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Michael Lake: Biography



Michael Lake
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Michael is the founding President and CEO of Leading Cities. As President and CEO, Michael establishes and develops relationships with municipal governments, private sector businesses and universities around the world, creating a global network of partner cities dedicated to creating business development and government cooperation opportunities and implementing public policy that effectively addresses the shared challenges facing 21st century cities.

Michael has served as Special Assistant for White House Operations to two Presidents, policy research analyst to the former Prime Minister of Ireland, and Director of Development for United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. In addition, Michael currently serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Gates Healthcare Associates, Inc. the nation's leading pharmaceutical compounding consultancy.

A native of Melrose, MA, Michael was the first and only graduate in history from the state of Massachusetts to have completed five undergraduate majors simultaneously. He graduated summa cum laude from Northeastern University studying Finance, Political Science, Communications, Entrepreneurship and Management Information Systems. Michael sits on the board of the Neighborhood Organization for Affordable Housing (NOAH), Barcelona's Smart Cities World Expo and Congress, Harvard's Taubman Center for State and Local Government, the Editorial Advisory Board of Smart & Resilient Cities and ACCIÓN USA; he also serves in various capacities for Fenway Community Health Center, EMERGE's Men's Leadership Council, the Future Boston Alliance and the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Cities Network.