

Michelle Lopes Maldonado

Michelle Maldonado is Founder and CEO of Lucenscia (*pronounced loo-SENSE-see-ah*). She is a former corporate and tech attorney turned business leader who understands diverse industry sectors, mission, and service. Her work focuses on personal-professional leadership development and organizational performance 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. She works across industries including nonprofit, education, technology, government, health, social services, wellbeing, wellness & nutrition, retail, manufacturing, law enforcement, and many others.

Michelle is an internationally certified emotional intelligence and mindfulness facilitator and practitioner with the Google-inspired Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, the International Mindfulness Teachers Association, Genos International, and GolemanEI, respectively. She 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). Michelle also is Lead Program Designer and teacher for the United Nations Foundation's Peace On Purpose (PoP) programs supporting global healthcare professionals, humanitarian aid workers, and conflict resolution specialists worldwide.

She is a highly sought-after keynote speaker, thought leader, coach, and strategist collaborating with corporations, government agencies, Congressional offices, non-profits/NGOs and higher-ed communities around the world helping to make workplaces and world spaces more human through leadership presence, performance and impact.

As a result of her work, Michelle has been recognized as "Woman of The Year," "Top Corporate Leader," among the "12 Powerful Women in the Mindfulness Movement" (Worldwide), and was 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 recently was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. As a freshman legislator, Michelle was named "Rookie Legislator of the Year" and launched and is Founding Chair of the new, bipartisan Virginia Technology & Innovation Caucus. She also is Chair of the Affordable Housing Policy Committee as well as serves on the Education and Privileges & Elections Committees.



Michelle is a graduate of Barnard College at Columbia University and The George Washington University School of Law.

Sample organizations with whom Michelle has worked include:

- Pfizer (Canada)
- PepsiCo
- Microsoft
- LinkedIn
- C-Space
- Institute for Integrative Nutrition
- Garrison Institute
- Mindful Communications & Such
- Deutsche Telekom (Germany)
- 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. Senate Offices
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Customs & Border Protection
- U.S. Treasury, Executive Institute
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- York Region 3 Law Enforcement & Government Executives (Canada)
- Seesaw
- Welcoming America