

Michelle Maldonado

Michelle Maldonado is Founder and CEO of Lucenscia (*pronounced loo-SENSE-see-ah*), a firm dedicated to human flourishing and mindful business transformation. She is an internationally certified mindfulness and emotional intelligence teacher and practitioner with the Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, the International Mindfulness Teachers Association, Genos International and GolemanEI, respectively.

Michelle is a former corporate and tech attorney turned business leader who understands diverse industry sectors, mission, and service. She is passionate about learning, helping elevate human consciousness and alleviating suffering in the world. Her work focuses on personal and professional leadership development at the pivotal intersection of mindfulness, unconscious bias, emotional intelligence, authenticity, and compassion, nestled on a solid foundation of neuroscience and research and taught through an equity lens to help leaders do their inner work to create positive and sustainable outer impact.

Michelle also serves as Senior Faculty for 1440 Multiversity's Leadership Center, founding faculty for Daniel Goleman's inaugural Emotional Intelligence Coaching Certification program and Senior Fellow with Bill George's True North Leadership program, co-teaching with Bill George (former CEO of Medtronic) and Scott Kriens (Chairman and former CEO of Juniper Networks). She is a highly sought-after keynote speaker, thought leader, coach, and strategist collaborating with government agencies, corporations, non-profits/NGOs and higher-ed communities worldwide helping to make workplaces and world spaces more human.

As a result of her work and impact, Michelle has been recognized among the "12 Powerful Women in the Mindfulness Movement" (U.S. 2020), as "Woman of The Year," "Top Corporate Leader," and inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society for her holistic approach to cultivating leadership presence, compassion, well-being and performance impact. Her work has been featured in conference venues and publications including, the DQ Institute in association with the World Economic Forum, United Nations Global Engagement Summit, Human Capital Institute, the Mindful Leader Summit, Chief Learning Officer Magazine, Training Magazine, Leadership Excellence, Huff Post, and Thrive Global.



Michelle is a graduate of Barnard College at Columbia University and The George Washington University School of Law. She also recently was elected as a representative to the Virginia House of Delegates for the 50th District.

Sample organizations with whom Michelle has worked include:

- PepsiCo
- Microsoft
- LinkedIn
- C-Space
- Lululemon Athletica
- Garrison Institute
- Mindful Communications & Such
- Pfizer (Canada)
- Deutsche Telekom (Germany)
- Institute for Integrative Nutrition
- Center for Public Integrity
- Compassionate Care of California
- Center for Compassionate Leadership
- Congressional Management Foundation
- NALEO Education Fund
- Democracy Fund
- United Nations Foundation
- Kauffman Foundation
- New York University
- National University of Singapore
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- York Region 3 Law Enforcement & Government Executives (Canada)