



Samantha Randby is Proud to Be “One of the Guys”

As a young girl, Samantha Randby would take delight in her father’s stories about his adventures installing overhead cable for television systems around the country. Today, her father takes delight in Samantha’s stories about her adventures as a lineman (and yes, Samantha prefers lineman to lineperson).

Samantha remembers her father made the job of installing lines high above the ground sound exciting, challenging and rewarding. “He was right,” says Samantha, who has been working on a 161 change-out in Wisconsin since early fall 2012. “There’s no better job in the world for someone like me who likes physical work, being outside and isn’t afraid of heights.”

After attending vocational school in her home state of Minnesota, Samantha worked

with heavy equipment and as a tree trimmer before pursuing her real passion — the job of a lineman. As a second step apprentice with the Missouri Valley program, she has enjoyed the supportive people and environment of the program as well as her current employer — Hooper Corporation. “They all treat me like one of the guys, and that’s the way I prefer it,” comments Samantha.

What advice does Samantha have for other women who may be considering the demanding work of a lineman? Simply put, “Give it a shot! The demand for qualified linemen will always be there, so the job outlook is good and the rewards are even better — working with great crews, outstanding pay and benefits, plus the chance to travel around the country. Best of all, when the day is done, you’ll have something to show for all your hard work,” she concludes.

Samantha has a lot of people to thank for where she is today — her instructors, her employer, fellow apprentices and crew members, but most of all her father who inspired her to “climb high.”

More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

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