

APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship Training Director with Sheet Metal Local 206 in San Diego Wins National Award

Congratulations goes to apprenticeship training director Chris Caricato of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 206 in San Diego, for his recent win of the Procore Hard Hat Hero award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions from individuals who work to expand health and safety programs at the local level for unionized sheet metal workers. One honoree from each of six regions across the nation is picked. Chris makes sure students are mentored and trained in safety such as OSHA, CPR, First Aid and fall protection. To him, safety isn't a priority, it's an unyielding value.

I was nominated by Randy Krocka, the Administrator of the Sheet Metal Occupational Health Institute Trust (SMOHIT). Randy nominated me because he said he saw in me a commitment to safety and training the next generation. Once you have been nominated, it takes your support group to cast votes electronically. I was supported by my family, friends, co-workers, and of course my Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation (SMART) constituents from all across the country. I feel humbled to be the winner as there are many people in this industry who go above and beyond every day.

With winning this award, myself and a guest (which was my daughter Kenna) received an all-expense paid trip to Charlotte North Carolina to watch the Bank of America ROVAL 400 NASCAR Race at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. Before the race, Kenna and I were invited to the Leavine Family Racing (LFR) shop to tour their facility. We received a warm welcome from the sponsor Procore and the LFR personnel as well as other invited guests, including last year's winner Gary Fogerty.

We were able to meet and talk with the drivers Kasey Kahne and Regan Smith. LFR then held an award ceremony, where Bob and Sharon Leavine presented me with a door panel from the 95 car signed by both drivers. We were then taken to the track and given a tour of the garage and that is where they presented the Procore 95 car that had my name printed on both rear quarter panels of the car. My daughter and I watched the entire race from the pit with the LFR staff, crew and Procore personnel. Watching the Procore 95 car race around Charlotte Motor Speedway with my name on it was an experience that both my daughter and I will remember forever! It was an honor for me to represent SMART and Apprenticeship programs that day! *Read more about Chris Caricato and the Hard Hat Hero award [here](#).*



Chris Caricato

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Chris Caricato and his daughter Kenna