

## Canadian Home Builders Association Herman Rebneris Award

Hi my name is Gianni Pecorelli and I am one of the receivers of the Herman Rebneris award. I would like to start off by saying thank you for donating for this award. I was very surprised and overjoyed when I received the email. Words cannot describe how I feel, although to say the least, I am very honored and grateful to be selected.

I grew up in Victoria, and as soon as I received my high school diploma I started working in the carpentry field for a small renovation company. My interest in the trade grew as my skills developed, and I found myself wanting to know more. After 7 years working for this company, I decided to make a change. I received a job offer with a bigger company, Deckadence, 4 years ago where I continue to expand my skill set. With the support of my new boss, I started my apprenticeship in 2014 at Camosun College.

With my previous years of experience I was able to complete my 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year carpentry courses back to back. The following year I was able to complete my 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and that brings us to today where I recently finished my 4<sup>th</sup> year Carpentry at Camosun and received my Red Seal in the trade.

Since completing my Red Seal, I have had the opportunity to run my own job sites. This has allowed me to gain supervisory experience and be held accountable for the progress of the job. With this new experience, it has opened many new doors, for example the dream of furthering my education to someday opening my own company. I am currently looking to enroll in the AutoCAD course and Starting a Business in Trades; both at Camosun College.

I would like to thank you again for donating for this award. I would not be where I am today without the support of my boss, my co-workers, my fellow classmates, my family, and my wonderful fiancé. My time at Camosun was one of the best experiences in my life. With all of that being said, I couldn't have done it without the teachers, they were always there to help make sure you comprehend all the material, but also to push you to find out what you are really capable of.



Gianni Pecorelli