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Meet Davetta

Davetta Rinehart
28 Years at the YMCA
• Chief Human Resources Officer for The Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA
• Began her career at the YMCA as a Child Care Director, opening the first preschool at The Peninsula YMCA
• Leads a team of HR & Payroll professionals responsible for:
  - HR, Payroll and Benefits
  - Compliance and Risk Management
  - Learning and Talent Development
• Believes in everything YMCA – caught the “Y-Bug” when she first started

The mission: Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA

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