

Malik's name and words can be seen at the northeast corner of Ida B. Wells and Dearborn.
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Mural Honoring Loop Employees of the Month Includes Malik Gillani



In April of 2019, Silk Road Rising's Co-Executive Artistic Director Malik Gillani was named Chicago Loop's [Employee of the Month](#). Malik was the second person to be honored with this title as part of an initiative of the Chicago Loop Alliance. Taking the honor a big step forward, Malik now appears on a public mural celebrating past Employees of the Month at the corner of Ida B. Wells Drive and Dearborn Street in the heart of downtown Chicago.

“In Chicagoland, all roads lead back to the Loop.”

-Malik Gillani

In an [April 2019 interview with Chicago Loop Alliance](#), Malik said, "We love the fact that no matter where our patrons are coming from, they can get to us via every imaginable transportation line and of course by car. Our love for being an arts organization in the Loop, and not wanting to be anywhere else, is that the Loop is the central gathering place, it's everyone's neighborhood."

the Chicago Loop Alliance to honor the hundreds of thousands of Loop workers. White drew inspiration for the mural from the 12 employees honored during the first year of the Employee of the Month initiative.



"It seemed fitting that the text of the mural would come straight from [Malik Gillani,] the storyteller of the group."



Dwight White, Mural Artist

Additionally, Malik's name appears in the top left corner of the mural, along with the other 11 individuals whose stories inspired the mural.



The twelve employees of the month include Belissa Bella Suloski, Malik Gillani, Stephanie Sanchez, Pradip Nayak, Michael Love, Jerome Pickens, Beatriz Jara, Dina Fenili Niekamp, Gwendolyn Matthews, Robert Middlekauff, Kathy Bliss, and Marion Batey.



Congratulations Malik!

Your leadership, talent, and determination inspire us everyday. The impact of your work is felt throughout Chicagoland and the world, and is now immortalized on a gorgeous mural for all to see.

[Read More about the Mural](#)

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