The world’s expectations of the 21st Century have dramatically changed — the pace of change, new levels of innovation and the dynamics of a global marketplace all contribute to how business and society now intersect.

At Toyota, we have a long-held commitment to Diversity & Inclusion (D&I), reflective of our communities and our customers’ expectations. This commitment is grounded in The Toyota Way — Continuous Improvement and Respect for People. We celebrate diversity in everything we do, understanding that the diversity of our people and their perspectives are essential drivers of our business. This has always, and will continue, to guide our D&I philosophy.

With this in mind, we institutionalized our D&I pledge into what we now call our Going Places, Together strategy, which is monitored and reviewed regularly by our senior leadership. Today, we reaffirm our deep-seated commitments and accelerate our D&I efforts.

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DIVERSEITY & INCLUSION RECOGNITIONS

Billion Dollar Roundtable Inductee
Since 2005, received annual recognition for achieving spending of at least $1 billion with minority and women-owned suppliers.

Best Companies for Diversity
Named as top diversity company by Black Enterprise and the Executive Leadership Council, the leading organization of black senior managers.

Top 50 Companies for Diversity
Recognized as a Top 50 diversity leader in this “Who’s Who” list 10 years running.

Hispanic Association for Corporate Responsibility Corporate Inclusion Index
Leader among Fortune 100 for Hispanic inclusion in employment, procurement, philanthropy and governance.

100 on the Corporate Equality Index
(a perfect score)
Received 11 consecutive perfect scores on national benchmarking survey for LGBTQ workplace equality.

Corporation of the Year
Honored for $1 billion investment, development and advocacy in minority businesses.

20/20 Visionary Award for support given to the LGBTQ community
Honored for Toyota’s public support and commitment to advancing empowering, inclusive messages for the LGBTQ community

Accelerating Diversity & Inclusion
The Toyota Way
At Toyota, we believe in fostering the success of our customers, team members, dealers, suppliers and communities is key to our success. By embracing and living our commitment to advance and foster diversity, inclusive environments, we are setting the pace in innovation. And, we’re leading the way toward a future of both physical and upward socioeconomic mobility for all.

We challenge what’s possible and recognize Diversity & Inclusion as an essential component of every team member experience, making the workplace, marketplace, society and the world a better place by living what we value — equality, respect and inclusive treatment of all people and increased awareness of conscious and unconscious discrimination. And, we demonstrate our commitment to doing this through The Toyota Way — Continuous Improvement and Respect for People.

Driving in Diverse
A future of unlimited mobility is our vision for every Toyota customer. At Red McCombs Toyota in San Antonio, Texas, general manager Blake George wants his customers to know it. Over 18 million adults are living with mobility issues in the United States alone, and Toyota is the only automobile manufacturer offering an industry-first — a factory-installed, power-rotating lift-up passenger Auto Access Seat for the Toyota Sienna. Blake brings awareness to the fact that Toyota cares about every customer with the simple act of having the Sienna’s one-touch operated Auto Access Seat displayed in the showroom, demonstrating to all that Toyota products are designed to reflect the diverse needs of the diverse markets we serve.

Leading and Succeeding a Legacy
In just a few years, Sanford L. Woods Sr., CEO of S. Woods Enterprises, will retire. And, he will do so with peace of mind and the support of Toyota and Lexus — knowing his high-value business and 200 employees are being left in very capable hands. From service dispatcher to customer relations manager, Amber Woods, Sanford’s daughter, has tackled every challenge. And, when Mr. Woods began succession plans, he knew he wanted his daughter to take the wheel. Working with Toyota/Lexus Minority Owners Dealer Association (TLMODA), knowing their commitment to increase opportunities for women and diverse dealers, Amber is being provided with the resources to increase her chances of success in the driver’s seat.

When Dreamers Do
Dreaming and doing is not only encouraged at Toyota — it’s expected. And, Tina Watson exceeds that expectation. Tina dreamed to one-day work at a major corporation in an area focused on higher education. Determined to reach her goals, Tina applied for and earned the Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Fellow Scholarship offered by Rainbow PUSH Excel and sponsored by Toyota. It is a $75,000 scholarship offered to 10 STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) or business field students and includes an internship at a North America Toyota facility, plus a mentorship with Toyota management. Tina, together with Toyota, transformed dreaming into doing. As a College Recruiter Analyst today, she mentors scholars who are currently pursuing their very own dreams.

The Business of Constructing Success
Supplier diversity matters — Toyota’s success depends on it. We’re not selling just one type of vehicle to one type of customer. So, we grow alliances with suppliers who offer innovative ideas and business solutions that reflect our diversity lens, meeting the distinct needs of our individual customers. One such alliance is with Frank “Teddy” Peinado. Teddy’s father, Emilio, was a Mexican immigrant who successfully became the largest residential and commercial developer and contractor in the southwest. Following in his father’s footsteps, Teddy started his own construction firm in 2008. And, in 2015, Peinado Construction was awarded a significant investment. The contract for the buildout and tenant improvements of Toyota’s 250,000-square foot Toyota Quality Center in Plano, Texas — benefiting Toyota, its customers and Teddy’s business.

When every Girl Scout states her motto, “be prepared,” Toyota Financial Services (TFS) is ensuring this includes being prepared and empowered financially. The Girl Scout Research Institute reported recently that 90 percent of girls expect to be independent and financially empowered and have high expectations for their financial future. However, gaps, like having financial literacy skills, can hinder girls from achieving their dreams. As part of over a $3.3 million partnership and investment, TFS and Girl Scouts of the USA are focused on closing the gap by providing financial literacy education and tools to tens of thousands of girls in grades 4-12 in underserved communities across the nation. By empowering our future to challenge what’s possible, we help make our world a better place.