



# Plumbers Local Union No. 68



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NEWSLETTER

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## LOCAL No. 68 UNION MEETINGS

The next Union meeting in Houston will be held on **August 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm** at 502 Link Road in Houston, Texas. The next Union Meeting in Corpus Christi will be **August 26, 2019 @ 6:00 pm** at 4841 Leopard Street in Corpus Christi, Texas.

\*Please remember to turn cell phones off or on vibrate during Union meetings.\*

## PLUMBERS 68 OFFICERS INSTALLATION



The newly elected officers of Plumbers Local 68 were sworn in at the June 13th union meeting by UA International Representative **Russell “Corby” Shelton**.

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATION

We would like to thank **Tommy and Gloria Gray** for their gracious \$10,000 donation to the Plumbers Local Union 68 Scholarship Fund. His donation will go towards giving a \$1000 scholarship annually for ten years, to a lucky Union Member’s child who is a high school senior entering college. It is a honor to salute someone who has done so much for this Union but has asked for so little. Join us in saluting our esteemed brother and thank him for over 57 years of dedication to this great Union.

*Pictured are Business Agent **Jeffrey Labroski**, Brother **Tommy Gray**, Business Manager **Wayne Lord** and FST **Bill Venable**.*



## NEW INITIATES



Congratulations to Plumbers Local Union 68 newest initiates from June 2019. Those initiates are Journeymen **Joe Andrado, Jr., Roman Cruz, Joey Hinrichs, Ray Martinez, James Matlock, Brent Mount, Benjamin Murillo, Tommy Stacy and Jesse Styron**. Apprentices are **Bryce Matthew, Edward Moreno and Reginal Sweet**.



Congratulations to Plumbers Local Union 68 newest initiates from June 2019 in Corpus Christi. Those initiates are Apprentices: **Jeremiah Grimaldo and Albert Valent**.



Congratulations to Plumbers Local Union 68 newest initiate from July 2019. Apprentice **Jeffrey Tyler LaBroski** pictured with father Business Agent **Jeff LaBroski** and brother and Local 68 apprentice **Justin Riojas**.



## RAFFLE WINNERS



Members who won either Corpus Christi Hooks tickets, a 68 knife or flashlight at the June meeting in Corpus Christi: **Jesse Prezas Jr, Lisa Caballero, Joel Ingram, Joe Contreras, John Briones, Albert Valent, Andrew Hinojosa, Brett Gignac, Gilbert Arredondo, Jeremiah Grimaldo, Arnold Briones, Ed Kane, Jesse Jones and Eliberto Salazar Jr.**



Members who won a Plumbers Local Union 68 knife or flashlight, or Astros or Dynamo tickets at the June Union Meeting: The winners were: **Marco Ramirez, Danny Parrott, Aaron Rodriguez, Carlos Rodriguez, Reginald Sweet, Lauro Guzman, Calvin Schnur, Matt Roberts, Martin Juarez, Roy Gonzalez, Theodore Vasquez, David Brown, Victor Ramirez, Rodolfo Cantu, Valaree White, Steve Randolph, Jonathan Alsobrooks, Eddie Martinez and Tommy Gray.**

## RAFFLE WINNERS



These members won a Plumbers Local Union 68 knife or flashlight, or Astros or Dynamo tickets at the July Union Meeting.

## 50 YEAR MEMBERS



Congratulations to our latest 50 year members. Left to Right, William Venable, II (FST), Brothers Ed Lange, John Pizzuti and John Dixon, Retirees Club President Jim Seay and Fund Manager David Bowman.

## HAPJAC – CONTINUING EDUCATION & JOURNEYMAN CLASSES

Texas Pipe Trades Association in cooperation with Texas State Joint Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training/Education Committee of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry is offering the 2019-2020 six-hour (6) Continuing Education Course to licensed plumbers. This course meets the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners requirements for license renewals. The following classes will be held at the location and time indicated for those licenses that expire September 30, 2019 - August 31, 2020. Contact the **Training Center** at 713-861-3202 or 800-891-8900 or email [KLhapjac@att.net](mailto:KLhapjac@att.net).

**Continuing Education** Upcoming CE classes will be held:

### Houston - 454 Link Road

August 17	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
August 27 & 29	5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
September 19 (Med Gas)	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
September 21	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
September 24 & 26	5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

### Beaumont – 695 Chamberlin Drive

September 17 & 19	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
September 21	8:00 AM -3:00 PM
September 21 (Med Gas)	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### College Station – 1503 S. Texas Avenue

September 7	8:00 AM -3:00 PM
September 7 (Med Gas)	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Corpus Christi – 4841 Leopard Street

September 21	8:00 AM -3:00 PM
September 21 (Med Gas)	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### Dickinson - 4411 Texas 3

August 17	8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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### Harlingen – 1202 Ed Carey Drive

September 21, 2019	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
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### Richmond – 727 Pitts Road

September 14	8:00 AM -3:00 PM
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## IMPORTANT DATES

July 27: Regular Saturday Classes start  
 August 8: Retirees Club Meeting at 11:00 AM  
 Union Meeting - Houston at 6:00 PM  
 August 19: Monday/Wednesday Apprenticeship Classes start

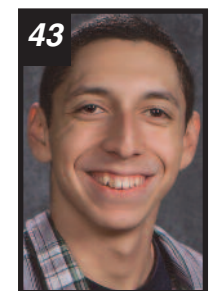
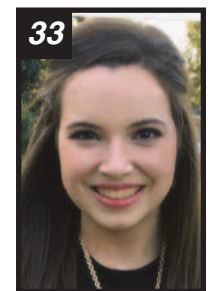
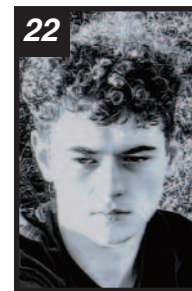
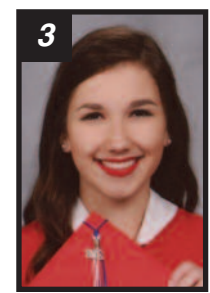
August 20: Tuesday/Thursday Apprenticeship Classes start  
 August 26: Union Meeting - Corpus Christi at 6:00 PM  
 September 2: Labor Day (Contract Holiday)  
 September 12: Union Meeting Houston

# 2019 Plumbers Local 68 Scholarship Awards

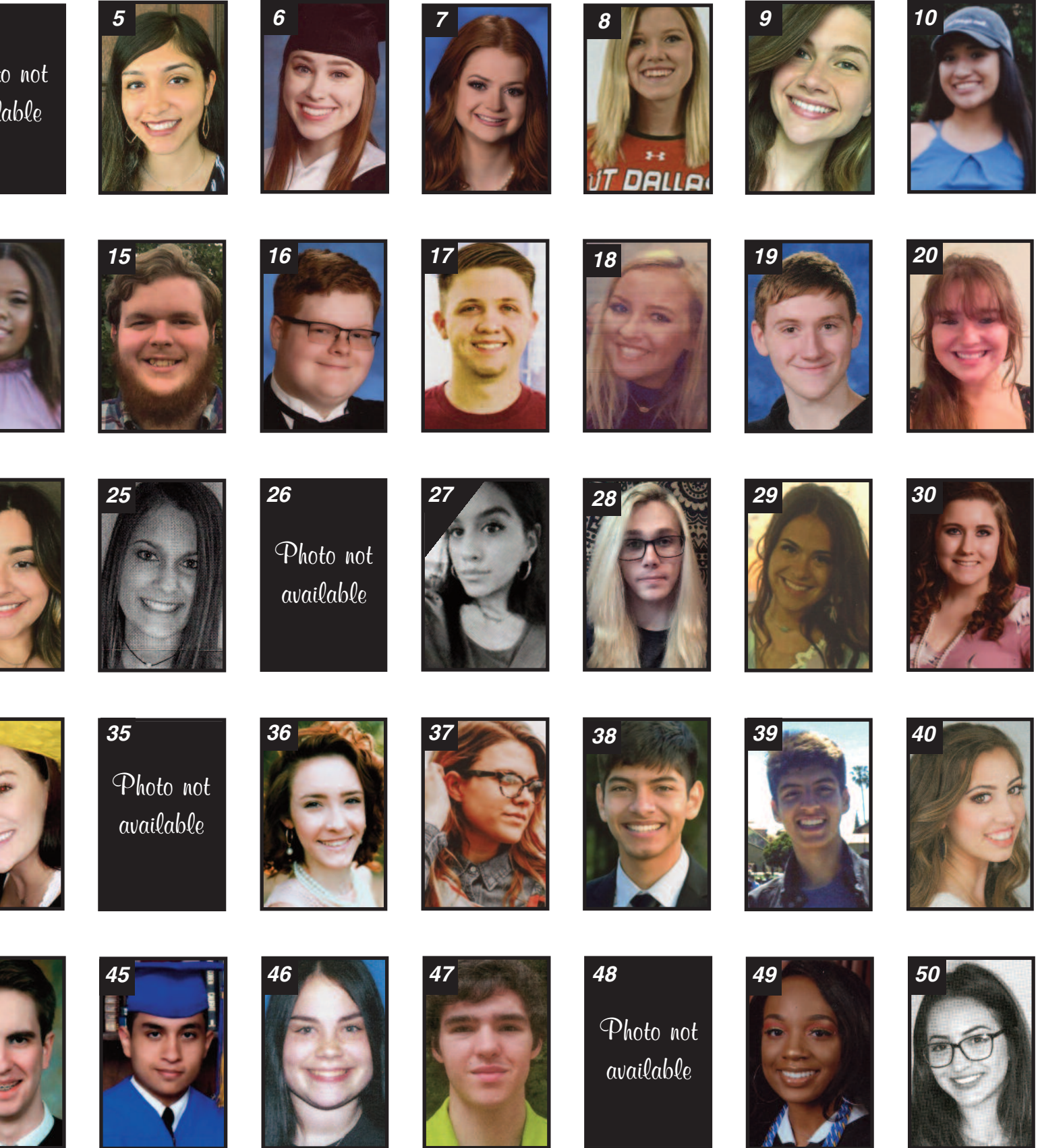
Plumbers Local 68 Community Improvement Committee Chairman, Brother **Jeff LaBroski** and Business Manager, Brother **Wayne Lord** are pleased to announce the 50 scholarship recipients. In all, the Community Improvement Committee awarded \$50,500 in scholarships and we are honored to be able to help these men and women advance their education.

