

Michelle C Fredericks DuBray makes her home with her family on a buffalo ranch along the Missouri River on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. Michelle is an enrolled member of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation of North Dakota. She has her own business, Pinto Horse Woman Consulting, working with nonprofits and in community development.

Michelle has over 34 years of experience working in the nonprofit field. She has worked as a consultant with Cheyenne River Youth Project in various capacities on and off for the past ten years. Michelle assists various organizations working to build Native communities, develop partnerships, forge collaborative efforts, and encouraging sustainability of rural communities. She has a background of management and development work for Native nonprofit organizations having worked locally for Native American Advocacy Program and the South Dakota Indian Business Alliance, regionally for Rural Dynamics' Northern Plains Initiative and nationally for the InterTribal Bison Cooperative, Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, California Indian Legal Services, and the Native American Rights Fund.

Born in Fort Yates, North Dakota on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, Michelle was raised in Boulder, Colorado. After attending Boston University, she transferred to the University of Colorado at Boulder where she graduated with a BA in International Relations. Michelle attended law school at the UCLA for 1.5 years before returning to Colorado to pursue nonprofit work.

In 1993, Michelle returned to the Dakotas where she helped establish the InterTribal Bison Cooperative serving as Administrative Director and then the Development Director. In 1994, she was recognized as a Kellogg Fellow for her participation in the Americans for Indian Opportunity Ambassadors Program.

Michelle currently chairs the Native American Education Committee and also serves as chair of Dewey County Democrats. She was selected for the first cohort of the Bush Foundation's Native Nations Rebuilders Program in 2010. She served on the Board as Secretary of the Native Youth Leadership Alliance, 2009-2016. Previously Michelle served on the Board of the Cheyenne River Youth Project 2009, the Leadership Council of SDIBA 2009-2013 and was appointed in 2011 to the Commission of National and Community Service for the State of South Dakota by Governor Daugaard.