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Moreno Valley College

Primary focus: AI Workforce Development

Regional focus: Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium (IEDRC)

Donnell Philip Layne is an educator, technologist, and director of the iMAKE Innovation Center at Moreno Valley College. He's secured over \$12 million in federal funding for STEM equity and led the development of a 5,000 sq. ft. innovation hub and mobile makerspace. He co-founded Twinflame Ventures and Catalysts Design Studios, advancing entrepreneurship, AR/VR, and creative technology. Layne focuses on preparing learners for the future of work through AI, workforce training, and immersive learning, with a deep commitment to underserved communities and early childhood education. He earned a master's degree from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.