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Celebrates Black History Month

Board of Directors Edition





1. Who is a black leader you feel is influential in your community or day-to-day life?
City Councilman Daniel Lavelle.

2. How have you seen Black leaders in your field exude dedication and drive to their workplace or community?

They have given leadership to Lower Hill development and a new supermarket.

3. Name a Black person in your field who you feel personally inspired be?
Rev. Johnnie Monroe, former pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, because he pastors in the church and in the community 7 days a week.

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Mayor Ed Gainey has been a great influence in my life

over the last few years.

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I have worked alongside Black leaders like State Representative Aerion Abney whose efforts in Harrisburg has delivered millions of dollars in funding to support the communities he represents like our community on the Northside.

3. Name a Black person in your field who you feel personally inspired be?

I feel personally inspired by more than my grandmother, Loretta Cobbs. When I think of who I am as a leader, I really draw from the strength and wisdom of my Gram. She raised 4 daughters all while working a full time job as a hospital administrator.



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Will Thompkins and Melvin Hubbard El.

2. How have you seen Black leaders in your field exude dedication and drive to their workplace or community? When I was growing up, I would hear "Do as I say, not as I do" quite often. I found later on in life a true leader should always walk the walk and talk the talk. True leaders never watch the clock, they are focus achieving the goals set forth by their self and others that have the same vision of what success and triumph looks like.

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Bayard Rustin was an political activist, a prominent leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, nonviolence, and gay rights. Rustin was the principal organizer of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963.

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