

FEATURED EMPLOYEE

JAMES LOVATO

Albuquerque Forklift Operator James Lovato joined Labatt Food Service in 2010 when Labatt acquired Zanius Foods. He was previously an employee of Zanius for 22 years, bringing his total years of service to 32 years.



1 What were your first years like with the company?

"My first years with Labatt were definitely great learning experiences. One example, is when working for Zanius we were taught to always handle product by multi-stacking, since Labatt did not use this process and I had done this for years, I had to re-train my brain to handle product just a bit differently. This was definitely a much easier way, which helped me to stay organized and to stay on top of putting product away in a timely manner. Everything I have learned with the Labatt system has helped make every day a very productive one!"

2 Can you share with us what your day is like in Receiving?

"My day begins with working on my Pre-trip inspection of my Forklift. I then work to replenish inventory/pick slots that night crew pulled/shipped from the night before. Receivers begin tagging incoming inventory, we then are notified that merchandise/pallets are ready for us to begin replenishing slots with the new merchandise and reserves as well. Once everything is put away, I wait until the Receivers have closed all open PO's, so that a final check can be done. Receivers must then make sure that there is absolutely no more product left on the dock or in the system before we are cleared to call it a day."

3 What do you like most about your job?

"We all work as a Team which makes things run a bit smoother. I enjoy coming to work every day because of the atmosphere and because of my co-workers. It is so nice knowing we can depend on each other for help when needed. My Manager Joe Vera always listens and is willing to help with anything that may be needed to get the task done. We have a Great Team - Home of the Best Employees!"

WORD FROM HIS MANAGER

Joe Vera, Day Warehouse Manager

"James Lovato is a very dedicated Employee, always shows up on time and is ready to start his day. He is always ready/willing to help others even in other work areas.

James is a huge asset to our Labatt Team!"