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Nicole, owner of Micro Biz Coach®, works with entrepreneurs and small business owners to identify strategies that ensure a successful business start-up or boost a veteran business owner's bottom line. Micro Biz Coach focuses on educating the micro and small business owner to leverage internet technology in order to compete with larger businesses.

Nicole brings to the table a wealth of experience from her previous career with Ernst & Young, Whittman Hart and MarchFirst consulting firms. As a management consultant, she worked with several fortune 500 clients including Sprint and Nationwide Insurance. Micro Biz Coach's clients have been featured on CNBC, Fox Business News, TheStreet.com and a host of Clear Channel radio stations.

Nicole is also the founder and CEO of Nicole's Naturals® Inc. (Est. 2014). Nicole's Naturals is a gluten free food manufacturing company specializing in the development of gluten free grain products with the texture and taste of traditional gluten products.

Nicole is a member of the Ohio TechAngel Fund, the 2nd largest Angel Investor Network in the United States. She was also a member of the Ohio Women's Business Advisory Roundtable and the inaugural President of Samueli Academy's Career Advisory Council. She currently serves as Chair of the Academic Committee for Samueli Academy. Nicole earned a Master's in Industrial and Systems Engineering from The Ohio State University and she works with organizations to increase the number of females in STEM disciplines.