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MICHELLE OBAMA



Photograph by Annie Leibovitz. Published in *Vogue*, January 2009.

“Michelle Obama: The First Lady the World’s Been Waiting For,” trumpeted the *Vogue* cover for March 2009. In the three short months since her husband’s historic inauguration, Mrs. Obama had already begun redefining the role, from dressing to dazzle at official events to rolling up her sleeves to plant the White House’s first vegetable garden since World War II.

A lawyer and onetime health-care executive, she brought to Pennsylvania Avenue the confident sense of self that had strengthened her resolve since she was a young girl. Growing up on Chicago’s South Side in the sixties, Michelle LaVaughn Robinson was blessed with very loving parents

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who encouraged her to step out of her comfort zone. She would distinguish herself academically from an early age, securing a spot at one of the city's first high schools for gifted students. After graduating from Princeton in 1985, it was on to Harvard Law School and one of the Windy City's top law firms

HISTORY

1964

Michelle LaVaughn Robinson born in Chicago to Fraser and Marian Robinson. Her father, who works for the city as a water pump operator, is volunteer captain of a local Democratic precinct. Her mother will stay at home to raise Michelle and her older brother, Craig. She will skip second grade.

1975

In sixth grade at Bryn Mawr Elementary School, is put into a gifted program and studies French. She also takes special biology classes at a local city college.

1981

Graduates from Whitney M. Young Magnet High School for gifted students. Enrolls at Princeton.

1985

Graduates with a concentration in sociology and a certificate in African-American studies. Enrolls at Harvard Law School.

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