



# Kate Maxwell

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Kate Maxwell is the General Manager for Worldwide Education industry at Microsoft, where she delivers on Microsoft's mission to empower every person and organization on the planet to achieve more.

Maxwell is an accomplished technology leader and STEM education advocate with 20 years of experience supporting Public Sector customers and students around the world. She has expertise in digital transformation, engineering & technology strategy, and business culture reform, and is a sought-after public speaker, author, and innovator. Maxwell holds two patents and inspires audiences on keynote stages and conference proceedings both domestically and abroad.

Before joining the global Education industry at Microsoft, Maxwell served as Chief Technology Officer for the Microsoft Worldwide Defense & Intelligence industry (2020-2023). Prior to that, she held various Defense Industrial Base leadership positions within RTX (formerly Raytheon), including Technical Director of the Navigation & Modernization Solutions product line (\$2.4B), Chief Engineer of the Product Support business (\$700M), and Director of the Raytheon Innovation Center.

Maxwell is a passionate advocate for STEM and a diversity & inclusion thought leader in the tech community. She serves on the Board of Directors for TechPoint Foundation for Youth, an Indiana-based non-profit connecting underprivileged students with opportunities in STEM, as well as TechPoint, an organization focused on growing the Indiana tech ecosystem. She also launched the annual Maxwell Scholarship for Women in Computing and Engineering at her high school alma mater.

Maxwell was named #1 of the "Top 100 Women in Tech" by Technology Magazine in 2023, and one of "100 Women in Tech Leaders to Watch" by WomenTech in 2022 & 2023. She was honored as the Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ) Tech Executive of the Year in 2022, was a Forty Under 40 recipient in 2021, and a Woman of Influence in 2019. Kate is active in the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and is a two-time national award winner.

Maxwell holds a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering from George Mason University and a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. She is an outdoor enthusiast and enjoys skiing, paddle boarding, traveling, and finding adventure wherever life takes her.