IAM141 Convention

WHY GET INVOLVED?

I'm here to become a stronger Shop Steward, and develop skillsets that I need to defend the dignity of my coworkers. I feel like I learned a lot by getting to hear directly from District 141 President Mike Klemm, and the historic work that he's done for this industry.

Daniel, Local 1781 San Francisco

I was sworn in as a Shop Steward in February of this year. For me, personally, it comes down to education. We need to educate ourselves to a level that will empower us to protect our jobs, our bodies, and the overall welfare of our jobs.

Rayshawn, Local 1445 Newark



"The most important thing for me is job security, and to prevent management from bullying the men and women that make our airline successful. Some of them want to step on our necks, and we need to confront that. To do that, I need to learn more about our union, and grow as a Shop Steward.

Tevita, Local 1781 San Francisco

We need to protect our jobs, that's the number one priority for me. The more of us that are fighting to protect our jobs, the better. I'm here to be a better defender of our job security and rights.

Rosario, Local 1487 Chicago

Union Activism broke records this year at the biggest convention of airline workers within the Machinists Union. Historic levels of legislative action, record numbers of delegates, and record numbers of first-time delegates all made an impact.

We asked first-time delegates and new union activists what inspired them to get involved.

I was inspired to get involved by our Local President, Tony Licciardi. He demands a high level of member involvement, and wants us to be included any time that decisions that will impact our work area are being made.

Sam, Local 1487 Chicago

I'm really interested in doing more. A lot of new members don't understand what the purpose of the union is, what the union is for. So, I'd like to be a part of getting that education out into the field.

Carletta, Local 2198 Houston



I came here to educate myself, so I can do a better job for my fellow co-workers in Houston. I want to bring back something useful from this convention that will help people understand how their union works, and how they can help out.

Michelle, Local 811 Houston

Elizabeth "When I transferred to Newark several years ago, I noticed a shortage of union representation. That inspired me to step up and become a shop steward."

Sean "It's all about communication. As a shop steward, getting to address some of the issues that we are having on the ramp at the union district level, and potentially taking back some of the things that we are working on up here back to the ramp... that, to me, is monumental.

Elizabeth Groner and Sean Rosario, Local 914 Newark: