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The 2017 Larry Armanda Scholarship Awards

Thanks to Larry Armanda's family and the HPC Memorial Scholarship Fund, two scholarship awards will be presented to women working in low-income weatherization at the 2017 HPC National Home Performance Conference.

Congratulations to Kimberly Kleinprinz and Brooke Paluzzi, the 2017 Larry Armanda Scholarship Award recipients.

Kimberly Kleinprinz is with the Kendall Grundy Community Action in Yorkville, Illinois which features a weatherization staff that is entirely female. It is one of Illinois' smallest community action agencies. With the motto, "**We Can Do It!**" Kimberly is BPI QCI certified and continuously seeks to further her knowledge in order to assist the most vulnerable in her community through weatherization and education.



Brooke Paluzzi is the Contracting Manager for the EnergyReady program of Civic Works in Baltimore, MD. EnergyReady serves low-income communities through weatherization work as well as acts as a workforce development program. Brooke continues to identify areas for improvement within EnergyReady's business operations. Ms. Paluzzi plans to focus her efforts towards expanding its capacity in a sustainable way in order to address the needs of low-income residents and workers alike.

Larry's Legacy



Larry's work and career life followed a progression from worker to business owner to industry leader. Larry worked as an Industrial Electric Troubleshooter at Bethlehem Steel for 16 years. During this time period, he became a Logistic Supervisor for Infraspection Institute, teaching infrared imaging nationally. In the 1980's he started an electrical contracting business, Armanda Electric, becoming well known in the Williamsport PA area. Having a solid background in mechanical and electrical systems, wet building and roof moisture troubleshooting and building inspections, he became an Instructional Specialist at Pennsylvania College of

Technology (Penn College), Weatherization Training Center in 1997, where he developed and designed building science curriculum, and instructed and taught DOE-approved weatherization classes. For 12 years, Larry taught thousands of weatherization technicians. In 2009, Larry became a consultant and taught courses and did in-field training in the US and Puerto Rico, training thousands of field technicians, government officials, and utility managers. Larry retired at the end of 2015.

Larry was a true pioneer in the weatherization and home performance industry, having had experience with building systems, diagnostics, and solutions for decades prior to just about anyone else in the US. He was sought after because of his wit, experience, knowledge, and practical skills, and mostly for his ability to teach by telling stories about his own experiences with building science, troubleshooting, and fixing buildings and systems.

Always humble and never egotistic, Larry made all his students and clients feel good about what they knew, what they were learning, and who they could become. He wrote over a dozen articles published in national magazines, including Fine Homebuilding and Home Energy Magazine, where the editors rarely changed a word because of Larry's ability to write easy to understand stories. He was asked to present at countless conferences, where lines to thank him for his presentations extended out the doors. Larry's teaching skills shone the most when he performed in-field training, including courses for women-only, as he was patient, and non-judgmental, always influencing his students to explore possible answers without fear of being wrong. He often said "There are no stupid questions". He saw the best in everyone.