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Biography

Anna is a lawyer, celebrated speaker and award-winning thought leader. She has been named one of FORTUNE's World's Greatest Leaders and was named number 22 by *Fast Company* in its annual list of the most creative people in business. She brings a wealth of experience from legal, public policy, non-profit management, and brand management positions in Arizona, Texas, Washington D.C. and New York City.

Most recently, Chávez was the first woman of color to lead the iconic Girl Scouts of the USA (2011-2016) in their 104-year history with 2.7 million members in over 90 countries in the world and 59 million Girl Scout alumnae in America today.

Her experiences growing up in rural Arizona lit a passion for public service that have defined Anna's educational and career paths.

Her desire to make the world a better place led her from her hometown to Yale University, where she earned a bachelor's degree before pursuing a juris doctorate at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona. She has since been admitted to the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, the Arizona Supreme Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professionally, Anna's interest in serving others brought her first to Washington D.C., where she held numerous posts in President Clinton's administration, including senior policy advisor to former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney E. Slater and SBA Administrator Aida Alvarez. She later returned to her home state of Arizona to serve as deputy chief of staff for urban relations and community development under then-Governor Janet Napolitano.

Media & Public Speaking Experience: Anna has appeared on CBS News, NBC's *The Today Show*, FOX News Channel, CNBC's *Squawk Box*, CNN, Univision, Telemundo, Bloomberg Radio, NPR, and she's a contributing writer on *Huffington Post*. She is a frequent speaker and has spoken to audiences as large as 40,000 people. As a speaker, facilitator and moderator, Anna teaches, inspires and motivates people of all ages to become better business, government, community and family leaders. Anna's style of sharing uplifting stories from her personal and professional life and from her extensive global travel and work with young leaders from over 90 countries resonates with audiences. Her messages not only teach and inspire, but also motivate people to make life and career changing decisions.

Leadership Awards



World's 50 Greatest Leaders, *Fortune Magazine*, 2016

2016 Medallion of Excellence Award in Education, Science, Medicine or Civil Rights Recipient, U.S. Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

2016 *U.S. News & World Report's* STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Inductee

Honoree, The International Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association's (LIMA) 2016 LIMA Licensing Excellence Award for Best Corporate Brand Program of the Year - GSUSA & its licensing agency, Wildflower Group

Harris Poll EquiTrend® Youth Non-Profit Brand of the Year (2012-2015)

"World's Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Not-For-Profit", *Fast Company*

One of "Most Creative People for 2014", *Fast Company*

Women's Leadership Award, Council of Urban Professionals, 2014

Most Influential Women on Twitter, *Fortune Magazine*, 2014

Graciela Olivarez La Raza Award, National Council of La Raza, 2013

Chairman's Award, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2012

Social Media Leadership Awards Champion in Non-Profit, 2012

The NonProfit Times' Power & Influence Top 50, 2012

The Adjutant General's Medal and Diversity Champion Leadership Award, Arizona National Guard, 2009