- 1 Lauren Arambula ..... Lone Star College Cy-Fair
- 2 Tye Boudreaux ..... Louisiana Tech
- 3 Kinlee Buesing ..... Lamar University
- 4 Breanna Collins\* ..... Sam Houston State University
- 5 Liliana Cordova ..... University of Houston
- 6 Kayla Dlouhy ..... San Jacinto College Central
- 7 Shelby Fisher ..... Baylor University
- 8 Sydney Fitt ..... University of Texas @ Dallas
- 9 Tressah Furlow ..... San Jacinto College South
- 10 Briseyda Garcia ..... University of St. Thomas
- 11 Veronica Garcia ..... University of Houston Downtown
- 12 Milton Garza ..... Texas A & M University
- 13 Brianna Gonzalez ..... San Jacinto College South
- 14 Jasmine Gowdie ..... Texas A & M University
- 15 Daniel Greer ..... Houston Baptist University
- 16 Justin Greer ..... Houston Baptist University
- 17 Cody Harris ..... Texas A & M University
- 18 Samantha Harris ..... Sam Houston State University
- 19 Stephen Hunt ..... Lone Star College
- 20 Madisen Johnson ..... Grayson County College
- 21 Ty Jungman\* ..... St. Mary's University
- 22 Logan Kay ..... Texas Tech University
- 23 Edwin Lozano ..... San Jacinto College
- 24 Catalina Machuca ..... University of Texas @ Tyler
- 25 Makayla Martel ..... Lone Star College - Montgomery
- 26 Cristina Martinez\* ..... Houston Community College
- 27 Makayla Moreau ..... Sam Houston State University
- 28 Tristan Morgan ..... San Jacinto College Central
- 29 Andrea Melo ..... University of Houston Downtown
- 30 Harley Mol ..... Lone Star College Kingwood
- 31 Nereyda Murcia\* ..... Houston Community College
- 32 Victoria Murillo ..... Sam Houston State University
- 33 Julia Nettles ..... Sam Houston State University
- 34 Jeni Nipper ..... Lone Star College - Kingwood
- 35 Jacob Parrott\* ..... Lone Star College
- 36 Kennedy Parrott ..... Sam Houston State University
- 37 Hailey Pickett ..... Lone Star College Cyfair
- 38 Adrian Regalado ..... Rice University
- 39 Cesar Regalado ..... Stanford University
- 40 Melanie Rinaudo ..... Stephen F. Austin State University
- 41 Christian Rodriguez ..... Southeastern University
- 42 Kevin Romo ..... Houston Community College
- 43 Nicholas Schnur ..... Sam Houston State University
- 44 Jason Seay ..... University of Houston
- 45 Casimiro Vargas ..... Lone Star College - Cy-Fair
- 46 Sydney Wang ..... Mary Hardin Baylor
- 47 John Ward ..... Texas A & M University
- 48 Leonardo Yerena\* ..... Houston Baptist University
- 49 Daisha Young ..... Texas State University
- 50 Carolina Zamora ..... Sam Houston State University

\* PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING



# 2019 Plumbers Local 68 Scholarship Awards



# HAPJAC 58TH ANNUAL APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION

On June 15, 2019 the Houston Area Joint Apprenticeship Committee (HAPJAC) held the 58th Annual Apprenticeship Graduation and Incentive Awards Banquet at the Marriott Hobby. Graduates were recognized for their completion of the apprenticeship program. Each received items donated by Milwaukee Tools presented by company representative Matthew Munniks. Apprentices were also recognized for perfect attendance, high grade averages and for participating in the local contest. Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2019 and to all of the award recipients. Great job Brothers and Sisters! Director of Training, Brother **Robert Cross** and his full time staff did a wonderful job hosting these events.

