

Award Nomination

Silicon Valley Business Journal - Latinx Business Awards

Client Won - Acosta Sheet Metal Manufacturing

Michelle Acosta is a vibrant, successful, and innovative leader in the manufacturing industry, currently serving as the Vice President of Operations and Marketing at Acosta Sheet Metal Manufacturing, founded by her grandfather in 1972 and celebrating its 50th year in business.

Less than 2% of manufacturing companies in the United States are female-led; Michelle is part of that 2%. Having achieved so much in her field in such a short time, Michelle has quickly gained recognition as a thought leader and mentor in her industry, as well as a dedicated member of the San Jose community, volunteering in numerous nonprofit organizations in Silicon Valley. Michelle has the rare distinction of being both esteemed and beloved by her colleagues and peers.

Having worked at her family-owned business for over 16 years, she has worked in every facet of the company from being a sales associate to currently serving as the VP of Operations and Marketing. She knows her business inside and out and leads her staff with a humble and empathetic spirit. Michelle works diligently as a mentor and thought leader in her industry, having served in several local manufacturing organizations in various capacities as well as being a champion for sustainability, working alongside 99Bridges, a sustainable data exchange company. In her spare time, Michelle also serves as a consultant.

Michelle has a big heart and a kind, generous spirit. This is evident in a long list of volunteer projects and positions with local nonprofit and professional organizations such as Manufacture: San Jose, the K-9 Memorial Foundation, Silicon Valley Young Professionals, Christmas in the Park, and the Rotary Club of San Jose. Michelle is also the first Latina to be nominated to the Bay Area SMACNA (Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association) Board of Directors.