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Monique's Building a Bright Future

Best Second-Year Apprentice, HIA Apprentice Awards

Bricklaying apprentice Monique Juratovac (21) has pipped apprentices from across the building trade to take out WA's best Second-Year Apprentice at the HIA WA Apprentice Awards on Saturday, November 14.

Monique also won the Judges Excellence in Endeavor Award for demonstrating a leading commitment to excellence in the building industry.

This is not the first time Monique has been recognised for her skills, with a 2019 WorldSkills Australia regional win under her belt, followed by a chance to represent Australia in the upcoming WorldSkills Australia National Championships, due to be held in Perth in August 2021.

Monique is completing her apprenticeship with ABN Group, under the guidance of the ABN Training program.

"I love bricklaying, being outdoors in a team, and building – at the end of the day, it's incredible to see what I have achieved and where I can improve my skills," Ms Juratovac said.

"Once I qualify as a bricklayer, I would eventually like to have my own team – you can never stop learning in bricklaying and the more experience I have, the more it will allow me to excel."

ABN Group Managing Director Dale Alcock is a bricklayer by trade, so understands just what it takes to be a bricklaying apprentice.

"Congratulations to Monique on this wonderful achievement," Mr Alcock said. "These awards are testament to Monique's dedication and outstanding quality of work."

The ABN Group employs more apprentices than any other builder in Australia, bringing their building expertise to future generations. Since its establishment in 2004, ABN Training has trained more than 1,550 apprentices and produced more than 900 new tradespeople.

"Quality apprentice training is a huge focus for us, simply because our success and the future of the building industry absolutely relies on access to the best quality tradespeople," Mr Alcock said. "We also love seeing our apprentices flourish in their chosen trade, they are our future."

Housing Industry Association (HIA) WA Executive Director, Cath Hart, is amongst those to congratulate Monique.

"Monique's achievements at this year's HIA Stratco WA Apprentice Awards proves not only is she very talented, she also has an admirable work ethic, and that's what stood out to the judges," Ms Hart said. "On behalf of the residential building industry, we can't wait to celebrate more of her future successes."



ABN Training apprentices celebrated a swag of additional award wins on the night including Conor Murphy, a third-year Dalyellup-based bricklaying apprentice who won HIA Apprentice of the Year 2020.

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