

Influential Women Recognizes Michelle Rogers as a Hospitality Leader and General Manager with Logan's Roadhouse

GREATER HOPKINSVILLE AREA, KY, UNITED STATES, August 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Bringing More Than 30 Years of Restaurant and Service Industry Experience to People-First Leadership, Team Development, and Operational Excellence

Michelle Rogers is a seasoned hospitality professional with more than 30 years of experience in the restaurant and service industry, building a career defined by hands-on expertise, strong relationships, and a commitment to helping people recognize their potential. From beginning in entry-level front-of-house positions to advancing through service and kitchen management roles and ultimately becoming a General Manager, Michelle has developed an in-depth understanding of virtually every level of restaurant operations.



In her current role with Logan's Roadhouse in the Greater Clarksville area, Michelle oversees a broad range of daily responsibilities, including staffing, inventory, financial oversight, operational performance, and guest service standards. Her leadership philosophy is rooted in the belief that effective management begins with understanding the work firsthand. Having personally worked her way through the industry, she understands the challenges employees face and uses that perspective to build stronger, more connected teams.

Michelle's professional journey reflects a steady progression fueled by determination, adaptability, and a desire to help others succeed. She attended Daymar Institute-Clarksville, where she earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and Management. Throughout her career, she has taken on increasingly complex responsibilities while developing a management approach centered on respect, accountability, mentorship, and teamwork.

A defining element of Michelle's leadership is her people-first philosophy. She focuses on creating workplaces where employees feel supported, valued, and motivated to improve. Rather than viewing employees simply as members of a workforce, she believes in building genuine relationships and understanding the individuals behind each role. This approach has been particularly valuable when working to turn around challenging operations, where she has focused on identifying team strengths, improving morale, establishing structure, and creating systems that support consistency and performance.

Michelle attributes much of her success to her family, particularly her parents. Her father served in the military for more than 20 years, while her mother worked for the government before becoming a magistrate for Montgomery County. Growing up, Michelle and her family moved frequently. While she once viewed the constant transitions as difficult, she now recognizes those experiences as fundamental to the person and leader she became.

Moving from place to place taught Michelle that she could go anywhere and make it her own. Her parents demonstrated the importance of strength and resilience, showing her that rebuilding in a new environment is possible and that leaving one place does not mean leaving behind the opportunity to make a difference.

They also taught her that a person can become a pivotal point in somebody else's life. Michelle believes she may be the person someone was ready to quit on, but through encouragement, inspiration, or simply being willing to listen, she can help change that outcome. That belief has become central to how she approaches leadership.

Michelle also credits the incredible mentors who have supported her throughout her career. Among them is Diana Renolett, whom Michelle has known and worked with for more than 30 years. Renolett became an important source of inspiration for Michelle, helping shape the leader she is today. Michelle admired her leadership and wanted to emulate the qualities she saw in her mentor.

Together, these relationships and the values instilled by her family have influenced virtually every part of Michelle's professional journey.

Leading From Experience

One of the most important pieces of career advice Michelle has received is that everybody should start at the bottom and work their way up. For her, this is more than a philosophy—it is the foundation of empathetic leadership.

Michelle believes that when leaders have worked in every position within an organization, they understand exactly how their teams feel. She remembers the frustration of going to a superior with a question only to be told that the person did not know or that she should look it up herself. For Michelle, leadership means being connected enough to the work to understand the

questions, challenges, and pressures employees experience.

That firsthand knowledge allows her to empathize when something goes wrong or when an employee is dealing with a difficult situation. She can genuinely say that she understands because she has been there herself.

This perspective has helped Michelle become the kind of leader who does not simply manage from a distance. She leads from experience, using her background across restaurant operations to connect with employees, recognize their challenges, and help them develop.

Her approach also emphasizes accountability. Michelle believes employees should be supported while also being held to clear expectations. By combining mentorship with structure, she works to create an environment where people understand what is expected of them and have the tools necessary to succeed.

Encouraging Women to Embrace Their Strength

Michelle is particularly passionate about encouraging young women entering the hospitality industry to believe in themselves.

Her message is straightforward: confidence matters. She believes women should not apologize for being driven, ambitious, direct, or decisive. Behaviors that may be viewed negatively when demonstrated by women are often interpreted as ambition when demonstrated by men, and Michelle wants to challenge that double standard.

She works to show the women around her that being strong is not a weakness. Some people may be uncomfortable with strong women, but that discomfort should not force women to diminish themselves.

Michelle encourages women to stand firm in their voices, understand their value, and recognize that leadership does not require them to become someone else. They can be compassionate while still being direct, supportive while still being firm, and approachable while still maintaining high standards.

For Michelle, confidence is not about arrogance. It is about knowing who someone is and refusing to let other people define their value.

Building Stronger Teams in a Changing Industry

One of the biggest challenges Michelle sees in hospitality is employee retention and the difficulty of building strong teams during periods of high stress and burnout. Restaurants and service organizations depend heavily on people, making workplace culture and leadership particularly important.

At the same time, Michelle sees a significant opportunity in leadership development. She

believes organizations can improve retention and performance by helping employees discover their own potential and creating workplaces where people feel valued and supported.

Her goal is not simply to keep employees in their positions. It is to help them grow.

That philosophy aligns with Michelle's own professional aspirations. She is focused on continuing to develop as a leader, with the goal of advancing into a Director of Operations role overseeing multiple locations. Her extensive experience at the operational level gives her a strong foundation for that next stage of leadership.

Honesty, Loyalty, and the Power of Relationships

At the center of Michelle's professional and personal life are two core values: honesty and loyalty.

She believes that without loyalty, people have little foundation for a meaningful relationship, and without trust, there can be no genuine connection. Whether the relationship involves family members, employees, coworkers, or customers, Michelle believes people need to know that they can depend on one another.

For her, leadership is therefore about more than managing employees or serving customers. It is about creating relationships.

Michelle believes every person has relationships that shape who they become, whether they recognize those connections or not. Her parents taught her the importance of a strong family foundation, while mentors and colleagues helped shape her professional identity.

That understanding continues to influence the way she interacts with people every day.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Michelle remains active in community support efforts and causes that strengthen families and local services. Her commitment to helping others extends beyond the restaurant environment and reflects the same belief that has guided her career: people can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others simply by being present, listening, and offering support.

Outside of work, Michelle enjoys gardening, refurbishing furniture, and caring for rescued animals. Her personal interests reflect qualities that also appear in her professional life—creativity, patience, restoration, responsibility, and compassion.

As Michelle looks toward the future, she remains committed to growth, both for herself and for the people she leads. With more than three decades of hospitality experience behind her, she continues to approach leadership with the same principles that have guided her from the beginning: work hard, understand the people around you, build relationships, stand firm in your values, and never underestimate the difference one person can make in another person's life.

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