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My Formative Years

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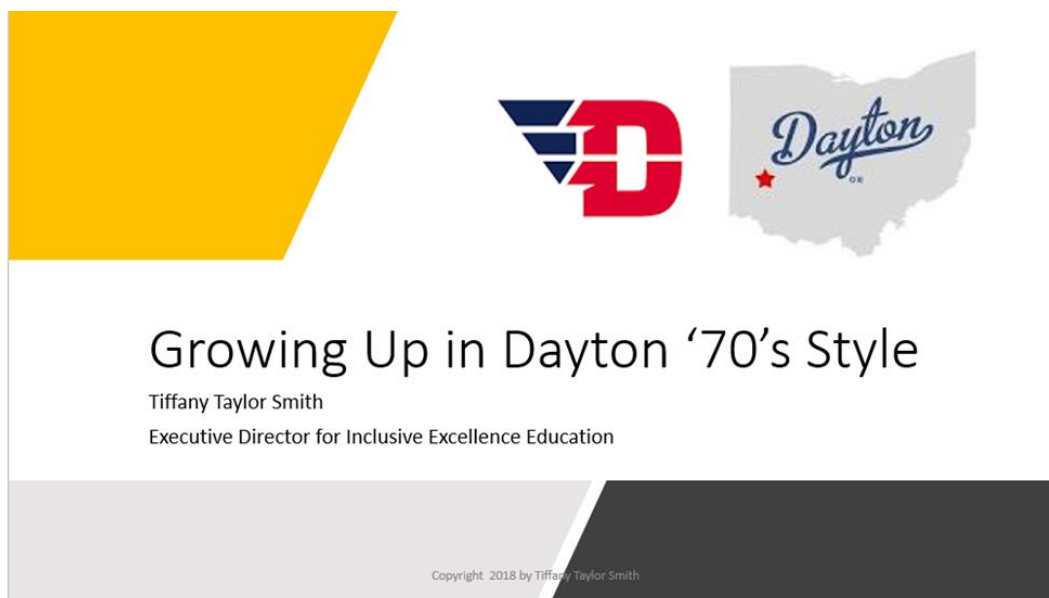
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II. My Formative Years

Tiffany Taylor Smith, Executive Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Tiffany Taylor Smith’s slides trace her growing up in Dayton, showing how her experience shaped her professional life in later years. Her neighborhood in Dayton was vibrant and forward-looking. She credits her parents and siblings for the wonderful early years, and by the time she went to graduate school in New York, her fundamental values about what it means to be human had been formed. She is passionate about creating a diverse and inclusive community for all.

Presentation Slides



Sharing Our Truth: Tiffany



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My Dayton Neighborhood in the 70's



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Exposure, Exposure



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Middle Class, African-American Family



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Schooling

- ❑ Dayton Public Schools from k-8
- ❑ Chaminade-Julienne Freshman-Sophomore
- ❑ Archbishop Alter Junior-Senior
- ❑ University of Rochester BA Psychology
- ❑ Fordham University M.S. Ed.

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Cultivation of an *Inclusive* campus environment

Inclusive campuses –
classrooms, spaces of living and working –

are campuses in which *faculty, staff and students*
work together to create and sustain an environment
in which everyone **feels safe, supported, and
encouraged to express** their views and concerns.

(Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan)

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Increasing Inclusive Community

Opportunity to learn from others
Willingness, motivation to expand cultural knowledge
Easy to avoid difference and new experiences
Courageous, vulnerable and curious
Challenge perceptions, bias & stereotypes
Learning to be comfortable with discomfort



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