

Meet

JAMIL WEAKS

an aspiring Painter



Training: Rising Sun's Opportunity Build Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Graduation Date: September 2022

Trade of Interest: Painting

Tell us about yourself. I'm 19 years old. I grew up in different foster care placements all over the Bay Area. Growing up, I witnessed many adults doing things I couldn't see myself doing in the future.

When did you become interested in construction? After high school, I enrolled in community college for half a semester and realized it was not for me. I couldn't see myself doing that for four or more years; that being said, I started looking for other career paths, such as construction. I enrolled in Rising Sun's MC3 program, and this was when I learned about my passion for construction.

What did you enjoy most about your pre-apprenticeship training through Rising Sun Opportunity Build? I didn't know what I was getting into when I joined Rising Sun, but I did know I wanted something long-term and rewarding. Rising Sun opened up many great opportunities for me, helped me meet many great people, and taught me valuable life skills.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? I see myself moving up in this career path, and over time I can accomplish many goals for myself, such as; finishing an apprenticeship, picking up new skills, investing in stocks, and becoming a journeyman.

What do you want potential employers to know about you? I would love for employers to know I am ready to work hard. I strive to excel in everything I do. I am very determined and am always willing to learn and pick up new things.

Jamil Weaks is 1 of 15 individuals on the September-October Job Ready list. If you would like to connect with Mr. Weaks regarding employment or training opportunities or to receive a copy of the Job Ready list, contact Danielle Motley-Lewis at dmotley@lowecg.com.

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