

## Graduate case study



### Blacey Bolton - Service Technician



Working in the oilfield has its challenges. More so when you are a woman working in that industry. Through past experiences and landing a great position with JDR Cable Systems, I have overcome a lot of obstacles and assumptions about working in the oilfield. I work with a distinguished group of people who are supportive of my career and life goals.

My first stint started at a sand plant out in West Texas as a Wet Plant Operator. I needed to work to help support my college expenses for nursing school at Angelina College. While the intention was to work to pay for college, I enjoyed my experience of working for the sand plant. I had a hands on job that was challenging work for being a female in the industry. I learned so much and then it was time for me to leave to continue my education. However, I missed working at the sand plant. I missed the continuance of gaining knowledge on the job and developing different skill sets.

I decide to cut my ties of going to nursing school and went back to the sand plant. At the same time, I decided to broaden my experience of working in the oilfield and started looking for other opportunities. I fell upon JDR and came to hear that they were recruiting for service technicians. JDR garnered my

interest for being a foundational company with long standing experience in the offshore industry, steady and consistent work schedules, and giving the potential for future growth within the company. I believed that I would be a great fit for the company because of my drive to learn, the accountability in being reliable, and the opportunity to fulfil my dream of being able to see the transition of working on land operations to offshore operations.

I was very grateful for the opportunity for an interview. I made a day trip to Houston for the interview and drove back to West Texas to continue working. One week later, I was very fortunate to have been given the offer to be a service technician at JDR. I was hired on in February 2020 and started making the transition to be a service technician for JDR.

Working for JDR presented more exciting challenges. I was the only female in the shop and was soon going to be working offshore. Something that is rarely seen but I was ready for it. JDR has been extremely busy with work that I went offshore fast; May 2020 to be exact. I completed a long 4 weeks and came back with so much to talk and share about. I learned a lot being out there seeing how our team worked hand in hand with others. I wasn't seen as being a female offshore and it was extremely humbling. I was one of the service technicians working with other service and company people. In just one year, I am still continuing to build my technical skills, expand equipment knowledge, and gain outside experience to share and talk about all that JDR has to offer. I am proud to be able to celebrate International Women's Day as a JDR service technician.