NEW YORK IS FERTILE GROUND FOR Black professionals and entrepreneurs. The state, for example, is home to more than 11,300 Black-owned businesses, the most in the U.S.

In the spirit of this legacy, Crain’s has selected 105 honorees for its 2022 list of Notable Black Leaders and Executives. The objective was to identify talented and accomplished Black individuals whose professional and communal achievements enhance New York City and the lives of its inhabitants. Working in a wide range of industries—including law, medicine, engineering, finance, construction and entertainment—the honorees on this roster deserve accolades for their contributions.

To choose the honorees, Crain’s consulted with trusted sources in New York City’s business world. Nominations, submitted by individuals and companies in the area, were then vetted. Ultimately, the honorees were picked for their career accomplishments as well as their broader community involvement.

Read on to discover how the Black leaders on our list invigorate the New York business community every day.

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