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Kate Maxwell is an accomplished engineering, technology, and industry leader with more than 22 years of experience supporting public sector customers around the world.

In her current role, Maxwell leads the Worldwide Government, Defense, & Intelligence industry for Microsoft Frontier Company, helping public sector organizations translate the potential of AI into measurable outcomes and transformation at scale. Prior to this, Maxwell served as General Manager of Microsoft's Worldwide Education industry, leading a \$5B+ global portfolio and helping education organizations transform through cloud, AI, security, and SaaS technologies.

Other past roles for Maxwell include Chief Technology Officer for Microsoft Worldwide Defense & Intelligence (2020-2023), as well as various Aerospace & Defense leadership positions at Raytheon (2004-2020), including Technical Director of the Navigation & Modernization Solutions product line (\$2.4B), Chief Engineer of the Product Support business (\$700M), and Founding Director of the Raytheon Innovation Center.

Maxwell is a longtime advocate for STEM education, inclusive opportunity, and greater representation in the tech sector. She is a Board alum and former Interim CEO of TechPoint Youth, and she also facilitates the annual Maxwell Scholarship for Women in Computing & Engineering – now in its 14th year.

Maxwell is a recipient of multiple prestigious industry awards, including being named #1 Woman in Tech in the world by Technology Magazine in 2023. She is also a recipient of the *Microsoft Platinum Club Pinnacle Award*, Microsoft's top award recognizing exceptional leadership, innovation, and impact. She was named the Indiana Tech Trailblazer of the Year by TechPoint in 2024, as well as the Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ) Tech Executive of the Year in 2022, a *Forty Under 40* recipient in 2021, and a *Woman of Influence* in 2019. Kate is a lifetime member of the Society of Women Engineers and a two-time national SWE award winner.

Maxwell is also a sought-after speaker, storyteller, and innovator. She holds two patents in the unmanned air domain, and she inspires audiences on keynote stages around the world.

Maxwell holds a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering from George Mason University (Distinguished Alumni) and a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown. She is a mom of two and an outdoor enthusiast, enjoying equestrian sports, skiing, paddle boarding, traveling, and finding adventure wherever life takes her.