

# Summer 2023 On the Level

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## A Message From the Director



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*Michael Hawes, Executive  
Director, PNCI*

PNCI held its 2023 Industry Outreach Events on May 13 in Portland and May 20 in Tangent. The celebration was held to recognize our new journey-level Carpenters and Industry partners. Attendance was at an all-time high with a combined 471 folks at both events. Approximately, 30% of our new journey-level carpenters showed up for the celebration and recognition.

This event is the highlight of the year for me. I love seeing the pride in the faces of our new journey-level carpenters. They worked hard over the past four years. It's also a joy to meet the family members who supported them through this journey. We are so proud of you all.

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During the ceremony, we recognized many achievements: Apprentices of the Year, BJ Cummings Awards, and the Dale Dvorak Sr. Award. Plus, for the second year in a row we're recognizing contractors with utilization awards. You can find all their names in this newsletter. The photos for both events can be downloaded from our home website. I really want to thank all the sponsors of our event (shown on the last page of the newsletter).



Things are heating up; this summer the experts are predicting record-breaking heat. Please familiarize yourself with Oregon OSHA's heat illness prevention rules adopted May of last year: <https://osha.oregon.gov/OSHAPubs/factsheets/fs91.pdf>

Remember to take some time to enjoy the season with your friends and family.

## **Dale Dvorak Sr. Award**

### ***Robert Mitchell-- Dale Dvorak Sr. Award Recipient 2023***

Bob Mitchell is a native Oregonian. Back when he was in high school, Bob discovered a love of drafting and hoped to go to the University of Oregon school of Architecture. He saved up enough money so he could afford one year of college. As fate would have it, Bob had to forfeit all the money because he wrecked his brother's car with no insurance. During this time, Bob saw his friends go off to Vietnam, and he wanted to serve the country too, so he signed up for the draft. He didn't pass the military physical because of high blood pressure so he had to stay home. He enrolled in community college where he found his true love, Debra, and was married in 1972. They would have one daughter, Amy Odessa.

Bob's extensive work history begins with being a journey-level painter, a machinist, and an ironworker, holding project management and leadership positions in all these crafts. Fittingly, the Millwright trade seemed perfect for someone with his background. As a Millwright, Bob managed multimillion-dollar construction projects, served as an environmental and safety officer, set-up quality assurance programs, developed training for HAZ-MAT, wrote safety manuals and conducted safety trainings. He is also a certified welding inspector and trainer. On the side, Bob taught parttime at Mt. Hood Community College and did volunteer work in Alaska.



Bob came to work as a parttime instructor for PNCI in 2000. He teaches a variety of classes, specializing in welding and OSHA.

Will Barnes, Special Projects Coordinator/Welding Instructor, has worked with Bob for more than 8 years says, "Bob is one of the nicest, most knowledgeable guys you could work with. He has a tremendous amount of humility."

At 76 years old, Bob continues to teach at PNCI. He says, "I'd rather be working than standing out in a field."



# BJ Cummings Award Recipients

## *Lonnie Kronsteiner recipient of the BJ Cummings Award 2023*

**B**orn in Coos Bay in 1959, Lonnie's childhood was all about logging and sawmills. He and his brother would ride around with their father looking at sawmills and how they were set up. Lonnie's father's sawmill sat atop pilings which allowed sawdust to fall under and be removed later. They also had the first ride-on saw carriage on the west coast. When log prices matched the lumber prices, Lonnie's Dad sold the mill and bought a logging truck. Soon after, they had three cranes and West Coast Contractors was born in 1962.

At 12, Lonnie was driving a mechanical shovel and working on farms. At 14, he was putting motors together at the local Yamaha shop. He worked as a logging choker, then moved to driving a skidder, building logging roads while in college at Oregon State. He was pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering which turned into construction engineering management. While at OSU he was president of the Rugby team. During his third year of college, his father passed away from cancer and Lonnie came home to take over his dad's business with his brother, David. Today, he still travels about 30,000 miles a year procuring jobs for West Coast Contractors.

In 1980, Lonnie joined the Operating Engineers. In addition, he has a CDL license, a private pilot's license, a motorcycle endorsement and is a certified welder. Like most builders and tradespeople, Lonnie's favorite part of the trade is looking at the structures he's built, specifically, all the bridges in Oregon, Washington, and California. One of his fun projects was working on the movie "Outbreak." He used his crane to drop container modules on set while the movie crew made wind and noise to make it seem like a helicopter was setting them down.



