

## A Rising Star!

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**Congratulations to Michelle Fajilago**

 It is with great pleasure to announce that Michelle Fajilago has been recognized by *Women of Color* magazine as a Rising Star in Technology. This venerable award is given once a year to women early in their careers who have achieved outstanding results in the technology field. As a recipient of this award, Michelle is recognized for her many achievements as a lead IT Specialist at IBM. During her career in software development, Michelle has been a lead developer on many IT projects within her group. Her contributions to the design in the global per diem engine, among other things, have played a crucial role to the content of our current and future offerings to clients; this client list counts among its ranks such Fortune 500 companies as Bank of America, American Express, and IBM as well.

In order to be recognized for this award, a recipient must demonstrate leadership and mentorship. In addition to leading many development efforts, Michelle is a mentor to many junior members on the team, and she is well respected by management and colleagues as is evident by her many peer-driven Thanks awards. It is quite clear that her dedication, talent, and collaborative spirit provide significant value both to us and our clients. What is even clearer, though, is that these virtues compose the formula for success, and Michelle is at the beginning of the road to a very bright future.

Congratulations, Michelle!

Freddie Roseman  
IBM Senior IT Specialist

**About the award**

Each year, *Women of Color* magazine recognizes young minority women who have excelled in the technology field. The conference sponsors call them "Rising Stars." Despite being in the early phases of their careers, these women have demonstrated exceptional achievement in their workplaces and communities.

Rising Stars and All-Stars were honored at the Technology Recognition Luncheon during the 13th Annual National Women of Color STEM Conference in Dallas, Texas, held on Friday, October 24.

**Links**

- <http://viewda.com/webpaper/ccg/womenofcolor2008fall/> - List of Rising Stars starts on Page 52
- <http://www.ccgmedia.com/>
- <http://womenofcolor.net/>

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**Bio**

Michelle Fajilago is the daughter of Ex-Mayor Josefino Fondevilla Fajilago and Adelaida Falceso Fallurin. She was born in Simara and attended grade school at Corcuera Elementary School. She moved to Manila to attend high school at St. Mary's Academy in Pasay City and briefly attended University of the Philippines Manila for college before immigrating to the United States at age 17.

Michelle received her Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Economics from Lehman College in 2000, and joined IBM through IBM's diversity program in that year. She currently works in the IBM Global Expense Reporting Solutions practice as a Lead Front End Developer for the Amex @Work platform, and her expertise lies within Java software development. Over the years, she

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has been involved in numerous projects in the practice delivering the expense reporting tool for large companies within a variety of industries. Michelle has been recognized with numerous awards for teaming and contributions, including a Certificate of Excellence from Bank of America, the GERS Achievement award, and multiple Bravo awards.

Michelle values family and takes pride in her heritage as a Filipino-American. She loves traveling to other countries and experiencing other cultures. She also enjoys watching professional sports and is an avid fan of New York teams.

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