

BIO FOR MICHELLE BACKES



Michelle Backes is the founder of The Savvy U, whose mission is to serve leaders by teaching timeless, trust-building truths that strengthen their inside game and transform how they live and lead. She is also the creator of *The Inside Game*—an eight-week transformation course—and the Savvy U Circle mastermind for leaders pursuing growth from the inside out.

As an award-winning senior certified consultant with the Trust Edge Leadership Institute, Michelle has partnered with organizations such as USAA, Bayer, the National Guard, Nevada Department of Transportation, the College of Bermuda, and numerous educational and ministry-focused institutions.

A former high school educator and college professor, Michelle understands firsthand the purpose, pressure, and profound calling of those shaping the next generation. Her faith deeply informs her teaching, and she is passionate about equipping Christian educators and leaders to cultivate trust, character, and Christ-centered culture in their communities.

Now in her 27th year as the WNBA chaplain for the Minnesota Lynx, Michelle brings a unique blend of faith, athletics, and leadership expertise to every room she enters. Her high-energy presentations offer practical, research-backed, and biblically aligned tools that help educators lead well, love well, and live out their God-given influence with clarity and conviction.

Please welcome Michelle Backes.
