



UNION-MADE PIZZA? WE’LL TAKE A SLICE! After we reported the Nov. 1 issue of the Labor Press that Scottie’s Pizza Parlor unionized, a group of apprentices in Plasterers Local 82 headed down to the Southeast 21st and Division eatery to check it out.

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The following are Oregon and Southwest Washington workplaces where workers have decided whether to be represented by a union. The thumbs-up symbol means workers will be union-represented. Thumbs-down means they’ll be on their own. The information comes from the National Labor Relations Board and the Oregon Employment Relations Board.

Employer (Location) Union	Yes-No	
Farwest Steel (Eugene) United Steelworkers ▪ 126 drivers, technicians, mechanics, welders and warehouse employees	28-86	👎
St. Charles Hospital (Bend) OFNHP ▪ 145 medical technologists	90-34	👍
St. Charles Hospital (Bend) Oregon Nurses Association ▪ 5 cardiovascular nurses	5-0	👍
Disability Rights Oregon (Portland) Nat’l Org of Legal Services Wkrs ▪ 14 attorneys, coordinators, advocates, administrative assistants, and others	14-0	👍
Stadelman Fruit (Hood River) Teamsters Local 670 ▪ 72 boxmakers, packers, sorters, forklift drivers, mechanics, and others	39-27	👍
Tyree Oil (Portland and Eugene) Teamsters Local 206 ▪ 20 warehouse inventory drivers, lube drivers, and warehouse workers	5-13	👎
Siegner and Company (Portland) Painters Local 10 ▪ 44 painters	28-5	👍
DHL Express (Portland) Teamsters Local 162 ▪ 6 service agents at DHL’s drop-off facility at 5330 NE Courier Ct	4-2	👍
The Columbian (Vancouver) Pacific Northwest NewsGuild - CWA ▪ 27 reporters, sports reporters, photojournalists, copy editors, and news clerks	19-8	👍

Report: 2.8 million workers injured on the job in 2018

Last year private industry employers reported 2.8 million injuries or illnesses on the job, according to a Nov. 7 report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Of those, 900,380 caused a worker to miss at least one day

of work, 333,830 resulted in a visit to an emergency room or in-patient hospital, and 39,080 cases required in-patient hospitalization.

The report found that the rate of injury — 2.8 injuries per 100 employees — was unchanged from the previous year.



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APPRENTICESHIP ROUNDTABLE. Apprentice Brandon Lial (left) tells Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (center) how he was introduced to the Laborers Local 737 apprenticeship training program — and how it changed his life. Bonamici met with about 30 apprentices, pre-apprentices, training coordinators, and union leaders Nov. 7 at Plumbers and Fitters Local 290 in Tualatin to discuss the importance of registered apprenticeship programs and work-based learning programs. She heard how apprentices and pre-apprentices got their start, and she asked how Congress could help people — especially women, people of color, and dislocated workers — access the programs. Many in the room said their futures blossomed after they were introduced to Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. (OTI) and/or Constructing Hope, two pre-apprenticeship programs in the Portland/metro area that help individuals prepare to

apply for apprenticeship programs. “I don’t know where I’d be if I hadn’t gotten into this (Laborers) program,” Lial said. “Every day when I lace up my boots and go to work, I say to myself how fortunate I am to have this opportunity.” Bonamici, who sits on the House Education and Labor Committee, said she often shares stories such as Lial’s with her colleagues in Washington, D.C. In February, Bonamici introduced the PARTNERS Act, a bill advocating for more investments in apprenticeships and work-based learning programs. “Registered apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships are proven pathways for workers to better-paying jobs and economic security,” Bonamici said. “I’ll continue to do everything I can to expand workforce development programs.” Also pictured above are Joe Neely, assistant business manager for Local 290, Kelly Kupcak, executive director for OTI, and Jose Avalos, a business agent for Cement Masons Local 555.





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