

MICHELE PIAZZA



CANDIDATE BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

Founder & Principal

Michele is the Founder & Principal of MP Global Ventures, LLC, a woman-owned, independent, business focused security and technology management advisory firm. Michele aligns with C-Level IT Security, Business and Operations executives to provide sustainable security ,technology , risk management and privacy solutions. Michele recently launched Mountain View Partners, Inc , an advisory firm focused on Security and Privacy for the Remote Worker and K-12 Sectors.

Education

Michele holds an Executive MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University and a Bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. She is an active member of SIM (Society of Information Management), ISACA (Information Systems Audit & Control Association), SWIT (Senior Women in Technology,) , ISSA (Information Systems Security Association) and InfraGard.

Volunteerism

Michele recently rolled off the YWCA Metropolitan of Chicago Board, after 8 years of tenure and bringing her energy and resources to empower women through the YWCA programs: techGYRLS, Innovation & Technology Institute, & Developing Digital Diversity. She was also an active member of the YWCA Audit and Enterprise Risk Management Committees. As a prior Advisory Board Member for the Naperville- based innovation incubator ,hub88 , she has led TechTalks on topics such as "CleanTech", Privacy and CyberSecurity. She is currently serving as a Chicago Infragard Director and was recently appointed to the Gallatin Valley Planning Commission Board in Bozeman, MT.

LIFE AND CAREER

Born in Indiana, Michele came from a family of 5 girls where her parents instilled independence, a strong work ethic, integrity, problem solving, and service as core values. Michele began her technology career as a young programmer at US Steel in Chicago, where she was selected for a two-year international assignment in Venezuela as part of US Steel's Consulting technology team. Her experience continued to blossom through various leadership positions in technology at Beatrice Foods Company, Citibank and American National Bank.



She was instrumental in 5 mergers: American National Bank into First Chicago, First Chicago NBD, Bank One, WaMu, and finally JPMorgan Chase. Prior to launching MP Global Ventures, LLC, she had a 20+year career at JPMorgan Chase as a Senior Vice President. She progressed through multiple management positions in both technology and business. Her experience reflects direct management of all aspects of technology, including system development, operations, business intelligence, project management & governance, mergers & acquisitions, vendor management, risk management, security and compliance, domestically and globally.

Michele is an avid runner and achieved "Marathon Maniac" status following the completion of her 8th marathon. She enjoys yoga, skiing, paddle boarding, cycling, hiking and international travel. She recently laced up her boots to hike Mt Kilimanjaro in January 2016 with her husband, David. In November 2019, they traveled with National Geographic to explore Antarctica. She is an active member of Bridger Ski Foundation a non-profit community inspiring a lifelong love of skiing, athletic excellence and personal growth in our youth.

She resides in the western suburbs with her husband David.