**Michelle Gardner, General Motors - Vice President, Global Hardware, Systems, and Integration**

Michelle Gardner began her career at General Motors in September 1988. She has held numerous leadership positions throughout her career. Gardner was named Vice President of Engineering in June 2021. In this role, she leads over 10,000 global employees responsible for vehicle integration, global chassis and active thermal management, interior and thermal cabin comfort, body and accessory engineering, design and specifications, virtual design development and validation, advance vehicle and powertrain development and other engineering business initiatives. She reports to Mark Reuss, President of General Motors.

Gardner is the CEO and President of GM Global Technology Operations, LLC. She represents GM on the board of General Motors Defense and PATAC (Pan Asia Technical Automotive Center). Gardner is GM’s key executive for Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the GM Women Employee Resource Group Chair Executive Champion.

Gardner graduated from the University of Michigan in 1988 with a Mechanical Engineering degree and was selected for the General Motor’s Fellowship Program where she earned her Master’s in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University in 1992. She served as the Chairperson for the 2023 Grand Prixmiere dinner and auction in the return of the Grand Prix race to downtown Detroit and was a 2023 WJR Women Who Lead Honoree.