

Tennessee Department of Transportation

The Civil Rights Division celebrates Black History Month by recognizing some of our employees.

Employee Spotlight: Daniel Jones



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His hobbies are golf and fishing.

Joined TDOT Family January 2001

Tell us about a moment in Black History that influenced or shaped your career and life.

There is no one moment in Black History for me that shaped my career or life. However, there are many African Americans who influenced and revolutionized the world through the transportation industry. Garrett Morgan Jr, inventor and businessman, made one of the most significant advancements to traffic control when he improved the traffic signal. The Montgomery Bus Boycott resulted in a high court decision that changed the public transportation experience for people of color and ensured equality for all generations to follow. Lastly, Archie Alexander became a well-known architect and engineer despite his college professors telling him he would have difficulty finding work as an African American engineer.

Which of the TDOT Values (Stewardship, Integrity, Safety, Consistency, Development, Innovation, Collaboration & Family) resonates with you and give an example.

Safety will always resonate with me as a core value in the transportation environment. Part of my responsibility as an Operations District Specialist is to ensure freedom from harm resulting from unintentional acts or circumstances on Tennessee's roads and bridges. I've worked in the major metropolitan areas of Knoxville, Nashville, and Chattanooga in both Maintenance and Construction Departments, and safety is by far the primary concern of everyone involved, including employees and contractors.

Why is celebrating Black History Month important?

Black History is important to learn and celebrate because it preserves the rich legacy of African Americans who have made significant contributions for all Americans in our everyday lives. It also provides an opportunity for younger generations to see the strides or lack thereof and aspire to make a difference.

