



**Dr. Michele Vaughn** is the Founder & CEO of a grassroots nonprofit organization called the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. serving primarily in Lake County, Illinois. The primary mission is to equip, empower, and education single mothers to become positive role models to their children through the influence of advanced education and homeownership.

Prior to the launch of the non-profit, Dr. Vaughn worked eight years in higher education at the College of Lake County as the associate dean for community education. She worked effortlessly to ensure education was accessible to a population that was considered, “the least likely to succeed, but the most in need.” She did this by partnering with various Lake County community agencies to offer GED, ESL & Career Development mobile learning classrooms for adult learners.

In 2014, Dr. Vaughn transitioned back into the non-profit sector to cultivate her interest in building up the lives of single mothers. She launched the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. and partnered with State Career College located in Waukegan, IL., to help Single Mom Medical Assistant graduates become gainfully employed in the healthcare field. She also served in a dual role as the Director of Career Services with SCC for six years establishing healthcare partnership agreements with select hospitals and small office medical providers. Additionally, Dr. Vaughn, became a certified leadership coach, speaker, and trainer with the John C. Maxwell Global Leadership team. She has trained a diverse group of leaders on the power of INFLUENCE as well as individual coaching.

Every year, the Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc., raise funding to provide scholarship opportunities for single moms returning to school and homeownership assistance. Much of her community service work has been accomplished by collaborating with community partners, volunteers, and corporate/individual donors.

Dr. Vaughn’s passion in the field of education and human service stems from her own past struggle as a college dropout who was labeled as “just another pregnant teen.” But she refused to surrender to the pressures of rejection, suicide, and uncertainty by deciding to complete her education and become a well- equipped role model to her two sons.

Today, Dr. Vaughn has earned an Associate of Arts degree, a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Columbia College of Missouri, a Master of Science Degree in Counseling from Capella University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership at Argosy University. “If You Can Birth a Baby, You Can Birth Your Dreams” is Dr. Vaughn’s first authored book. She is highly recognized for her drive as a passionate humanitarian, multiple published book author, and a highly pursued public speaker. She has been recognized nine-times as an award recipient both locally and nationally for her professional work in the field of higher education and the local community. She has appeared on Fox and Friends as an expert guest on the topic of high school dropouts as well as HGTV’s House Hunters Television show helping a single mom become a first-time homeowner. It is her hope to deliver a powerful message of perseverance, courage, and faith to single mothers and Influential leaders all over the world.

## Dr. Michele Vaughn, Professional Resume Snapshot

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### EDUCATION:

- High School graduate (1994) – Waukegan High School
- Associate of Arts (2001) – College of Lake County
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (2003) – Columbia College of Missouri
- Master of Science, Counseling (2006) – Capella University
- Doctorate, Education Leadership (2012) – Argosy University

### WORK HISTORY:

- Girls & Boys Middle School Track Coach, North Chicago High School (2001 – 2003)
- Site Coordinator, STARS Afterschool Program (2004)
- Education Director, Boys & Girls Club of Lake County (2004 – 2006)
- Student Development Specialist II, College of Lake County (2006 – 2008)
- Associate Dean of Community Education, College of Lake County (2008 – 2014)
- Career & Student Services Director, State Career College (2015 – 2021)
- CEO, Teen & Single Mother Resource Center, Inc. (2014 – Present)
- Leadership Consultant, Speaker & Coach, John C. Maxwell Team (2015 – Present)
- Realtor, Keller Williams NS West (2020 – Present)