In 1987 Lonnie joined the JATC for WCTC, now known as PNCI. He recalls fondly meeting BJ Cummings at Camp Adair and asked him what he liked about volunteering as a Trustee for PNCI. Cummings said he loved teaching younger people. Lonnie's passion is similar, he likes teaching folks how to learn. He's adamant about his employees being able to learn and do what needs to be done to complete a job.

As a trustee, Lonnie takes his role very seriously. The fiduciary responsibilities the trustees undertake is important to efficacy, longevity, and day-to-day operation of the training center. Lonnie credits the dedication of his fellow trustees with the present success of the training center, calling all of them, "fantastic." Lonnie says, "Training is ever changing and there will be challenges, but we will continue to give direction."

Lonnie is married to Diana, who he met at the Oregon Aquarium while waiting in line for two hours to see Keiko the famous Orca from the movie "Free Willy". They married in 2004. Together, they are parents of three; Ashley, who has a doctorate in Physical Therapy, Amy, who is an aeronautical engineer working for Boeing and Jeremy who is an OSU grad, working as a manager.

Lonnie is a true Oregonian in every sense. He hunts, fishes, rides in the sand dunes and enjoys all the outdoor activities this state has to offer.

**Gary Hoppes—BJ Cummings Award-Tangent**

In 1987, Gary was working for Sam James (S&B Construction). Sam couldn't make it to an apprenticeship meeting, so he asked Gary to go in his place. Gary agreed, and then Sam said, "Oh by the way, I'm the chair". So, Gary attended as the chair and remained in that position for more than 30 years.

He went through the carpenter apprenticeship program in California before moving to Oregon. His son and grandson both graduated from our apprenticeship program.

Gary stayed involved because he believes in apprenticeship. He said that carpenters are the ones who run the jobs, not the plumbers or electricians. We are the leaders, and our apprenticeship program teaches us to be leaders.

He believes our job as a committee is to support the apprentices as much as possible, but our apprenticeship program is not for everyone, so part of our job is figuring out who is a good fit.

Gary enjoys watching our apprentices grow and become successful.



**Scott Partney—BJ Cummings Award-Tangent**

Scott Partney is a United States Army veteran who served with an Army Engineer Battalion. He went to Southwestern Oregon Community College and the Carpenter Apprenticeship program.

As President of Scott Partney Construction, Inc. and Project Executive, Scott is highly committed to quality. Scott's follows a "Team Approach" philosophy to his construction management that has excelled in positive results. Scott has over 40 years of construction experience, with an extensive background in the commercial construction industry using a wide range of construction techniques. Scott will guide the team through the design and development of the overall project plan, providing input on construction, management of the projects during design, conduct VE assessments, prepare estimates for establishing GMP and manage the project schedule. Scott will assist the project team to ensure all resources are available for the success of the project. Following pre-construction, Scott remains a part of the team as needed throughout the planning, scheduling and construction phases, and his input assists the team to maintain the schedule and budget goals.

*Thanks to our sponsors, PNCI was able to hold a raffle at the end of both ceremonies. Our raffle winners were very excited to win some amazing tools.*





# Apprentice of the Year Awards



**Lauren Ayers**  
PILE DRIVER



**Emily Bergman**  
CARPENTER PORTLAND



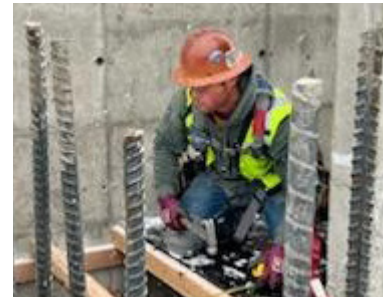
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**Brandon Davenport**  
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# 2023 Diversity Award Recipients



PNCI is proud to recognize our contractor partners who have the highest reported hours in Apprenticeship Utilization, Minority Utilization and Female Utilization. We divided the categories by contractor size; so those reporting 200k+ hours, 100-200k hours and 50-100k. Please help us in recognizing this achievement.



