

IBEW Local 8 honors sister Sydney Boisselle

The officers of IBEW Local 8 honor the life and legacy of Sydney Boisselle, a powerful young IBEW leader who passed away unexpectedly from injuries sustained in an auto accident. In her final courageous act as an organ donor, Sydney saved the lives of 8 people, restoring hope for many Northwest Ohio families. Hundreds of IBEW Local 8 members, Northwest Ohio tradeswomen, and building tradespeople from across Ohio stood by Sydney and her loved ones during her Heroes Walk at St. Vincent's hospital in Toledo on Monday, January 5, 2026. Sydney was 26 years old.

Sydney loved her union. She brought tremendous energy to her work fighting for Local 8 members. Early in her career, Sydney made her mark across Ohio and IBEW District 4 for her dedication and advocacy for union tradespeople and their families.

Sydney held her ground, always brave enough to stand up for what's right. She would be the first to have your back in hard times, and so many of our members felt stronger knowing Sydney was by their side holding the line. She pursued every opportunity to expand her knowledge, contributing greatly to the IBEW's mission and to Local 8.

Sydney was an accomplished Journeyman Inside Wireman and instructor at the Toledo Electrical JATC, where she mentored hundreds of young tradespeople. She served as an officer on IBEW Local 8's examining board and as a delegate to the Ohio AFL-CIO.

Sydney was a trailblazer who worked hard all her life. In 2017, she graduated from Penta Career Center's Construction Electricity Program, where her commitment to the trades earned her a position in the school-to-work program in the Toledo Electrical JATC.

She completed the 5-year Inside Wireman Apprenticeship in 2023, earning her City of Toledo Electrical License, her Ohio Fire Alarm Installer and Technician license, and her Michigan Electrical License. Throughout her Inside Wireman Apprenticeship, Sydney dedicated herself to service through multiple committees – notably the Women's and RENEW Committees, where she proved to her talent as a leader. By her early 20s, Sydney was already a respected advocate for Building Tradeswomen nationwide.

"These experiences have reinforced my belief in the importance of teamwork and the transformative impact of quality craftsmanship on our communities," Sydney once said. "My goal is to inspire others and raise awareness about the opportunities within the trades."

Sydney earned many commendations for her work, which she said "affirmed my drive to exceed expectations." But Sydney was never motivated by awards or the spotlight – what she found most rewarding was seeing the apprentices and journeypeople she mentored

achieve their own success. She lived to stand in solidarity with her union brothers and sisters, living her life in a way that sparked courage in others.

I and the leadership of IBEW Local 8 thank all of you for standing by Sydney and those she loved during this difficult time. Her services will be held **January 10, 2026, at Eggleston, Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, 1111 Woodville Rd., Millbury, OH 43447; calling hours take place from 11am to 3pm followed by her service at 3pm. A gathering after the funeral service will be held at Milbury Firehall, 28410 Oak St, Millbury, OH 43447.**

Those who know and love Sydney will never recover from her loss. But we will damn sure live up to her courage. As her Local 8 sisters and brothers, it's our duty to carry forward Sydney's work. It's our duty to keep her fighting spirit alive, to live up to the powerful legacy Sydney has left on our union.