### WRITING:

- Vaughn, M. (2005). Read to Succeed Instructional Training Manual. Waukegan, IL: Boys and Girls Club of Lake County.
- Vaughn, M., Vanderwerff, A., & Carobine, J. (2010). Developing the Person before the Profession Curriculum. Chicago, IL: Youthbuild of Lake County. \*\*Reviewer
- Vaughn, M., & Arango, A. (2011). Parenting and Child Together, PACT Curriculum for a Family Literacy Program. Grayslake, IL: College of Lake County.
- Vaughn, M., & Thomas, W. (2011). Internship for Hire Manual for Repatriate Graduates. Grayslake, IL: College of Lake County.
- If You Can Birth a Baby, You Can Birth Your Dreams (Amazon & Barnes & Noble) – 2012
- A Suggested Blueprint for Single Mother Parenting (Amazon) - 2016
- BRIDE: Becoming Royal in Daddy's Eyes (Amazon) – 2016
- Dare to Believe (Amazon) – 2018

### FORMER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, COMMITTEES, & VOLUNTEER:

- Lake County after School Coalition, LCASC
- United Way of Lake County, Community Action Committee
- Illinois Adult Education College Association, IAECA
- Commission on Adult Basic Education, COABE
- University of Illinois Extension Advisory, former Council Member
- National Association for College Admission Counseling, NACAC
- Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling, IACAC
- Lake County Area Planning Council, APC
- The Boys & Girls of America Professional
- African American Outreach Committee, College of Lake County

- Various Hiring Search Committees, College of Lake County
- Commencement Committee, College of Lake County
- Compensation Study Committee, College of Lake County
- Intake Committee, College of Lake County
- Evidence Based Reading Instruction, Adult Education Committee, College of Lake County
- Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, College of Lake County
- AQIP Committee – Transitioning the Adult Learner, College of Lake County
- Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, Board Member
- Families in Touch, Teen Mom Mentoring Program
- Lake County Health Department, Teen Mom Program
- Shiloh Baptist Church Soup Kitchen, Homeless Population
- YWCA of Lake County Community Outreach
- Passion Outreach Teen Mom Program, The Chapel Ministry
- Staben House Transitional Home for Single Moms
- Kindred Life Ministries for Single Parents

#### AWARDS:

- 2007 SOAR Award Recipients, Enrollment Services Department, CLC
- 2009 SOAR Award Recipients, Community Education Department, CLC
- 2010 Recipient of Outstanding Teen Parent National Award, Healthy Teen Mom Network
- 2011 Recipient of the Women of Achievement Community Leader Award, YWCA of Lake County
- 2012 Recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award, National Assoc. of Univ. Women NS
- 2014 Recipient of Educator Award, Lake County Coalition to Reduce Recidivism
- 2015 Recipient of Humanitarian Award, People’s Voice Most Influential African Americans
- 2016 Recipient of Most Influential African Americans of Lake County, Humanitarian Award
- 2018 Recipient of the Lake County Forest Preserve African American History Maker Award
- 2018 Recipient of Zeta Phi Beta Blue Dove of the Year Award Teen & Single Mother Res Center
- 2018 Recipient Change Agent of the Year Award - Lake County Housing Authority
- 2021 Recipient Most Prominent Top Agent Award Winner: First half of 2021 - Homesnap

#### MEDIA:

- 2008 What’s Happening Magazine, Personal Article, and Recognition
  - 2009 Appeared on Fox News Chicago, Community Partnership with Father Gary Graf Center
  - 2010 Lake County Local Channel, Face on Education Interview with Superintendent of Schools
  - 2010 Columbia College of Missouri Alumni, Featured Story in the Summer Edition Magazine
  - 2011 Appeared on Fox and Friends, Has MTV Gone Too Far with High School Dropouts Debate
  - 2011 Featured in Lake County Magazine, Meet Ten Intriguing People in Lake County
  - 2019 Experiencing Motherhood: Single & Black Podcast Interview, iHeart Radio
  - 2020 My Single Mother Journey: GreatHer Purpose Podcast Interview, iHeart Radio
  - 2021 HGTV’S House Hunters Television Show: Single Mom Buys a Home Episode
  - 2020 VoyageLA Magazine: Single Mom Journey Interview
  - 2021 NBC Interview: Single Mom Journey Interview
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*“I am only one, but still, I am one. I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.” ~Unknown*