

## **Stephanie Leveling**

Starting out as a freshman in college with an intent to be a stockbroker in the late 80's, Stephanie took an Intro to Horticulture class as a graduation requirement and the whole big world of the green industry was presented to her. A graduate of Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science in agribusiness/horticulture, she started her career in the green industry as an intern with Heimos Greenhouses in Millstadt, Illinois, and worked there after graduation.

After spending a couple of seasons in the greenhouse industry, Stephanie decided she wanted to work in the industry she was supplying all the plants to and began as a crew leader for Munie Greencare Professionals in Caseyville IL, a St. Louis Metro area commercial maintenance company. She has built a career that has spanned three decades working for some of the largest commercial maintenance companies in the St. Louis market primarily in account management. The last seven years she served as the commercial maintenance divisional manager for Ideal Landscape Group located in south St. Louis County, a \$4million commercial maintenance company.

In the fall of 2021, Stephanie decided she wanted to be of service to all kinds of companies in the green industry and joined The Integra Group on their BOSS elevation team. Working for BOSS allows her to continue to work and contribute to the industry she loves and to assist landscape companies in their growth and work through hurdles often encountered on the climb to the top. She has also able to use her voice to continue to promote the industry as a whole and especially support women at all levels in the workforce.

Active with the NALP's Women in Landscape Network leadership team, Stephanie was recently appointed to the Gateway Professional Horticulture Association board in St. Louis. Active in her community as well and the mother of two teenage boys, Leveling is on the board of directors for the O'Fallon Little Panthers Football Club, and served as the committee chair in the local Cub Scouts.