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Qualities of a Leader

“Mutual goals, take charge, overcome, stay out of jail, make a difference, make good decisions, help someone, role models, talk to people, responsibility, respect, courageous, trust, honesty, house men, teachers, looking people in the eye when talking to them.”

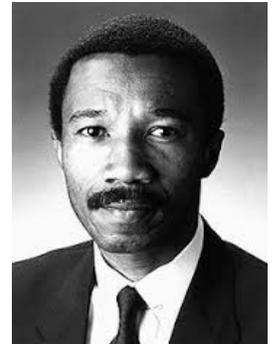
“I think leadership needs to be expressed more, and young people should become leaders and not follow the cycle of dropping out, [going to] jail, and [ending up] dead.”

“Set goals and accomplish [them] with pride.”

“Someone that leads himself and doesn’t follow anyone.”

“Someone who takes responsibility and . . . has respect.”

“Someone [who] stands up for people who [are] afraid to stand up for themselves. To [provide] certain jobs for the youth [will] help stop robberies.”



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LEADERSHIP

In pursuit of developing an empowering culture of thinking, a group of young men from the Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center gathered to discuss leadership. They explored the qualities that define a leader and the influence of community role models. This issue includes the group’s thoughts on leadership and traits of successful leaders.

(Below, from left to right) Aitzaz Hasan, a 17-year-old high school student, stopped a suicide bomber in Pakistan. Malala Yousafzai was 14 when she was shot for speaking out for education rights. Marisol Valles Garcia was a 20-year-old criminology student when she became police chief of her town in Mexico after no one accepted the position. Kweisi Mfume overcame the death of his mother, fathering multiple children as a teenager, dropping out of high school, and multiple arrests to hold several political positions and become President of the NAACP.