

APPRENTICESHIP

Preserving Institutional Knowledge While Growing the Next Generation of Talent

A Word From an Apprentice

What does apprenticeship mean to you?

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Innovation, ambition, and creativity—How I discovered all three through my apprenticeship and fulfilled my American Dream.

At the end of my interview for the apprenticeship program at Solar Turbines, I remember telling the panel, “This is where I’m supposed to be and I feel it in my blood.” I knew that if given the opportunity, I wouldn’t take it for granted and instead, take advantage of this life-changing event. Little did I know the apprenticeship program would change my life.

Before working for Solar Turbines, I was a teacher’s assistant for The Charter School of San Diego. Though I was content, I knew deep down inside something was missing. Even if it was my passion to teach youth, I knew I needed to help myself before I could help someone else.

What I lacked in my life was innovation. I felt the need to create and be challenged. The apprenticeship program fulfilled that need. It allowed me to express my creativity, which helped me to think outside of the box when building tools. Through the mentoring of various journeyman of different trades, I was also able to learn from their techniques and create my own. Not only did they teach me about the trade, they gave me priceless advice on life.



Now, as a recent graduate and an official tool and die maker journeyman, I am proud to say that my experiences as an apprentice at Solar Turbines have contributed to the wellbeing of my life. During the four-year program, I’ve gained an education in a career that I love and most importantly I obtained the American Dream. I bought a house, married the love of my life and have a handsome, healthy child. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Solar Turbines family and I can’t wait to see what the future has in store for me.



For more information about how to become an apprentice visit the [Division of Apprenticeship Standards](#).

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