

## **Pillar of Responsibility**

### **Michelle Fiedler Mikesh**



As a Taft High School athlete, Michelle Fiedler Mikesh thought she might be a teacher and coach as a career choice. After all, she attended the University of Texas at San Antonio with an athletic scholarship. But with a mother who was a chemist and a father who was an engineer, science became a competing career choice for Mikesh that quickly won out. As a high school student, she spent summers in labs and as an undergraduate at UTSA, she began working as a lab assistant and contributed to two research papers. After graduation, she went on to manage laboratories at the University of Texas at Austin. Today, she is a lab manager and project manager in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Texas. She specializes in the communication between nerve and muscle cells. Mikesh likes the idea that she works in a field and an area of specialization that is considered practical science.

These are scientific endeavors that will have an immediate impact on people's lives; in this case, patients who have endured what could be permanent nerve damage that now could be healed. Mikesh holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She and her husband Robert are the proud parents of Jacob and William.

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