

Dawn Myers

CV

Dawn Myers is founder at THE MOST and Director at The Vinetta Project. She started THE MOST to make products to meet the nuanced needs of women of color, but engineering and manufacturing tech enabled hardware takes an incredible amount of capital and training. Dawn had to get creative to raise funds to surmount the heightened barriers to entry in this space and quickly found herself advising and coaching other women on how to work what they have to get what they need. Along the way, she acquired a passion for helping founders learn and grow in entrepreneurship. A JD and graduate Dartmouth's Business Bridge Program, she is committed to creating quality programming for founders striving to innovate for their communities.



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SUMMARY

TECH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND SOCIAL IMPACT EXPERIENCE

Practiced tech ecosystem architect, coach, and speaker experienced in building partnerships, mining for business opportunities, and improving communities through impactful technology; startup founder with a passion for advising and teaching best practices to early stage companies; former business development professional at top international law and wealth management firms. JD with MBA coursework.

Engineering and Manufacturing Firm

Feb 2018 - Present: Founder and CEO, Washington, DC

- Built and ran design and engineering operation focused on providing new, tech enabled hardware solutions for the fastest growing customer segment in the US ¬¬¬ women of color.
- Managed team of 13 and oversaw business strategy, financial modeling, intellectual property strategy, design and engineering, product development, marketing, partnership building, fundraising, events and logistics
- Oversaw 2x monthly growth for 6-month period, cemented partnerships with major industry players

The Vinetta Project

Jan 2020 - Present : Director, DC Region, Washington, DC

- Oversaw programming, sponsorships, and startup deal flow for investor partners in MD, DC, and VA
- Managed Committee of 23 elite VCs, developed pipeline of curated deal flow, facilitated relationships that led directly to investment, organized investor roundtables to encourage investment in DC tech ecosystem
- Leveraged Agile Principles to develop proprietary platform for deal flow management
- Connected founders with local resources to help grow DC's tech and entrepreneurship ecosystem

Forbes Recognized Black Girl Ventures

April 2019-Dec 2020 : Community Liaison, Director of Education, Washington, DC

- Partnered with and mined for business opportunities with non-profits, government, tech ecosystem stakeholders, and foundations to establish industry-wide diversity and accessibility initiatives
- Advised diverse early stage founders on best practices for starting and growing an enterprise tech and entrepreneurship ecosystem

Real Estate Development and Investment Activities

Jan 2014-Present, Washington, DC

 Acquired properties in rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods in the District; developed a total of 12 residential units at affordable price points to combat the deleterious effects of gentrification

EDUCATION

Howard University School of Law, JD

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business

Boston College

Sep 2008-May 2011: Merit Scholar

Jun 2008-Aug 2011 : Int'l Business Law Coursework

May 2007-Aug 2007: Business Bridge Program

Sep 2003-May 2007: B.A., Double Major in Sociology & Communications, Pre-law Concentration

Affiliations:

Startups Ignite
MindHive Hardware Accelerator
NextFab Hardware Accelerator
Founder Gym
Sephora Accelerator
Glossier Grantee Program
MindShare
YC Startup School

Major Pitch Wins:

Unilever/Shea Moisture's New Voices Fund Pipeline Angels Proctor and Gamble Ventures Twitch Pitch by Lightship Capital 1863 Ventures Emerging Founders Program DC Pitch Palooza Ad Astra Ventures Women's Fast Pitch

Honors:

Washington Business Journal's "Top 21 Startups of 2021"

Named one of Washingtonian's 2021 Tech Titans 2020 Inno on Fire Honoree

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COACHING CLIENTS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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Startups Ignite! Dow DigiCon Powered by ZiM Young Black Beauty

Academia:

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National Cathedral School

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Technicaly.dc

https://technical.ly/dc/2020/06/01/dawn-myers-the-tech-and-venture-industries-must-support-black-founders-swiftly-and-without-hesitation/



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Black Wallet

https://www.urbanwallet.co/post/disrupting-an-87-billion-dollar-industry-meet-dawn-myers-ceo-of-the-most





TESTIMONIALS

Amu Fowler

Founding Director at Startups Ignite

When I first met Dawn, I knew she would be the perfect fit to lead our startup community launch in DC. She led by example being a startup founder herself, and she brought all her skills, network, and passion to the table. She was pivotal in the success of launching our startup community program in DC. She is a great listener, team player, knowledgeable, articulate, charismatic, an enigmatic speaker, manager/leader, super connector, evangelist, and supporter of startups and is not only focused on the community as a whole, but also in helping individual founders succeed.

Khuram Zaman

Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurship at Georgetown University

I've invited Dawn as a guest speaker to my class "Launching Entrepreneurial Ventures" at Georgetown University several times over the past year. She's hands down one of the best speakers we've bought in. The students found her to be inspirational and knowledgeable about startups and entrepreneurship. She also served as a judge for the capstone projects and asked sharp, pointed questions to the students that really challenged them. I strongly recommend Dawn for speaking engagements, especially on topics like entrepreneurship, innovation, or representation.

Mark DeSantis

Tech Entrepreneur and Professor of Entrepreneurship at Carnegie Mellon

I thought I knew everything I needed to know about raising capital and building a deck, but when I heard Dawn's presentation I realized I didn't know much at all. I could not give her a stronger recommendation for anyone who is building a business or raising capital. You need to hear Dawn and receive her wisdom.