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“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

Nelson Mandela was one of the world's most influential leaders whose legacy serves as a reminder of the power of the human spirit to overcome difficult circumstances. He was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election.

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Black Business Near You

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PHILLY
 Harriet's Book Shop - 258 E. Girard Ave. Philadelphia, Pa 19125
 Harriet's Book Shop's mission is to celebrate women authors, women artists, and women activists.

BOSTON
 TeFi's is a vibrant, multi-cultural, street style party offering options from Cardio Dance, Boxing, Abs and more.

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MADAM C.J. WALKER
 American Entrepreneur

TOP 3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- An American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political/social activist
- Walker made her fortune by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair-care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company.
- Madam C. J. Walker donated the largest amount of money by an African American toward the construction of an Indianapolis YMCA.
- Madam C. J. Walker was part of a delegation that traveled to the White House to petition President Woodrow Wilson to make lynching a federal crime.

FUN FACT
 She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records.

LEARN MORE
 There is currently a 4-episode series on Netflix called "Self Made" that explains how Sarah Breedlove became Madam C.J. Walker. This is a dramatization made for television of historic facts, but a strong portrayal of Madam C.J. Walker's impact.



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GUION BLUFORD
 Aerospace Engineer


TOP 3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- First African American to go to Space
- BS in Aerospace Engineering from Penn State
- MS & Doctorate in Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology
- MBA from University of Houston - Clear Lake

He was inducted into the International Space Hall of Fame in 1997, the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2010, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2019.

FUN FACT
 He completed 144 combat missions in the Vietnam War.

IMPACT
 He was not only a war hero, but a hero in space with an extensive education. He has shown society that you can be brave and courageous and accomplish all your dreams when you work hard enough.



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JAMES EARL JONES
 Actor/Entertainer

TOP 3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Awards span from Tony, Emmy, Grammy, and Honorary Academy Awards—Essentially an EGOT status which is EXTREMELY rare
- Despite spending his childhood completely mute, James had a stellar his whole life. Not only did he overcome it, he became one of the most recognizable and distinguished voices including his voice as Darth Vader in Star Wars!
- President Obama invited him to perform Shakespeare at the White House in 2009

FUN FACT
 He was an officer in the US Army and he was the first celebrity to appear on Sesame Street.

IMPACT
 James has shown that you can turn your greatest weakness into your greatest strength.

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON
 American Intellectual

Booker T. Washington was born and rose to become a leading African American intellectual of the 19th century, founding Tuskegee University in the National Negro Business League decades later. Washington advised Presidents Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

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HILROY COFFEE
 Specialty Coffee

Hilroy Coffee is a specialty coffee roaster and cafe located in Los Angeles, CA 90044 and is known for its specialty coffee and pastries.

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LUCILLE'S
 Restaurant

Lucille's is a century restaurant museum in Brooklyn, NY 11238. It is a historic site that has been preserved and is now a museum.

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