

Michelle Obama



Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama was born on January 17th, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. Today she is widely known as the first African American First Lady of the United States of America from 2009 to 2017 alongside her husband, Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States.

However, not many people are aware of her impressive education as an American attorney and renowned author graduating from Princeton University and Harvard Law School. After becoming one of most powerful black women in the world, she became involved in various philanthropic causes, from supporting military families to ending childhood obesity to advocating poverty awareness to advocating for education to nutrition to healthy eating to physical activity. In relation to her advocacy of

a healthy lifestyle, she planted a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House. This project experience was described in her book *American Growth: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America* (2012). Aside from this book, Michelle Obama has written over 10 books with the most notable being, *Becoming*. In this memoir, she reflects upon her life in a storytelling manner by depicting the experiences that shaped her into the person she is today.

Michelle Obama in her time as First Lady also supported many American designers and garnered attention for her impeccable fashion sense. With the founding of the Barack Obama Foundation in 2014, she became an even more prominent global citizen by traveling to foreign countries to deliver speeches that sought to inspire, empower and connect emerging leaders. On a wider spectrum, Michelle Obama established herself as a powerful advocate for girls and women globally and served as a role model for many women especially those of the black community. She did this work through the Girl Opportunity Alliance. Unlike most First Ladies in American history, Michelle Obama has served as a beacon of light and hope to millions of people globally expressing Black Excellence in every aspect.