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# GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

By Erwin Morales, E06/X47

## GRADUATE 1

Kelsey Dionne Daniels, Insulator

Rocky Mount, NC  
Outstanding Athletic Achievement, Women's Basketball

"When times get tough, that's when you work the hardest. That's when you don't give up. When you think it's the end, that's just the beginning."

Plans: to become a supervisor.



## GRADUATE 2

Brennan Clark Bowman, Machinist

Hilliard, OH  
G. Guy Via Award  
Advanced Shipyard Operations

"Appreciate the program. Many people would like to be in your shoes. Try new things. Learn from your mistakes, own them, and don't let them detour you from trying again. If you learn a little each day, you'll have learned a lot by the time you graduate."

Plans: E84, Mechanical Test Engineering

## GRADUATE 3

Kevin Lamar McNeil, Heavy Metal Fabricator

Greensboro, NC  
Niels Christiansen Craftsmanship Award  
Homer L. Ferguson Award, With Honors

"Focus on being the best at what you do. Be in competition with yourself."

Plans: E86, Reactor Instrumentation and Control, Electrical Engineering

## GRADUATE 4

Melissa Renae Cantú, Marine Designer

Yorktown, VA  
Charles F. Bailey Award, With Honors

"Stick with it. Don't quit. It's going to be difficult, but just do it."

Plans: E27, RCOH Carrier Design, Designer 2

# FABULOUS BUILDERS

By Sarah Howell, X06/X44

Working in the shipyard can be challenging, no matter who you are. When

you are a female you may have different challenges than a male. Female and Builders (FaB) talks began as a way for female shipyard workers, apprentice and non-apprentices, to discuss these special challenges. Each talk consists of a panel of successful women

shipbuilders who are there to tell you their stories and to help answer the questions of the audience.

At the most recent FaB talk the special speaker was the Newport News Shipbuilding

President, Jennifer Boykin. Jennifer Boykin talked about the power of realizing that you are the only person responsible for how you feel, how you act, and what is on your mind. Remembering to not make assumptions about the motivations of others and going

by just what you know as fact, will help you to work with the people around you. She also talked about some of the obstacles she overcame, one of which was herself, just as it is for many of us.

The other panelist came from a wide variety of trades and positions. They answered questions about working in a

male dominated environment, believing in yourself, and how to be successful in your work. The panel helped to empower and share knowledge between the participants.

Whether you are a woman or a man, coming to a FaB talk will help you to see different perspectives and ideas from your own. These ideas can help you to see your path or help to bring you confidence. So next time a FaB talk is announced, come and see what the excitement is all about.

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