

Stephanie Pierce is the Executive Director of Innovate24, where she's dedicated to fostering economic growth through innovation and supporting entrepreneurs in the region. Before joining Innovate24, Stephanie gained valuable experience in economic development and technology commercialization at K-State Innovation Partners and has hands-on knowledge from her own small business ventures. She holds both a Master's in Business Administration and a Bachelor's in Marketing from Kansas State University.

Stephanie is deeply involved in her community, having served on the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Board, chaired the young professionals HYPE program, and graduated from leadership programs including Flint Hills Leadership, Leadership Manhattan, and the James R. Coffman Leadership Institute. She is passionate about her role on the MATC Board, where she supports efforts to build a future-ready workforce that meets industry needs with innovative programs and solutions.

Since moving to Manhattan in 2004, Stephanie has loved calling this vibrant community home. She enjoys quality time with her husband, their son, and their two dogs.