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Debbie Blunden-Diggs, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company's artistic director, will share her principles during the University of Dayton's Annie T. Thornton Women's Leadership Conference Saturday, March 1.

Diggs has spent more than 30 years with DCDC. She received national acclaim for her choreographic talents as early as age 17. The National Choreographic Plan included her first work, *Variations in Blue*, and made it available to dance companies nationwide. Her choreography

for *No Room, No Place, No Where* won a Monticello Award from Regional Dance America in 1982.

The conference — "Building a Strong Foundation" — aims to promote women's leadership and build bonds that transcend race, religion and socio-economic status. It runs from 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Kennedy Union ballroom and is open to the public.

Blunden-Diggs will give her talk during lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Other sessions will discuss finances, relationships, networking, careers and leadership, among others.

Participants are encouraged to register by Feb. 25 to ensure a meal will be available, but registrations will be accepted up to and including the day of the event. To register, call 937-229-3351 or click on the related link.

Registration is \$10 for students and \$20 for all others. Payments also can be made in person, in Kennedy Union 241, or mailed to Yemi Mahoney, Women's Leadership Conference, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH, 45469-0620.

The conference was named for Thornton to recognize her 44 years of leadership and dedication at the University of Dayton. While serving in various positions in dining services, housing and as the associate director of Kennedy Union, she mentored hundreds of students.

Yemi Mahoney at 937-229-3351.