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Sylvia Acevedo is a highly awarded leader and in-demand speaker who has made an enduring impact across diverse industries, excelling in both corporate and public sectors as a pioneering trailblazer. Beginning her career as a rocket scientist at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Sylvia's journey took her through executive roles at renowned companies such as Apple, Autodesk, Dell Technologies, and IBM.

Sylvia currently serves on two public company corporate boards: Qualcomm and Credo Technology Group Holding Ltd, where she serves as a lead independent director.

From 2016 to 2020, she was the CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, modernizing the organization with more than 126 new STEM badge programs. Sylvia also served as a White House Commissioner during the Obama Administration.

Sylvia is the author of the bestselling memoir, *Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist*, which promotes perseverance and self-determination. Her latest book, *The TrailBlazer's Playbook: Practical Tactics to Rise Against the Odds to Achieve Excellence*, is packed with practical advice and actionable strategies readers can apply to their own lives to help conquer obstacles, overcome loss, embrace risk, and seize opportunities.

She holds a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Industrial Engineering from New Mexico State University and a Master's degree in engineering from Stanford University, where she was one of the first Hispanics, male or female, to earn such a degree. Sylvia was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Washington College, and in 2022, Duke University awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Science.