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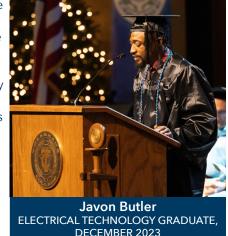
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# Finishing What He Started

Meet Javon Butler. Javon came straight to TC out of high school. He loved that it was close to home and he knew some of the faculty. A few months into his time at TC, Javon's job changed and his salary was reduced, then his car broke down. Undeterred, for two months he walked to class even in the rain, until he decided he could no longer afford it.

Close to 8 years later, Javon felt like he was missing something and realized it was his education. At that point, he knew he was ready to go back



to school. Javon enrolled in our electrical program at 26, to finish what he had started at 18. He laughed and said "Thomas Holt was one of my first instructors. He was tough but fair and I used to get so annoyed that every time I asked him a question he would answer with 'What do you think?' Eventually, I realized he was teaching me to think for myself, to research, to ask someone else, and to problem-solve. Here I am at 30 years old learning to think for myself." Javon said he learned all the basics he needed to get the job he wanted. Javon remembers a presentation on all the career paths they could have with their electrical certificate and he knew the moment he heard traveling electrician that was what he wanted to do.

While at TC, Javon joined ACTIVATE, a program especially designed to combat disparities in completion rates between men of color and their female and other male peers. He received scholarships from ACTIVATE and the First Gen Program, as well as a \$2,000 scholarship from Home Depot. Javon graduated from TC in December 2023, and was asked to say the closing prayer at graduation.

Javon now works as a traveling electrician. He is currently working at a Target Distribution Center in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. He said his next job will be in Georgia or Florida on a new commercial construction project. Through it all, Javon's story isn't just about achieving a goal; it's about the journey of self-discovery, resilience, and never giving up, no matter how tough the road gets. It's a reminder that setbacks are just detours on the path to success, and with enough grit and determination, anything is possible.

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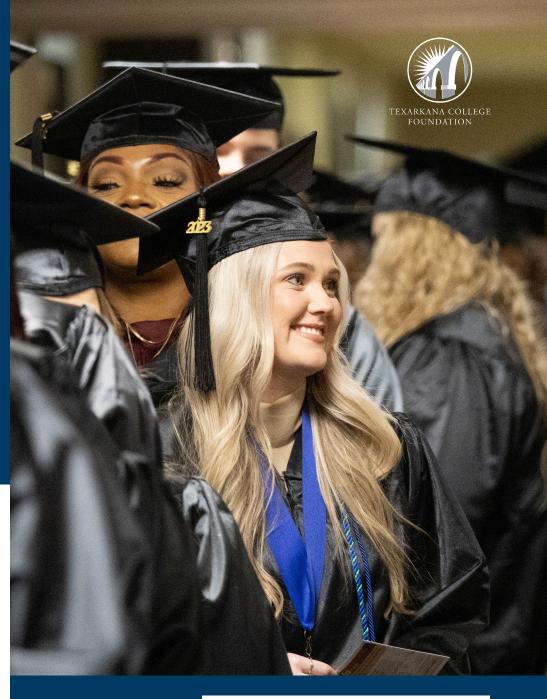
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