



MICHELLE DEARHOLT

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Michelle Dearholt began her career at Nusenda in 1998, starting as a teller and working in branches, the contact center, and human resources before stepping into leadership roles. Her firsthand experience across various areas of the credit union gives her a deep understanding of both employees and members.

Before being named President & CEO, Michelle served as Executive Vice President of Operations, where she oversaw all departments related to Member Experience, Employee Experience, Marketing, and Project Management. Her leadership has been instrumental in driving Nusenda's growth and innovation. She has also held roles as Chief Retail and Performance Officer, Senior Vice President of Human Resources, and Vice President of Human Resources and Training. Between 2004 and 2007, she gained experience at two national Fortune 500 companies.

Michelle holds a BBA in Human Resources Management and an MBA in Policy and Planning from the UNM Anderson School of Management. She is a graduate of the Cardwell 306/2 Leadership Symposium, an industry-specific executive leadership program.

Her commitment to the community is unwavering. In addition to her service to the UNM Foundation, Michelle serves with the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance, Albuquerque Community Foundation, Albuquerque Public Schools Business Advisory Council, and CU Anytime. She formerly served with the CNM Foundation, the UNM Anderson (now Ellis) Alumni Council, and Family Friendly New Mexico.

Her contributions have earned her recognition as a Woman of Influence, Diverse Business Leader, and Top 40 Under Forty leader by Albuquerque Business First. A dedicated mentor, she has been a lead speaker for Albuquerque Business First Mentoring Mondays and a featured presenter at industry conferences, inspiring many with her leadership.