

For Immediate Release**Klein Tools® Announces 2018 Electrician of the Year Winner**

Florida electrician wins VIP trip to February's Big Game and \$1,500 in Klein Tools products

Sept. 21, 2018 (Lincolnshire, Ill.) – [Klein Tools](#) today announced Mike Adams as the winner of its annual [Electrician of the Year](#) award. As the 2018 grand prize winner, yesterday Adams was presented with tickets to the Big Game in February 2019, which includes a special VIP experience for him and a guest. He will also receive a one-time order of \$1,500 in premium-quality, professional-grade Klein Tools products.

A resident of Jay, Florida, Adams is a fourth-generation electrician, having learned the tricks of the trade from his great-grandfather, grandfather, father, uncles and even his mother. Throughout his career, he has worked on a variety of jobsites, including Air Force bases, casinos and helping local farmers.



Klein Tools' 2018 Electrician of the Year: Mike Adams

Adams is passionate about sharing his knowledge of the trade and safety standards to the next generation. For the past six years, he has taught the electricity program at Locklin Technical College in Milton, Florida. When not teaching in a formal classroom, Adams advocates for safety as an authorized OSHA instructor, where he instructs students, employees and community members on OSHA standards and ways to stay safe while on the job.

"I'm so honored to have been chosen as this year's winner among some of the most talented electricians," says Adams. "Growing up in a family of electricians taught me the skills and, most importantly, the safety required to do a great job. For that, I am grateful."

Members of the Klein family, with help from a screening panel and thousands of fan votes, ultimately selected Adams from hundreds of applicants for his outstanding professional achievement, dedication to safety and contributions to his local community. Part of what made him an outstanding candidate was his commitment to teaching the next generation to be safe and knowledgeable tradespeople.

"We are happy to present Mike as the 2018 Electrician of the Year," says Greg Palese, vice president of marketing at Klein Tools. "Each year, we review hundreds of applications from talented electricians with incredible stories and achievements. Mike's remarkable family history and commitment to the industry really stood out in our minds as someone who is not only dedicated to his job, but who is an ambassador of the important work electricians do every day. By sharing his story, we hope to encourage the next generation of tradespeople to follow in his footsteps."

Klein Tools also congratulates the 2018 Electrician of the Year runners-up: Steve Heryford, John Spier, Dave Elliott, Patrick Schwent and Tom Johnson. All finalists received the Ultimate Garage Package, which includes an [18-piece Journeyman™ Tool Set](#) and other Klein Tools products. The regional winners also received a trip to



tour Klein Tools' manufacturing headquarters in Mansfield, Texas to see where the premium-quality products are made.

More information on the Electrician of the Year award and all winners, please visit www.kleintools.com/eoy.

About Klein Tools

Since 1857, Klein Tools, a family-owned and operated company, has been designing, developing and manufacturing premium-quality, professional-grade hand tools. The majority of Klein tools are manufactured in plants throughout the United States and are the No. 1 choice among professional electricians and other tradespeople. For more information, visit www.kleintools.com.

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