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DALEC Program Graduates First Class

Laborers' Local 348 introduces initiative to educate, encourage community

Richland, Wash., Aug. 7, 2019 - Laborers' Local 348 and WorkSource hosted a graduation ceremony for the first DALEC class in the Tri-Cities. The Direct Access to Laborers Education and Careers (DALEC) program provides preparatory construction training to community members. Upon graduating, successful participants get direct entry into the Northwest Laborers' Apprenticeship Program. DALEC's goal is to reach underrepresented groups, like women and people of color, to help fill labor demands and build lasting careers.

"Being a proud member of LIUNA and the Tri-Cities community means we want to create livelihoods for our neighbors. We want our brothers and sisters to learn skills that will uplift themselves and their families."

- *Kayne Segura, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Laborers' Local 348*

With a nationwide labor shortage, the introduction of this program to the Tri-Cities area, will reinforce a standard for construction safety and skills but also provide more opportunities for the community at large. Laborers' Local 348 anticipates the need for skilled laborers and wants to be proactive on local hire while supporting members with healthcare, free training and retirement benefits.



Laborers' Local 348, a branch of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), represents the proud men and women in the Tri-Cities and surrounding areas. LIUNA members are a skilled and experienced workforce trained to work safely in the construction and energy industries.

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