

SYLVIA YUEN -- RESUME

Sylvia Yuen is the executive director of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (RCUH). Prior to working at RCUH, Sylvia served as Special Assistant to the UH President and Interim Dean and Director of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)—the first woman to lead the college since its founding in 1907. She also served as Director of the UH Center on the Family for almost 20 years, which under her leadership grew into a vibrant research center. She established Hawaii Kids Count, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and, along with her colleagues, developed data reports on children, families, and the elderly which were used by policy makers and program managers throughout the state.

Before leading the Center on the Family, Sylvia worked as a professor and as the director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the University. She currently serves on the board of directors for Catholic Charities Hawaii and the American Judicature Society, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Trust Fund, and Hawaii Science and Technology Museum. She has also served on the boards for other nonprofit organizations, such as the Institute for Human Services, Hawaii Community Foundation, and Honolulu Community Action Program. In addition, she created the NSF Young Scholars Program which provided hundreds of students from Hawaii and the Pacific region the opportunity to conduct scientific research at the University of Hawaii.

Sylvia has an extensive history of work related to Hawaii's vulnerable people, including the homeless, abused children, and financially-stressed families, contributions that helped her gain recognition from the Young Women's Christian Association as one of Hawaii's outstanding woman leaders. She previously served on the National Council on Aging, where she met then-President Bill Clinton. She has won a number of awards for her work, including the Na Lima Kokua Award from the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, the Outstanding Alumnus Award from CTAHR and her alma mater, Maryknoll High School, the Golden Gavel Award from the Hawaii State Bar Association, and the Media Award from the National Council on Family Relations. She has also received commendations from the Hawaii State Senate and the House of Representatives.

Sylvia holds a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics Education from the University of Hawaii, a Master's degree in Child Development from the University of Illinois, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Hawaii. She is the recipient of three Excellence in Teaching awards and more than \$22 million in contracts and grants.