

Meet Michelle Obama, A Special First Lady

A Historic Day

On a cold winter day in January 2009, Michelle Obama became the First Lady of the United States of America. The First Lady is the wife of the president. Her husband is Barack Obama, the 44th president.

This day was special and historic. Barack Obama became the first African American president, and Michelle Obama became the first African American First Lady. They moved into the White House with their two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

A Hard Worker

Michelle Obama grew up in Chicago in a small apartment. Her mother and father worked hard for Michelle and her brother. They taught Michelle and her brother to work hard at everything they tried.

Michelle was very smart. She skipped the second grade! She was on the honor roll in high school. There she graduated second in her class.

For college, Michelle went to Princeton. She studied social sciences, or how communities of people live together. She graduated with honors. She tried her best at everything she did.

After Princeton, Michelle went to Harvard University to study law. She joined protests at Harvard. The protestors

wanted to get more people of color hired as professors. Michelle wanted to make Harvard fair for all people.

Mixing Work Life and Family Life

Michelle went back to Chicago after she finished law school. She worked for a law firm. There she met Barack Obama. They liked each other a lot and began to date. They fell in love and decided to get married.

Michelle had many important jobs. She worked for the mayor of Chicago. She trained young people to become active in public service jobs. She had a job at the University of Chicago. Michelle also worked at a hospital helping to reach out to poor people and rich people. In her jobs, she tried to make the community a better place.

Michelle loved her work. She also wanted children. When her daughters were born, Michelle started working a little less. But she never stopped working hard. Besides working hard at her own jobs, Michelle volunteered in Malia and Sasha's schools and she went to their soccer games and school events.

The Road to the White House

Michelle's husband, Barack Obama, decided to run for president. Michelle wanted to help. She gave speeches. She helped Barack raise money for his

campaign. She traveled with him. She also worked hard for Sasha and Malia. She wanted their lives to stay calm.

After two years of running for president, Barack Obama was elected in November 2008, and Michelle Obama became First Lady.

Michelle Obama still works hard as First Lady. She gives many speeches all

over the country. She helps the families of soldiers. She teaches people about healthy food and the importance of exercise.

At the White House, Michelle planted a vegetable garden and she invites children to help her tend her garden. She also raises Sasha and Malia. Michelle Obama is a hard worker. She is a loving mother. She is our First Lady.



Michelle Obama planted a vegetable garden with children at the White House.