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ABC NorCal Apprentice Ricardo Serna Earns Safety Award at 2026 National Craft Championships

Livermore, CA — Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California (ABC NorCal) proudly announce that Ricardo Serna, an electrical apprentice with [Don Celillo Electric Co., Inc.](#), earned the Electrical Commercial/Residential Competition Safety Award at the 2026 ABC National Craft Championships that was held in Salt Lake City Utah.

Serna competed in the Electrical Commercial/Residential competition, where top apprentices from across the country demonstrated their technical knowledge, hands-on skills, and commitment to safety. His recognition highlights not only his individual dedication, but also the strength of the ABC NorCal apprenticeship programs in Northern California.

“Ricardo’s achievement reflects the high standards of safety and craftsmanship we emphasize throughout our training programs,” said Chris DeVette, ABC NorCal UAC Chair. “We are proud to see one of our apprentices recognized on the national stage.”

ABC NorCal also extends its appreciation to its electrical instructors, led by Ben Sipe, for their ongoing commitment to training and mentorship. Their work in preparing apprentices like Serna plays a critical role in ensuring participants are ready to compete—and succeed—at the national level.

The National Craft Championships, held annually as part of the ABC Convention since 1987, bring together the best craft professionals from across the country to compete in a range of disciplines. Now in its 39th year, the event celebrates merit shop excellence and the future of the construction workforce.

Serna’s accomplishment underscores the importance of hands-on training and strong industry partnerships, such as those between ABC NorCal and member contractors like Don Celillo Electric Co., Inc.

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