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Laura Quintana joined Cisco in 1999 and is currently Vice President and General Manager of Networking Academy, Cisco's largest and longest-running Corporate Social Responsibility program. She leads a global organization of teams based in 50 countries, including strategy, product management, product development, global field, and operational service teams.

Laura doubled the size of the Networking Academy over the past 3 years, and it now trains more than 2.1 million students annually (10.8 million since inception) in 180 countries with an annual in-kind contribution valued at over \$300 million USD.

Laura and her team drive partnerships with governments, social benefit organizations, and over 12,000 academic institutions to prepare students to participate in today's digital workforce and to connect them to career opportunities. Through Laura's leadership, Networking Academy has become a critical part of country digital readiness, working with ministries of education around the world to further national digital agendas and develop the human capital necessary to support country transformation.

Prior to her current role, Laura and her team successfully completed Cisco's multi-year commitment to the Jordan Healthcare Initiative. She strategically collaborated with the Government of Jordan and was instrumental in driving tele-medicine, clinical collaboration, and tele-radiology projects that enabled quality healthcare services and benefited over 175,000 patients.

Previously, Laura held a variety of director-level roles within Cisco's services organization. Before joining Cisco, Laura served in leadership positions for eleven years with Hewlett-Packard within Product Management and Operations, including a three-year assignment in Grenoble, France.

Laura holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University. She was recognized by the Hispanic IT Executive Council (HITEC) as one of the top 100 most influential and notable Hispanic Professionals in the Information Technology Industry; receiving HITEC Top 100 awards for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. She is fluent in Spanish and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband and their three children.