

## Alexandra (Alley) Wade

## Boilermaker Apprentice Boilermakers Local 203 Conception Harbour, Newfoundland

Alexandra (Alley) Wade is a dedicated third-year Boilermaker Apprentice, Local 203 from Conception Harbour, Newfoundland, A wife, mother, and passionate advocate for women in the trades, Alley has been committed to empowering others in the industry through her active involvement with the NL Building Trades Women's Committee, "Women of the Trades," and career fairs with her union hall. She has consistently used her platform to help inspire and encourage others, especially women, to pursue careers in skilled trades. Alley's journey began in 2009 when she completed a nine-month welding course, graduating with two scholarships. Shortly after, she embraced motherhood, but her passion for the trades never waned as she watched her husband travel working as a Boilermaker as well. In 2018, Alley reignited her career, this time as a Boilermaker Apprentice, and by 2021, she proudly joined the union. Determined to complete her journeyman block by the age of 35, she's well on track to meet that goal. Alley firmly believes in the power of perseverance, self-belief, and chasing your dreams, no matter how big they may seem. Outside of work, Alley enjoys life in her small town, surrounded by nature, with her family. She likes to dirt bike, ride quad and spend time on the water. Time with her husband and boys is always at the top of her list! Recently, she's developed a passion for houseplants, knitting, creating custom pieces with unique items—Her Cricut machine is a favourite pass time as well! A lifelong softball enthusiast, Alley is always striving to balance her professional ambitions with the joys of home life and creativity. With a heart full of dreams and determination, Alley is proud to represent her Boilermaker community and inspire others to find their voice and never stop chasing the moon!