

TRADESWOMEN COMMITTEE

BUILDING THE FUTURE

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TRADESWOMEN SPOTLIGHT: HEATHER WOLF

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Current Role: Regional EHS Lead, WMS Campus

Platform: Founder of The Rosie Standard, S.H.E. Builds, Hard Hat Heroes

Board Seat: Ashland University Board Member, NAWIC Chapter 13 Member

Education: B.S. to Master's Pathway in OSH

"Climb the ladder, make it wider, and drag others up with you."

From Pipeline Trenches to Campus Governance

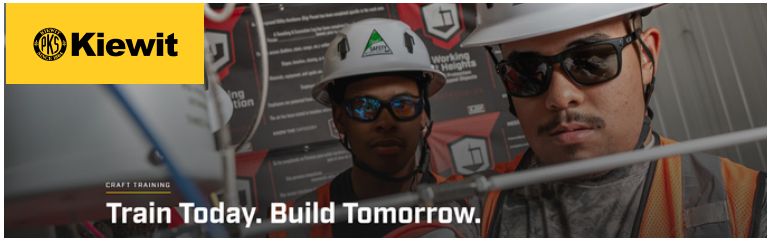
My career in construction began right in the dirt, working on commercial pipeline installations. Operating in the trenches taught me the physical realities our crews face daily, the value of grit, and the critical need for proactive hazard management.

This trade level foundation drove my transition into Occupational Health and Safety (EHS). I realized protecting workers isn't about rigid compliance checklists, it is about human advocacy. To deepen this impact, I've pursued higher education, currently completing my Bachelor's degree in OSH (Construction) with a direct pathway to my Master's, bridging field grit with strategic insight into real life application of education and leadership.



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

KIEWIT ELECTRICAL CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM

Looking to build a career in the electrical trades? Kiewit is offering a two-week, paid hands-on training program designed to build job-ready skills and create a pathway into industrial electrical construction.

The program includes training and certification support, with current career opportunities in Texas and Georgia.

Interested?

Learn more and apply directly through [Kiewit](#).

Program Highlights

Kiewit's electrical training program helps you focus on building skills by pairing paid training with practical support, covered credentials and a path toward full-time work.



Paid Training & Program Support

Training is paid, with wages starting at \$24/hour based on experience and qualifications. Travel, accommodations and meals are provided by Kiewit.



Job-Ready in Two Weeks

Build job-ready skills through a two-week, hands-on program at a Kiewit training facility.



Licensing & Certification Support

Kiewit supports your long-term career growth by covering eligible licensing and certification costs, including NCCER credentials.



Real Job Opportunities

Receive job placement support to pursue a career with Kiewit after successful program completion. Current opportunities include positions in Texas and Georgia.

NEW LAWS:



Illinois recently signed SB 3465, a new law establishing basic workplace protections for women and workers who menstruate on construction sites. Beginning January 1, 2027, the law will require dedicated, secure restroom facilities for women on jobsites with 10 or more workers, free access to menstrual products, adequate restroom time, and expanded accommodations for nursing mothers — including private spaces, refrigeration, and access to water for sanitation. Led by Chicago Women in Trades, the legislation recognizes something tradeswomen have advocated for years: **access to safe, sanitary and private facilities isn't a special accommodation — it's a basic requirement for an inclusive jobsite.** Beyond improving day-to-day working conditions, measures like these can play an important role in recruiting and retaining more women in the skilled trades.



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▶ TRADES & TOASTS EVENT: SITE SISTER KIT ASSEMBLY EVENT

Hosted at Cambria, the event brought together women from NAWIC Miami for networking, conversation, and a tour of the stone showroom — but the highlight of the evening was giving back to tradeswomen. Attendees came together to assemble Site Sister Kits, and guests were also encouraged to take a kit back to their own jobsite or give one directly to a tradeswoman who could use it. Trades & Toasts was a great example of how NAWIC chapters can combine networking with meaningful action.

MOO-CORNER

Hey SouthEast!

It's been a moo-valous time this newsletter cycle!

Be sure to sign up for this newsletter and share the link with a friend!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Words of Wisdom: Just keep moo-ing, it'll all be okay :)



▶ SEER TRADESWOMEN COMMITTEE AT NAWIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Tradeswomen were well represented at NAWIC's 71st Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada, as members from across the country came together to connect, learn, celebrate and continue building a stronger community for women working in the field.

The conference gave tradeswomen and their advocates an opportunity to connect beyond their individual chapters and regions, share experiences from the jobsite, and strengthen the network of women committed to supporting and advancing the skilled trades. Through conference programming, conversations and recognition, the week reinforced an important part of NAWIC's mission: women in the trades deserve not only a seat at the table, but a strong community behind them.

One of the highlights was the recognition of Emily Mick of Indianapolis Chapter 34 as NAWIC's 2026 Tradeswoman of the Year. The national award recognizes exceptional skill in the trades as well as leadership, mentorship and advocacy for other women in the industry.

The Southeast Region was proudly represented as well, including Keisha Blair, our Southeast Region Field Forward Award recipient, who brought more than three decades of skilled-trades experience to Reno and shared her message of resilience, leadership and continuing to climb toward the next opportunity. Annual Conference may bring us together for just a few days, but the connections made there carry back to our jobsites, chapters and regions. As our Tradeswomen Committees continue to grow, so does the network of women ready to advocate for, mentor and stand beside the women building our industry every day.

COMMITTEE Updates

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

- Site Sister Kit info cards were included in Annual Conference swag bags, reaching 600+ attendees nationwide.
- The Tradeswomen Committee Playbook was showcased at Annual Conference as a resource and model for other regions and chapters.
- The Southeast Region launched a dedicated Tradeswomen Committee sponsorship opportunity to support initiatives beyond Site Sister Kits.

- \$2,500+ raised in Site Sister Kit sponsorships across the Southeast Region.
- 220+ Site Sister Kits requested through the SER website request form.

QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHTS

IN MOTION

- Corporate partnerships & sponsorships
- New SSK + Committee Partnership Deck
- Public newsletter subscription launch

- Establish a designated Tradeswomen Committee Chair in every Southeast Region chapter.
- Secure a commitment from every chapter to host at least one tradeswomen-focused event during WIC Week.

COMMITTEE 60 DAY GOALS