## Reporting 50k - 100k Hours

### *Apprenticeship Utilization Top 5*

Northwest Scaffold Service, Inc 45%  
 BEK of Alaska, Inc 43%  
 Pacific foundation, Inc 38%  
 Next Gen Contracting LLC 30%  
 Mid - Valley  
 commercial construction Inc 27%

### *Minority Utilization Top 5*

Zavala Corporation 58%  
 Northwest scaffold services, Inc 45%  
 Pacific Foundation, Inc 33%  
 BEK of Alaska, Inc 32%  
 Harlens Drywall, Inc 32%

### *Female Utilization Top 5*

JE Dunn Construction Company 16%  
 Neil Kelly Co 11%  
 Colas Structures LLC 11%  
 Triumph Event Network, Inc 10%  
 GBC Structures LLC 9%

## Reporting 100k – 200k Hours

### *Apprenticeship Utilization Top 5*

MB Structures LLC 37%  
 Ma Mortenson Construction 29%  
 Fred Shearer And Sons 28%  
 Interior Exterior Specialist 28%  
 Cascade Acoustics Inc 25%

### *Minority Utilization Top 5*

Anning - Johnson Company 65%  
 Cascade Acoustics, Inc 49%  
 Interior Exterior Specialist 42%  
 Fred Shearer and Sons 41%  
 Whitaker / Ellis Builders, Inc 40%

### *Female Utilization Top 5*

Balfour Beatty Construction LLC 7%  
 MB Structures LLC 7%  
 Lease Crutcher Lewis LLC 7%  
 Interior Exterior Specialist 6%  
 Hoffman structures Inc 4%

## Reporting Hours 200k+

### *Apprenticeship Utilization Top 4*

Brand Safeway LLC 32%  
 Performance Contracting, Inc 30%  
 The Harver Company 25%  
 Western Partitions Inc 25%

### *Minority Utilization Top 5*

Performance Contracting, Inc 40%  
 The Harver Company 37%  
 RDF Builders Co 33%  
 Western Partitions Inc 33%  
 Advanced Technology Group Inc 33%

### *Female Utilization Top 4*

RDF Builders Co 10%  
 The Harver Company 6%  
 Skanska USA Building, Inc 6%  
 Anderson structures LLC 4%



# Class of 2023 Journey-Level Carpenters



Jonathan Aasland  
Nathaniel Adams  
Jeremy Agee  
Isaac Alexander  
Michael Allison  
Anthony Appleby  
Darin Arias  
Juan Arista Marquez  
Tyler Arreola  
Adam August  
Lauren Ayers  
Quentin Bak  
Emily Bergman  
Michael Bigonovich  
Jake Breeden  
Steven Bush  
Tylor Butler  
Shelby Campbell  
Sylas Caputo  
Andrew Carlson  
Makana Chaffee  
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Austin Hartung  
Jannessa Hebert  
Daniel Hernandez  
Justin Hollman  
Kyle Holowati  
Garrett Huggins  
Pedro Interian  
Miguel Jimenez  
Willie Jones  
Mario Juarez Ramirez  
Travis Kanyo  
Zachary Kautzmann  
Brian Keith  
Andrew Kerslake  
Hope Kidby  
Chris Knight  
Scott Kuzara  
Robert Lane  
Jenna Leimbach  
Christopher Lutz  
Hollis McClure  
Alexander Mcdougall  
Erik Medina  
Nicolas Melhorn  
Humberto Mendoza  
John Millar  
Bryan Morin

Clinton Mudder  
Lewis Mulkey  
Jesus Muñoz - Cabrera  
Joshua Nunley  
David Olson  
Daniel Olvera  
Zachary Peck  
Daniel Perez  
Charles Potter  
Melanie Potter  
Joshua Reed  
Loren Reed  
Jonathan Riquelme-Lopez  
Hayden Roberts  
Lamar Robinson  
Stephanie Roy  
Shannon Rupright  
Bronson Salis  
Javier Sanchez  
Noel Sanchez  
Agustin Sanchez Chavez  
Andrew Sanders  
Karim Santiago Rangel  
Christopher Saybo  
Caleb Schmidt  
James Schriener  
James Scott  
Jessie Shelton  
Matthew Sims  
Michael Sjolander  
Alberto Sosa  
William Struck  
David Thomas  
Paul Titus  
Leroy Torrence  
Dustin Trinklein  
Sebastian Turner  
Sunny Vargas  
Alejandro Velazquez Ortega  
Dayiron Walton  
Jonathan Waters  
Christopher White  
Wade Wills  
Brett Wright

Keenan Wright  
Emily Zars  
Katie Zerzan  
Brody Andermann  
Federico Ayala  
Greg Bailey  
Justin Baker  
Casey Baldwin  
Canon Ball  
Jesse Barnes  
Jesse Barrera Rangel  
Nathan Barrett  
Isaac Bates  
Damond Batties  
Hunter Bedoya  
Joseph Beisel  
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Brandon Buckley  
Andrew Buntjer  
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