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Local Worker Spotlight

Marquiese Reed

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For Marquiese Reed, being a personal fitness trainer was fun, but difficult work. Turning over large amounts of his earnings to the gyms and needing to hustle to get his own clients often left him short on hours and cash. Given that he was engaged and planning to start a family, he knew he needed something life changing.

Marquiese graduated in 2019 from the 5th HireLAX class. He went to work for LINXS on the Automated People Mover (APM), where he ended up spending the first three years of his apprenticeship. Impressively completing his apprenticeship in 3 years and 4 months, Marquise became a Journeyman Carpenter in 2022.

"I have more control of my life. As long as I control my money and do the job right, I can give my kids the life I want. This career gives me the ability to go to family reunions and take vacations. I'm starting to think about starting my own business." Marquiese is now married with three kids and now has the ability to purchase a home.

"I want to thank LAWA and let them know how big of a change you are making in the community. It has opened so many doors. I can do so much more for my community now, especially as a black man in the community. It's life changing. And I want to thank the contractors for the chance to build in our own backyard. Continue to gamble on us. Some of us will be the best you ever had. The community thanks you!"

If you would like to sponsor a HireLAX graduate and change a life, reach out to Christina Watkins at cwatkins@lawa.org.