



# Yvette Clayton

Yvette D. Clayton is President and CEO of Building Toward the Future (BTF) which specializes in helping organizations train and coach high potential students. Yvette launched BTF to leverage her substantial expertise to help wonderful companies recognize and engage with great talent from diverse populations.

As Career Advancement Partner with Winner Partners, Yvette provides Career Preparation services to participants of the Cyber Ohana Project which is a full-service career transition program for veterans, those leaving the military, and their spouses. She also assists executives and professionals who want to be in the driver's seat of their next career move through Career by Design with Winner Partners.

Yvette's background includes 26 years of human resources experience in a variety of industries, spending the last 10 years specializing in talent acquisition. In 2002, she developed and ran a career readiness program which helped her employer identify high potential talent from inner city schools. The program was so successful that she expanded and ran it for four consecutive years, then was given the responsibility to oversee the company's Student Assistant and Co-op programs to hire quality talent throughout the organization.

Further exploring her passion for preparing students to excel in the professional world, Yvette transitioned to academia in 2011. She became an Adjunct Instructor teaching Internship Prep Seminar classes at Bryant & Stratton, a private two-year college with campuses in Ohio, New York, Virginia, and Wisconsin. She then accepted a position at Kent State University where she served as Business Experiences Manager, assisting business undergraduate and graduate students with finding internships and full-time positions. Subsequently, she expanded her duties to include two additional roles, Career Advisor, and Instructor of several professional practices courses.

Yvette holds a Bachelor of Arts in Interpersonal and Organizational Communications from Wright State University and a Master of Business Administration from David N. Myers University. She is a member of the National Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM).