

Generation Unemployed and She-Cession vs. Guaranteed Jobs and No College Debt

The Independent Electrical Contractors' Class of 2021 Enter Job Market with Job Security & NO DEBT

TAMPA, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, May 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Friday, May 21, the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) of West Florida will honor the men and women who have completed IEC's required four-year [apprenticeship training](#) program. The ceremony will be held at the Tampa Convention Center at 5:00 pm that day. RaeShawn Crosson, IEC CEO, will deliver the keynote commencement address. All graduates have a job, zero post-secondary education debt, and rigorous training in safety on the job.



Did you know electrical job demand outlook is DOUBLE the average demand for other jobs? Or that the average electrician salary is \$56,180 while the average salary for other careers is \$39,810?

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RaeShawn Crosson

The job market is starting to roar back, but for anxious college seniors, it's a different reality altogether. It is well known that many are struggling to find jobs and are carrying mountains of college debt. “The electrical contracting industry, deemed essential throughout the pandemic, represents a stable, sustainable opportunity for all job seekers,” says Crosson. “In fact, our industry sector has a critical shortage of workers, pushing wages higher in the skilled trades and making these jobs even more attractive.”

Natasha Sherwood, president of the Florida

Apprenticeship Association, says, “Apprenticeship programs in Florida are now becoming not just an alternative to college but an equal option. Floridians are seeing the opportunity to earn while they learn without incurring crippling debt all while creating an essential career that will serve them for years to come.” She continues, “We have all become aware of what is truly essential and what is not. We have apprentices coming to our programs from all walks of life – some with college degrees, some from established careers, some from military, and some straight out of

high school turning down college for a career in industries that promise not only steady work but fulfilling work that is well respected, well-compensated and much needed.”

Across the U.S, 27% of skilled workers with licenses or certificates earn more than those with bachelor’s degrees. Electricians are at the top in terms of earning power. * Yet high school graduates have been so effectively encouraged to get a bachelor’s degree that these high-paid jobs requiring shorter and less expensive training are going unfilled. This affects those students and impacts the economy across the U.S.

The electrical contracting sector represents a stable, sustainable opportunity for all job seekers: graduating high school students, military vets, women, minorities, and people seeking to make a career change.

IEC offers careers in electrical contracting that is more than just working at a job site. “Electrical contracting and renewable energy offer job security,” says Crosson. “This is not a boring or mundane field. Recent technology evolutions combined with the push for climate-friendly renewable energy and the increased electrification of buildings and transportation make the start of the new decade one of the most exciting times ever to be an electrical contractor.”

Smart Buildings and homes, drones, artificial intelligence, 5G, 3D Building Information Modeling, image recognitions, prefabrication, and advanced levels of workplace safety technology are rapidly evolving. “This new, evolving technology is the sexy part of the business and one that IEC trains its students to understand and use,” she adds.

Conventional wisdom says we cannot function in a world without electricity. “This translates into



IEC Florida is projecting a 20% increase in enrollments in 2021-22. Will sustain that growth pace will into the decade.



Raeshawn Crosson, distinguished for her role as the chief operating officer of IEC, is a prominent thought leader, an accomplished change management agent, an innovator, and an entrepreneur.

career security and living wages well into the future,” Crosson emphasizes. “There is no question that electricians power this new world. We power people’s lives. We power our quality of life. And electricians power the forces and infrastructure of strength, vitality, safety, and security for us all.”

Want to jump-start your career? Visit www.myelectriccareer.com

*Source: US Department of Education

About Independent Electrical Contractors

IEC is a nonprofit trade association federation with 52 educational campuses and affiliate IEC local chapters across the country. We represent over 3,600 member businesses employing more than 80,000 electrical professionals throughout the United States and educate over 14,000 electricians and systems professionals each year across America. Since 1957, we’ve trained close to 300 thousand apprentices in the U.S. IEC contractor member companies are responsible for over \$8.5B in gross revenue annually and are comprised of some of the premier firms in the industry.

About IEC West Florida Chapter

Representing contractors with anywhere from 2-500+ employees, IEC provides a unified voice in our industry and acts as a Legislative & Regulatory Watchdog in Florida – attending legislative sessions, meeting with elected officials, advocating for the needs of merit-based electrical contractors and keeping our members up to date with alerts and information on new regulations.

The IEC electrical training apprenticeship program is the answer to both the individual wanting to jump-start their career and the electrical contractor who wants skilled and productive employees.

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