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Sylvia Acevedo helps organizations excel, whether by speaking to senior-level executives and employees or as a member of their Board of Directors through transformational thinking, thought leadership, and strategy.

Sylvia began her career as a rocket scientist systems engineer in NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, working on the Voyager 2 team. This role led to executive-level positions with tech companies including Dell, Apple, IBM, and Autodesk. Later, Sylvia was appointed as a White House Commissioner in the Obama administration.

As CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, Sylvia led the transformation of the organization introducing 146 new STEM, outdoors, entrepreneurship, and civics badges and programs, which develop skills needed to succeed in our world.

Being on the cutting edge of technology, Sylvia was appointed to the Board of Directors at Qualcomm, Inc. as a member of the Governance Committee. Sylvia inspires others to not just be users of technology but to become designers, creators, innovators, and leaders. Her leadership, inspiration, and success has been recognized throughout her career through local, national, and international recognition and awards.

To inspire youth, Sylvia wrote *Path to The Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist* to share her story of how she overcame many challenges to become one of the first Hispanics, male or female, to graduate with a master's degree in engineering from Stanford University.