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# Steam Plant Graduation

DWP graduates Class 122 from its Steam Plant Assistant evaluation program.

**C**ongratulations to Steam Plant Assistant (SPA) Evaluation Class 122 graduates.

The SPA Evaluation Class is considered by many to be the toughest regular two weeks in the DWP. The class consisted of an intensive instruction on all the major systems found in a conventional generating station – boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary and auxiliary systems, basic electrical theory, generator and electrical systems. The class traditionally experiences a 30 to 40 percent dropout rate.

SPA Class 122 was the first class off the open list in four years. It had the unique distinction of graduating 25 out of 26 candidates, the second highest-passing rate since the classes started in 1962. A few notable achievements of Class 122: one candidate's child was born during the class and he did not miss a single day. His wife was awarded a Trainer's Award for "Most Supportive Wife" at the end of the class. Another candidate came to class two weeks after giving birth and had the perseverance to stay. She was awarded a Trainer's Award for "Most

Effort Shown" during class.

SPAs are the cornerstone of steam generation. They are the basis from which all generation personnel start their career in the field working with the equipment that produces electricity. They also maintain the equipment, assist in repair, and help to ensure the constant supply of electricity to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Congratulations!



Steam Plant Assistant graduates, back row, from left: Mike Galleano, Cosmin Petruescu, Kyle Tougas, Aaron McKenna, Ray Moilanen, Josh Guaino, Keith Torbett, Peter Roman, Mike Mousseau and Bobby Shank. Middle: Andrew Kim, Daniel Doyle, Sam Toebe, Mary Eike, Kimberly Vandervort, Ryan O'Donahue, and Jose Godinez. Front: Kimberly Tran, Teresa Kaul, Felipe Gallo, Mike Suazo, Alan Rawles, Peter Knutson, Arthur Juarez and Desi Robles.

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