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Nicole Washington, M.S., currently works with OCTANe of Orange County, CA, as the Director of Innovation and Growth. In this role, she focuses on engaging with strategic partners to accelerate the growth of early to later stage ventures and small to medium size businesses throughout the entire Southern California Ecosystem.

Nicole has nearly 20 years of systems integration experience, including systems implementation, design and programming from her previous career with Ernst & Young, Whittman Hart and MarchFirst management consulting firms. She is the founder and owner of Micro Biz Coach®, a firm that focuses on educating the micro and small business owner to leverage various aspects of internet technology in their business operations in order to maximize efficiency and to effectively compete with larger businesses. Its clients have been featured on CNBC, Fox Business News, TheStreet.com and a host of Clear Channel radio stations.

Nicole is also the founder 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.

She is a member of the Ohio TechAngel Fund, the 2nd largest Angel Investor Network in the United States, where she served as the due diligence team technology lead for several years. She currently serves as Chair of the Academic Committee and Trustee of the Board of Education for Samueli Academy.