



Michelle Gavel

Michelle Gavel is the Director of Student Access & Opportunity for Springfield Public Schools and co-founder of All Things Diverse SGF. A proud Missouri State University alumna, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the institution and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Leadership, Learning, and Educational Change.



Michelle's career spans Burrell Behavioral Health, TRIO Programs, and the Office of Student Financial Aid at Missouri State University, where she focused on supporting first-generation students and under-resourced populations in the Springfield community. She is a graduate of Leadership Springfield Class 46, was named one of Springfield Business Journal's "12 People You Need to Know," and serves several community organizations and boards, including the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, an international service organization for women.

Her leadership has been recognized with the W.E.B. Du Bois Education Award from the Springfield NAACP and the Inclusive Excellence Alumni Award from Missouri State University. A wife and mother of three, Michelle is deeply committed to strengthening opportunities for women, students, and families across the Springfield community.

