



Michelle Skinner '03

While a Caston high school student, Michelle was active in music, sports and a variety of clubs. She played in the band and was a member of the Tri-M music honor society. She was also a 4-year member of the girls' golf team. Michelle was on the Comet Tale and yearbook staffs and served as yearbook editor her senior year. She also participated in Art Club, Key Club, Science Club, Student Council, was a member of the National Honor Society, and Valedictorian of the Class of 2003.

Michelle earned her Bachelor's degree in Sports Administration from Ball State University in '07. She started her career working for the Nashville Superspeedway as operations assistant, and then took a position in '10 in fan development and community relations with the Tri-City ValleyCats; a Class A New York-Penn League Affiliate of the Houston Astros. Michelle was promoted to her current position as Assistant General Manager of the Tri-City ValleyCats in '15. She has since completed the Women in Leadership certificate program through Cornell University in '17. She also gives back to her alma mater as an alumni mentor for Ball State's Sports Administration Program.

This year ('19) Michelle was named to Albany, New York's top "40 under 40" in The Business Review and was also a Leadership Institute graduate through the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber. Previously in '15 she was awarded the United Sisters of NY - Women Who Rock Community Service Award, and was two-time award winner ('14 & '18) of the Joann Weber Female Executive of the Year for the New York-Penn League, as well as a nominee for the Rawlings Minor League Baseball Woman of the Year.

The greater Troy community benefits tremendously from the Tri-City ValleyCats '***Cats Care*** community initiatives lead by Michelle. She has served on committees, boards, and worked tirelessly as a volunteer for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Make-A-Wish NENY, Kiwanis Club of Troy, Troy Salvation Army, Girls on the Run, and Minor League Baseball – Women in Baseball LIFT Program, and American Cancer Society. The Tri-City ValleyCats annually contribute nearly half a million dollars in goods, services and donations, and was the top charitable team in the New York-Penn League in '18.

Michelle currently resides in Troy, New York. Running is one of her hobbies and her goal is to run all six World Major Marathons as a St Jude Hero, fundraising for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. She's finished 10 marathons (including three World Majors).