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Trades on the Bridge

Christine Glasgow: Journeyman, Carpenter, and Former Apprentice

Christine Glasgow has worked on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project (GBRP) since January 2015. The former apprentice, now a Journeyman in the Carpenters Union, explains, "I first got started in carpentry when I was a little girl. At 10, I'd help my Dad and clean up after him on projects."

At 17, Christine enrolled in Job Corps, a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career. She began a pre-apprenticeship program in 1994, but took a hiatus to get married and start a family, intending to return. As soon as her youngest daughter started kindergarten, Christine enrolled in the Union County Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains, NJ.

When Christine graduated, she learned she was eligible to compete for a place in the Union. Of 40 applicants, Christine was one of seven selected. She attended carpenter's school, completed her apprenticeship on the GBRP, and today she is a Journeyman Carpenter.

You can find Christine working in the GBRP's carpentry shop, one of a team fabricating many of the forms used on the bridge. She likes the diversity of the work and the support it provides to many of the other trades building the bridge.

"We build the forms. We build ladders. We cut planks and 4x4s for use by the other trades, and we build safety signage. I'm not going to lie," she says. "I love this job."

The GBRP Apprentice Program by the Numbers

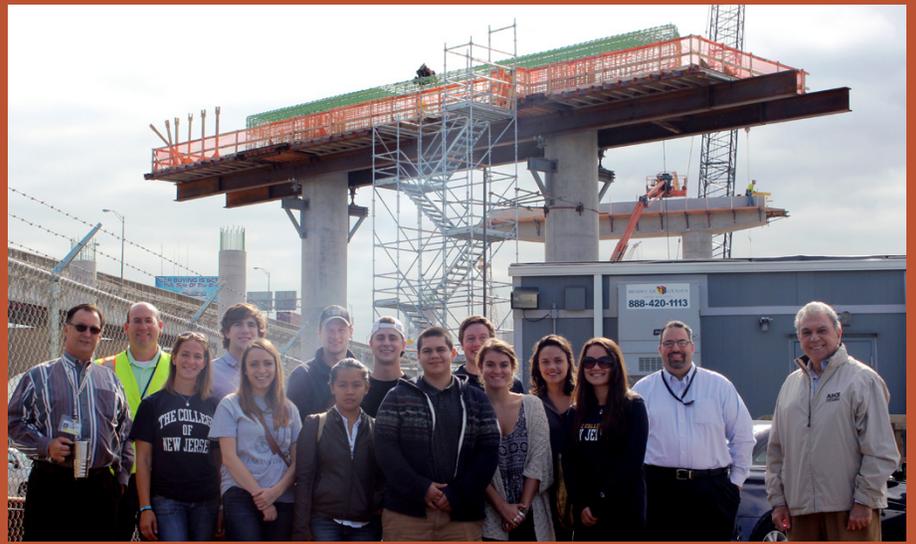
Apprenticeship programs are in full gear at the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project (GBRP). The GBRP currently fields 35 apprentices working in eight different trades: carpenters, cement masons, dock builders, electricians, ironworkers, laborers, plumbers, and operating engineers. All have come to the GBRP through their respective unions.

Trade	Quantity
Carpenter	11
Cement Mason	2
Dock Builder	1
Electrician	1
Ironworker	15
Laborer	1
Operating Engineer	3
Plumber	1
Total	35

“Last winter, I worked at the Pier and helped bolt together the forms for the bird cages. Every time I see them going up in the air, I think it’s so awesome that I could help build them.”



Looking out over the New Jersey Eastbound Pier One are birdcages (white box-like structures) — the forms that wrap around the base of the footing.



Senior Civil Engineering students from The College of New Jersey toured the Goethals Bridge construction site on October 7th with their Professor Nabil Al-Omaishi (far right). Representing the Port Authority (L-R) are Jim Blackmore, AJ Piechnik (second row in yellow protective vest), and far right (second to last) Lou Franco.

Face of the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project: Luke Chenery, Chief Executive Officer, NYNJ Link Developer LLC

The Goethals Bridge Replacement Project is Luke Chenery's fourth Private/Public Partnership (P3) infrastructure project in 13 years of working with Macquarie in the U.S. Currently, he is Chief Executive Officer of NYNJ Link Developer, LLC, a newly formed special purpose P3 Company created to develop and manage the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project between New Jersey and New York. The company is 90% owned by Macquarie Infrastructure Partners and 10% by Kiewit Development Company.

As the CEO of the project company, Luke is responsible for overseeing the design, construction, compliance and financial agreements, as well as the new bridge's 35-year operations and maintenance phase.

It's a big job that requires carefully balancing the needs of all stakeholders. According to Luke, this includes: "The facilitation of all the project construction submissions and gaining the necessary approvals. Most importantly, I spend a lot of time adhering to the compliance obligations of the various project and financial contracts." Further, Luke stresses, "The key element is to spend time with all of the project stakeholders to resolve issues in a timely manner. As the project is privately financed, I spend a lot of time with our shareholders to ensure they receive the right information to share with all the investors in the project."

Luke joined NYNJ Link from a related Macquarie company in the Midwest in November 2013. A native of Australia, he came to the United States to attend West Virginia University as an undergrad before pursuing a graduate degree in Finance from Johns Hopkins University.



What I really like about this project is the complexity and preciseness of the various components of the bridge. Everything involved is measured, monitored, and recorded. The professionalism of everyone involved makes me proud to be associated with this project and its team.

— Luke Chenery

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