



Michelle Williams-Ward

Michelle Williams-Ward's roots run deep, nurtured by the love and guidance of her mother, Sarah Williams, and her grandmother, Essie Bryant. A proud Black woman from Mount Clemens and Clinton Township, Michigan, Michelle graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology, with a concentration in criminal justice.

Michelle cherishes spending time with her three children: Michonni, Christopher, and Eion. Though she once saw herself as a quiet, behind-the-scenes person, life had other plans. Her first job was babysitting family members, where she discovered her love for children—and their love for her.

Michelle dedicated nearly 27 years of service to the Macomb Correctional Facility before retiring. Throughout her career, she noticed the underrepresentation of people of color in leadership roles within her community. This realization inspired her to run for the Roseville School Board in 2020, believing that children of color need to see themselves reflected in positions of influence. In 2020, she was elected to the Roseville School Board and was recently re-elected in 2024.

An active leader in her community, Michelle serves as the President of the Roseville Optimist Club and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Omega Xi Omega Chapter in Macomb County, celebrating 35 years of membership. Her faith fuels her service, and she has embraced her calling as a Missionary and Youth Sunday School Teacher at Covenant Missionary Temple. As Covenant Missions' Community Engagement Officer, she oversees two monthly food pantries, providing vital support to families in need.

Michelle's commitment extends beyond her church. She is deeply involved in local advocacy, having been the Roseville Literacy Ambassador for 2023-2024 and receiving the Macomb's Celebration of Black Excellence Community Advocate Award in 2023. Her leadership earned her the 2024 Eastpointe/Roseville Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award.

Additionally, Michelle is a member of the Macomb Health Equity Council through the Judson Center, working to address health disparities. In 2024, she became a certified Community Health Worker, further expanding her capacity to serve.

Michelle's life mission is to plant positive seeds in others, just as her mother and grandmother did for her. Their nurturing helped shape her into the compassionate, resolute leader she is today—a beacon of hope and service in her community.