



## Entrepreneurship project at Kettering West Wing High School receives Leavey Award

**L**aketa Dumas-Blackmon, founder of The Entrepreneurship Project at Kettering West Wing High School, will receive the Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education for the project's entrepreneurship program with Garvey Academy.

Dumas-Blackmon believes that "the destiny of our children is everyone's responsibility and we all must join together in directing their paths."

Her efforts support her mantra that "we are not limited by our disabilities, impairments or setbacks, but by fear of our ability to achieve."

Dumas-Blackmon and Kettering West Wing High School Principal Drexell Claytor will host a presentation of the project to the Pennsylvania Leavey Summit later this month.

The Entrepreneurship Project, launched in 2007, began at Marcus Garvey Academy and Kettering West Wing. The entrepreneurship program teaches general education and special



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needs students provides hands-on knowledge regarding how to start a business, in addition to product development, marketing research, and intellectual property tools. The program also teaches selling techniques and pricing strategies.

The Dumas-Blackmon project includes partnership with Wayne State University College of Education's Technology Department, which provides student use of its computer labs.