

HireLAX Spotlight



HireLAX Grads Reach 30 Journeypersons

Ariel Fernando Lopez graduated from HireLAX's 5th Cohort in 2019. Prior to choosing the HireLAX program, he was working as a Pharmacy Tech but "wasn't feeling it." He was tired of dealing with drug seekers and felt like he needed to be more active. ***Ariel made the right decision!***

Ariel is currently working at Alaska's Terminal 6 Project. He has worked at Terminals 2, 3, and 4, the MSC North Traffic Control Tower, APM's Maintenance Facility, and the LAX Police Station. Other than one month working with another contractor, his entire construction career has been with ISEC, the original contractor that sponsored him. In March, Ariel joined the ranks

of Journeymen Carpenters, **bringing the program total to 30 that have Journeyed-Out!**

When asked how his life had changed, Ariel talked about being able to afford his own place. "I'm proud of what I've learned and what I've accomplished. I've been able to help my mom and family and be part of the transformation at LAX."

"LAWA contractors, please give my fellow grads a shot, there's nobody pulling strings for us. We're hungry and ready to earn your respect. Getting into the union changes lives."

To the LAWA Board and Executives, "Thank you and keep it going! You gave me an opportunity to change my life. Keep the program going, allow others the same opportunity you gave to me!"