

Influential Women Features Melissa Parker: Vice President, Software Engineering At Corebridge Financial

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Jersey City, New Jersey — Melissa Parker is a seasoned technology executive and Vice President, DevOps Platform at Corebridge Financial, where she leads the enterprise DevOps platform and toolchain services function. With more than 25 years of experience in information technology, much of it within highly regulated financial services organizations, she has built a distinguished career at the intersection of Platform Engineering, DevOps, Site Reliability Engineering, and cloud transformation.



In her current role, Melissa leads Platform Engineering and Site Reliability Engineering teams that deliver platform-as-a-product capabilities to support more than 1,400 application developers and engineers. Her organization provides secure, scalable, and reliable tools and services that help teams build, test, and release software across hundreds of regulated applications.

Through her leadership, Melissa advances modern engineering practices, strengthens operational resilience, improves security and compliance, and creates more predictable, auditable, and efficient paths to production. She is particularly focused on simplifying complex technology environments and enabling developers to deliver business value more quickly and with greater confidence.

Melissa's career reflects a commitment to continuous growth, innovation, and transformation.

She began on the front lines of technology in help desk, quality assurance, and production-support roles, where she developed an appreciation for how systems fail, how operational friction affects teams, and how technology decisions influence the customer experience.

She later moved into change management, technology operations, and increasingly senior leadership positions at major financial institutions, including AIG. Those experiences gave her a broad perspective spanning service delivery, operational risk, governance, cloud modernization, software-delivery practices, and organizational transformation.

Throughout her career, Melissa has led complex initiatives designed to modernize technology capabilities, improve delivery performance, strengthen security, and reduce operational risk. Her accomplishments include leading a \$2 million CI/CD modernization program spanning more than 480 applications and directing a DevOps platform migration that supported the technology transition for Corebridge Financial's \$1.68 billion initial public offering.

She has also led efforts that reduced vulnerabilities across the DevOps platform infrastructure by 64 percent, strengthened governance and engineering standards, and helped global technology teams adopt more consistent and efficient delivery practices. Her cloud experience includes modernizing DevOps platforms and tooling infrastructure in Amazon Web Services while maintaining the controls required within regulated environments.

Melissa holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the New York Institute of Technology. She has also earned the AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate certification and the Project Management Professional credential.

Her technical knowledge, operational experience, and leadership capabilities have enabled her to guide teams through complex transformations while maintaining a strong focus on collaboration, business outcomes, and organizational resilience.

Recognized for building high-performing teams and driving meaningful change, Melissa brings a servant-leadership philosophy to every role she undertakes. She believes effective leadership begins with understanding people, removing obstacles, encouraging growth, and creating an environment where individuals feel trusted and empowered to do their best work.

Melissa is also passionate about mentoring emerging technology professionals and supporting leadership development and inclusion initiatives. She advocates for workplaces where individuals with different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives have equitable opportunities to contribute, grow, and succeed, and currently serves as Vice President of the Black Professionals employee resource group at Corebridge.

She attributes her success to the support of family members, colleagues, mentors, sponsors, and advocates who helped guide her throughout her career. She also credits curiosity, continuous learning, and a willingness to reinvent herself as important factors in her

professional development.

Among the most valuable career advice Melissa has received is to “know your superpower,” communicate the value of your work, and advocate for yourself rather than assuming that strong performance alone will lead to recognition.

That advice changed how she approached her own career. Melissa learned that professionals must be prepared to explain their contributions, pursue visible opportunities, and ensure that decision-makers understand the value they bring to an organization.

For young women entering the technology industry, she encourages confidence, curiosity, and openness to reinvention. She advises them not to wait until they meet every qualification before pursuing an opportunity and not to allow a nontraditional path to diminish their sense of belonging.

Melissa entered the technology profession before completing her computer science degree and earned it later while continuing to advance in her career. Her experience reinforced her belief that there is no single path to technology leadership and that different experiences and perspectives strengthen teams and organizations.

She also recognizes the challenges many women face when navigating underrepresentation and imposter syndrome. Earlier in her career, she was frequently the only woman in the room and sometimes questioned whether she belonged. Over time, she learned to view her perspective as a source of value rather than a limitation.

Today, Melissa sees artificial intelligence as both a significant challenge and an important opportunity for technology leaders. She believes AI will transform how organizations operate, how engineers build and support technology, and how many professional roles are performed.

At the same time, she sees opportunities for professionals to develop new capabilities, improve productivity, and focus more of their attention on complex, high-value work. She believes organizations must approach AI adoption thoughtfully, balancing innovation with security, governance, responsible use, and workforce development.

The values that guide Melissa’s professional and personal life include empathy and compassion, integrity, continuous learning, and a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. She believes strong leadership requires understanding people, acting with integrity, communicating transparently, and creating opportunities for others to grow.

Through decades of technology leadership, Melissa Parker continues to demonstrate the impact of combining technical expertise, operational discipline, and authentic, people-focused leadership. Her dedication to transformation, mentorship, and inclusive excellence continues to influence enterprise technology and inspire the next generation of technology leaders.

Learn More about Melissa Parker:

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