Leadership paper Matthew Crocker 04/23/2021 There are many people that I have looked up to in my life. My inspirations and the people who inspire me have changed a lot over the years. This is due to either my interests changing or learning everything that I could from them. Currently I have a few people who inspire me to become a better leader. These people are my son, my current manager, and my coworker.



First my son is a huge inspiration to me. He motivates me to be the best father or 'leader' that I can be for him. I am new to the role of being a dad, so he keeps me accountable all the time. I learn more each day how I can lead him to becoming the best person he can become. This role as a leader is highly important due to not being able to rinse and repeat leading another employee better than the last. With this position I have only one try. He has made me change a lot of things in my life for the better. He is dependent on me and my actions currently, so I must think about how it will affect him.

My current manager Michael really inspires me to become a better leader. He currently is my tech lead in my software engineering occupation. He is brilliant and constantly sharpens me and pushes me to try better on each project. He always makes me validate my choice in my decisions with developing. He comes from many years as a developer. His skills are something I desire as he always seems to be five steps ahead of me. With me being new to the role of software engineer, I have a lot to learn from and he is a great person to guide me to becoming a better leader.

Finally, my coworker Robbie is a big motivation for me at my job. He is also a software engineer, and we constantly are working together on projects. He always pushes me to become better. He is more experienced in the field than me, so I am constantly challenged to learn new things to the extent that he does. He keeps me humble especially during code reviews with our shared tech lead Michael. We also have friendly competition as we both want to get promoted to tier two engineer one day.

These people are highly important to me in my professional life. They constantly push me to achieve better things and to lead even when I feel uncomfortable. I admire their skills and the value they have in my life. I am going to continue to learn and improve each and every day from these people in hopes that one day I can become a great leader in order to inspire others in the same way.