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Boone High School's Clara Carpenter Named Emerging Professional Student of the Year

BOONE, IA — The [National Association of Women in Construction \(NAWIC\) Midwest Region](#) has named Boone High School Senior Clara Carpenter as its 2023 Emerging Professional Student of the Year.

Carpenter's passion for the construction industry was showcased during her job shadowing experience at the Ledges Elementary jobsite, where she worked alongside Melinda Packebush, Midwest Region Emerging Professionals Chair. Carpenter's enthusiasm and her articulation of her future plans and goals left a lasting impression on the professionals with whom she interacted.

This summer, Carpenter will begin an electrical apprenticeship with a local company, working towards becoming a leader in the trades. With an ambitious spirit and dedication, she aims to inspire other young women to pursue careers in construction.

"We are incredibly proud of Clara's accomplishments and the recognition she has received from the NAWIC Midwest Region," said Julie Trepá, Superintendent of Boone CSD. "Her passion for the construction field and her determination to make a difference in the trades are truly commendable. Clara has left a lasting impact on Boone High School, and we have no doubt that she will continue to achieve great things in her future career."

The NAWIC was established in 1953 as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas, by a group of 16 women working in the construction industry. Today, the organization features over 115 chapters across the United States, offering its members numerous opportunities for professional development, education, networking, leadership training, and public service. For more information, visit <https://www.nawic.org/>.

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Note: For a photo of Clara Carpenter, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yvna3zx8>.