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This Black History Month, we're shining a spotlight on one of our super-talented employee, Sabrina Clay. Sabrina has been a valued member of Lancashire Cricket Club for over 2 years, contributing her skills, energy, and passion to the team. We sat down with Sabrina to learn more about her journey, her thoughts on Black History Month, and what inspires her every day.

Tell us a little bit about yourself

I'm a gym enthusiast, lover of online gaming, and an ex-cabin crew member. I was cabin crew for 7 years, working for TUI based out of East Midlands Airport, and just as I transferred over to Manchester Airport, COVID-19 decided to put a stop to that. I then found myself entering the hotel and events industry, where I started my journey with Village Hotels as a conference and events executive. I then moved to the Radisson Blu based at Manchester Airport, where I join the conference and events sales team and sampled the business development role. I later decided to step away from hotels and venues and embrace a new challenge here at Emirates Old Trafford.

What's been your journey at Lancashire Cricket Club?

I've been a part of the Red Rose team for nearly 3 years, and I started in the Conference and Events team, working closely with Gemma and Beth. When the opportunity became available to join the Business

Development team with Nicola, I decided to put myself forward for the challenge. Business Development aligns with my strengths: building relationships, meeting new people, and showcasing our exceptional venue. I thoroughly enjoy the role, and I embrace the challenges and excitement it offers

What does Black History Month mean to you?

My heritage is my strength. Growing up as a mixed-race girl with "different hair," "different skin," and a "different culture" presented a few challenges. People often treated me differently because of my appearance, but I learned to stand firm and proud, and I began to love me for me. Black History Month is a time to reflect, learn, and celebrate. While I treasure my heritage every day, this month allows others to understand, learn and appreciate it too.

Are there any quotes from Black leaders or role models who have inspired you or influenced you personally?

These words spoken by the poet Maya Angelou's resonate deeply with me:

"People will not remember what you said, people will not remember what you did, but people will remember how you made them feel."

Kindness costs nothing and I try my best to leave a positive impression on individuals that I meet, regardless of their skin colour.



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How has your personal background shaped the values and principles you bring into your work today?

From a young age, I had to work harder to be seen and to be heard. This has driven me to excel and to pave the way for other individuals from diverse backgrounds. I want to inspire young people to believe that they can achieve anything, regardless of their background.

What guidance or words of encouragement would you give to someone from the Black community working toward career success?

Stay focused and run your own race, at your own pace, and in your own lane. The journey may be challenging, and you might have to work harder than others, but the sense of achievement when you reach your goal is a feeling like no other.

This year's theme for Black History Month is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride.'

What does that mean to you personally and professionally?

"Standing Firm in Power and Pride" is a call to embrace our identity and heritage with confidence. To me, it means honouring the power and the resilience passed down through generations. It's about using our influence to create positive change for the future and to inspire others. It's a reminder that our stories matter, our contributions are valued, and we have the power to make a difference.

