TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

1. **Become an expert in your current role.**
   Before you add more to your plate, master your purview. Are you truly a subject matter expert? Have you trained others (to highlight your skill set and value)?

2. **Develop your network.**
   Relationships matter. It is important to invest time in the people around you. Whether they're your friend, co-worker, teammate, or mentor, take them out for coffee & solicit advice.

3. **Create a development plan.**
   The more intentional you are, the more likely you are to achieve your goals. What's your next job? What steps do you need to take to become a qualified candidate?

4. **Expand your current role.**
   Look for ways to expand your skill set and stay ahead of the curve. Whether it’s job shadowing or raising your hand when someone needs help, be a utility player. Step outside your role.

5. **Foster your current brand.**
   Your reputation is your most valuable career asset - credibility, visibility, style, etc. all make up your brand. How do others perceive you? What is your value proposition?