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**Secretary, SDMS Board of Directors**

Michelle is currently a Clinical Sonographer and Educator at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center and the Kaiser School of Allied Health Sciences in Northern California.

Volunteering at a local community hospital during her senior year in high school led Michelle to a career in sonography. "Upon my first exposure to sonography, I immediately knew I wanted to 'drive' the large machine dynamically peeking inside the sick patient's heart. Little did I anticipate the hard work it would take to become a sonographer, nor the true depth of richness it would offer me throughout my adult life of working in this profession," said Michelle. "I have been fortunate enough to follow my dreams of obtaining a higher education and having amazing cutting edge clinical research opportunities; which has since opened doors I didn't even know existed-as a 17-year-old mesmerized by technology similar to that of a video game. For those and many other reasons, I am so grateful I stumbled into that random echocardiogram one spring afternoon. I still experience clinical days that fill me with the same type of amazement and awe, and now as an adult loving what I do, I realize this is a true gift."

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from Seattle University which she attended on a soccer scholarship and had the privilege of going to the Final Four Soccer Tournament her senior year. She also holds a Master of Science in Instructional Technology and an Doctor of Education in Adult Education from the University of Wyoming. Michelle has received the SDMS W. Frederick Sample Student Excellence Award, the SDMS Kenneth R. Gottesfeld Award, the National Undergraduate Research Award, and most recently became a Fellow with the SDMS.