## Candidates for Graduation

*Fall 2018 & Spring 2019*

2019 Outstanding Graduate: Matthew T. Hollobaugh

Cesar Acevedo, Jr.	Michael Daugherty	Miguel Gonzalez, Jr.	Jesus Martinez, Jr.	John Robinson
Moises Arce, Jr.	Joseph De Jesus	William Goodwin, III	Alex Mejia	Brandon Romo
Aaron Archibald	Esteban De La Rosa Garza	Reginald Guillory, II	Jose Mejia	Freddy Samaniego
Barry Ashley	Gary Desautels, Jr.	Kyle Hansen	Carlos Mendez	Emanuel Serna
Weldon Bagley	Miguel Diaz	David Hernandez	Matthew Mendoza	Micheal Smith
Armando Balleza	Federico Dominguez	Gerardo Hernandez	Terrence Millard	Joshua Thatcher
Esteban Barrera	Terrance Doolen	Yanluy Hernandez	Oscar Morales	Michale Tolbert, Jr.
Jason Beck	Joseph Drebert	Nicholas Higgs	Esteban Munguia	Francisco Torres
Matthew Brill	James Dunaway	Matthew Hollobaugh	Celso Nava	Diego Torres, Jr.
Emmanuel Briones Cruz	Walter Estrada	Martin Juarez	Jack Nguyen	Alexis Tretto Cadena
Scott Busby	Kenneth Ford	Michael Knoll	Darius Peters	Raymond Vargas, III
Daniel Capetillo	Thomas Gandy	Clarence LaFleur	Blake Puckett	Jonathan Vazquez
Ivan Castillo	John Gibson	Gary Landry	David Reagan, II	Richard Walter
Juan Cerda	David Gitmed	Jesus Lopez	Tony Renfro	James Ware
Damian Charles	Abel Gonzalez	Jason Maldonado	Jose Reynaga	Marco Woodard
Justin Cosmas	Alejandro Gonzalez	Shawn Malone	Othoniel Rivera	Michael Woychesin
Christopher Craddock	David Gonzalez	Issac Marquez	Matthew Roberts	Charles Young
Carl Crain	Oswaldo Gonzalez	Andrew Martinez	Charles Roberts, Jr.	Jesus Zamora

## Contest Winners

Michael Knoll was the overall contest winner and represented HAPJAC and Local 68 in the state contest where he placed 2nd.

First Place, First Year – James Stone  
Second Place, First Year – Devon Farmer  
Third Place, First Year – Robert W. Siry

First Place, Second Year – Anthem Powers  
Second Place, Second Year – Johnathan Vanderbeek  
Third Place, Second Year – Kevin Holder  
High Builder's Level: Stephen Randolph

First Place, Third Year – John Martin Jr.  
Second Place, Third Year – Demarcus Spearman  
Third Place, Third Year – John Love  
PVC: Jose Velez Jr.  
Copper Solder: Justin Rogers

First Place, Fourth Year – Joseph Masone (High Written Score)  
Second Place, Fourth Year – Ricardo Ponce  
Third Place, Fourth Year – John Nipper  
Material Take-off: Tam Mai  
Copper Brazing: Usman Mirza

First Place, Fifth Year – Michael Knoll  
Second Place, Fifth Year – Darby Gauthier  
Third Place, Fifth Year – Federico Dominguez

## Perfect Attendance

Weldon Bagley  
Armando Balleza  
Ivan Castillo  
Justin Cosmas  
David Gonzalez

Oswaldo Gonzalez  
Miguel Gonzalez, Jr.  
Regionald Guillory, II  
Clarence LaFleur  
Andrew Martinez

Matthew Mendoza  
Terrence Millard  
Jose Reynaga  
John Robinson

# HAPJAC 58TH ANNUAL APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION




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# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

<i>Union Hall</i>	(713) 869-3592
	(800) 798-1074
<i>Fund Office</i>	(713) 869-2592
	(800) 833-2980
<i>Training Center</i>	(713) 861-3202
	(800) 891-8900
<i>Credit Union</i>	(713) 869-9053
<i>Website</i>	<a href="http://www.plu68.com">www.plu68.com</a>

*Sincerely and Fraternaly,*

Robert "Wayne" Lord..... Business Manager  
 William "Bill" Venable, II..... Financial Secretary / Treasurer  
 Rick Lord ..... Business Agent  
 Jeff LaBroski..... Business Agent  
 Chato Woodard ..... Business Agent  
 Brian Granger ..... President/Organizer  
 David Bowman ..... Vice President  
 Glen Kirkham ..... Organizer  
 Jeremy Pavlich ..... Organizer  
 Robert L. Cross..... Director of Training



## In Memoriam


Brother **Curtis Mullinax** (80) of Houston TX passed away March 29, 2019. Brother Mullinax was a UA Retired member of 49 years, being initiated in October 1969.

## AND FINALLY...

On June 13, 2019, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an executive order extending the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and the plumbing license law until 2021. We are already preparing for the battle when the Texas Legislature convenes.

**Keep taking your continuing education!**



  
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