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Maribel runs the news division of Gannett Media, overseeing more than 5,000 journalists across 260 local news organizations and the flagship USA TODAY. She has been with Gannett for nearly 25 years, beginning as a reporter at the Rockford (Illinois) Register Star. In 2015, she was named Gannett's first chief strategy and transformation officer. Under Maribel's leadership, Gannett newsrooms have been recognized with four Pulitzer Prizes in the past three years.

In 2016, then-U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker appointed Maribel to a two-year term on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Maribel currently serves on the boards of directors of the News Media Alliance and the International News Media Association.

A graduate of the School of Communication, Maribel is currently serving as co-chair of its Dean's Advisory Committee and is a member of the University of Miami Alumni Board of Directors. This year, she was tapped for the Iron Arrow Honor Society, the highest distinction to be attained at the University.