

## YOUNG LEADERS

## Owens: I'm not perfect, but I'm 'progressing'

**What was your first job?** My first job was working at McDonald's as a cashier and cook.

**Favorite vacation spot?** At home in my bed. No, seriously, anywhere near the water.

**What's your hidden talent?** I can quote scenes from the movie "Love Jones" line for line.

**What's the simplest thing you never learned to do?** Not to touch the iron when it's hot.

**Where would we find you on a typical Saturday?** In my bedroom bingeing on "Grace and Frankie."

**What's the most recent experience you've crossed off your bucket list?** Going to see "The Nutcracker" ballet.

**Best show you've enjoyed recently?** "God Friended Me."

**One thing you are determined to do before you turn 40?** Go to either Montreal, Israel or Dubai.



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**What's one luxury that is absolutely worth the money?** Purchasing a Land Rover Range Rover Sport.

**And one thing you'd never splurge on?** Louboutin shoes or purses.

**You know it's a good day when ...** I don't have anything to do and I can relax.

**What do you think is Cincinnati's best-kept secret?** The restaurant Melt in Northside.

**What traits do you most value in your friends?** Someone who is honest, accountable for themselves and holds others accountable, focused, has goals, family-oriented, spiritual, great communicator and is loving.

**What skill would you most like to improve?** To not overanalyze things.

**What do you wish someone would invent tomorrow?** Jobs for youth younger than 14.

**What's the best advice you've ever received?** Although I'm not a perfect woman, I'm a progressing woman.

**How do you think your co-workers would describe you?** A leader, funny, spiritual, organized, an advocate for people and hardworking.

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Latisha Owens, 36, is founder and president of Guiding Light Mentoring.

**If you could trade jobs with anyone for a day, who would it be and why?** The president so I can make this nation a better place again.

**What are we likely to find in your refrigerator?** 32 bottles of Ice Mountain water, four cans of sparkling water, shredded cheese, pizza rolls and one bottle of Minute Maid lemonade juice.

**What scares you?** Bringing a child into a world that is corrupt and lacks integrity, values and morals.

**Is there something people might be surprised to learn about you?** That I lack a sense of humor. I don't know how to take a joke and am serious all the time.

- Nikki Kingery

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