

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: TREAT YOUR FUTURE WITH RESPECT

VIRTUAL PANEL

PANELIST BIOS

Michelle Bloom - Talent & Culture Manager, Swissotel

Michelle was born in Guatemala and grew up moving to a different country every few years due to her father's job. Every time they moved; her family would live in a hotel for a time which sparked her passion for the hospitality industry which ultimately became a career in hotels. Michelle attended Florida International University in Miami, graduating in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management. Michelle's 10+ year career within the hospitality industry has included leadership positions in Front Office, Sales and Events with Kimpton Hotels, Starwood Hotels and Radisson Hotel Group. Michelle recently joined Swissotel Chicago in the Talent & Culture Department. Michelle's natural curiosity and ability to build authentic relationships has quickly made her a natural leader in her new role, and in her short time with us she has proved to be a valuable asset to the team and hotel. One of Michelle's leading strengths is her ability to build positive relationships, and her passion for diversity, equity and inclusion and supporting the community would be ideal for the purpose and theme of your event.

Kimberly Evans - Executive Vice President, Head of Corporate Sustainability, Inclusion, and Social Impact, Northern Trust Corporation

With over 25 years of experience, Kimberly has become a business transformation expert. She has developed, led, and executed business and change strategies for five financial services organizations, managed teams in six countries, and has implemented technical and organizational programs that have impacted over 27,000 financial services professionals throughout her career. She has also owned and operated businesses as an independent consultant and as a franchise owner. Kim's core expertise includes creating and executing business strategy, developing, and maximizing talent, and ultimately driving change and transformation to make organizations competitive, effective, and productive. Kimberly graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and has earned numerous business, leadership, and technical certifications throughout her career.

Patricia McClure - Hospital Interim CEO, Montrose Behavioral Hospital

Patricia has been in the healthcare industry for over 25 years, and holds a MBA, MPA, and B.A. Degree in Psychology. Patricia is currently employed as a Hospital CEO for a leading healthcare corporation. She is a healthcare adjunct college professor and public speaker for Alzheimer's/Dementia, Caregiving and Healthcare Leadership. Patricia holds the position of Program Chair for Illinois Women Conquers Alzheimer's which is an entity of the Alzheimer's Association. She is the award-winning author of "Losing a Hero The Story of Pearl" and "A Caregiver's Guide for Alzheimer's and Dementia Nine Key Principles." Patricia is the President and Founder of T.A.A.D. Caregivers Consulting, LLC (Trish Against Alzheimer's and Dementia) She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the American College for Healthcare Executives. Patricia is an active member in her community and holds a leadership position at her church. She resides in the Chicagoland area with her husband and children.

Angelica Alfaro - Associate Director, University of Illinois System

Angelica has spent her career working across Chicago on improving access to high-quality education, summer college programs, and scholarships for thousands of families while leading policy, fundraising, community organizing, and advocacy efforts. She is a strong believer of the potential of black and brown communities. Angelica has dedicated her career towards ensuring equity and access to opportunities within education, public health, mental health, violence prevention, environmental advocacy and economic development.

Jamie L. Rhee - Commissioner, Chicago Department of Aviation

Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Jamie L. Rhee is a leader in the aviation community, overseeing operations at both O'Hare and Midway International Airports – among the largest and most complex airport systems in the world. At the same time, Rhee maintains close ties to her local community and works as a dedicated advocate for children. With an emphasis on equity and inclusion, Rhee has broadened the reach of certified and community-based Assist Agencies, which help connect residents and businesses of all sizes to opportunities across the City. She has worked extensively with Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges of Chicago to engage more young people from diverse backgrounds in aviation-related curriculum, and is a sponsor of the After School Matters' AeroStar Avion Institute, which provides aviation experience and education for at-risk youth. A steadfast advocate for accountability in government, Rhee and her team have developed a Code of Conduct for the Chicago airport community, detailing principles, values, and standards to be upheld by everyone working for and with the CDA.