey in the construction industry. I've had the unique opportunity to grow within a single company, Berg Electric, throughout my career. After spending approximately seven years in the field, I made a conscious decision to transition into project management, driven by my desire to broaden my horizons and gain a deeper understanding of the construction process.

My experience with ABC has been nothing short of fulfilling. I am deeply passionate about how ABC supports and advocates for the skilled trades as a form of higher education. ABC's efforts to make apprenticeships more accessible to the Southern California region are truly commendable. ABC is not just a part of my career, it's a part of who I am. The education I received through my apprenticeship program at ABC has been the foundation of my career, and it's a joy to know that it continues to provide the same opportunity for many generations to come.

The ABC apprenticeship program has truly changed my life for the better. While I had many options to learn a skilled trade, I firmly believe that I wouldn't be where I am today without the ABC State and Federally Approved Apprenticeship Program. I am passionate about sharing this wonderful opportunity with the younger generation whenever I can.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jazmine', with a stylized, flowing script.

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