



Yolanda Camarena

Yolanda Camarena's career background has been in Higher Education Administration. She served as Director of Admissions for Newman University from 1979-1983. In 1983 she took a position as Associate Director of Graduate Programs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. During her time at Harvard she was a founding member of the development of the Journal of Hispanic Policy. The Journal continues to be a formidable source for Hispanic policy research at the Kennedy School of Government. Upon her return to Wichita, she served as the Regional Coordinator for the LULAC Educational Service Center. She currently serves on the Board of the Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation, Board of Trustees for Newman University, Chair of the Schools and Scholarship Committee of Harvard College, serves on the Grants Committee and Board of the Wichita Community Foundation and on the Board of League 42.

Ms. Camarena holds a Bachelor's degree in Education from WSU, a Master's in Public Administration in Education Policy from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letter from Newman University in 2015. She has two daughters and her husband is Gene Camarena. She believes that education is one of the most important aspects of success for a person. She is committed to ensure that our Hispanic youth have every opportunity to pursue a post-secondary education and wants to help make a difference in the lives of the student and family, as well as, the community-at-large. " It is our responsibility as members of a community to help improve the lives of all its citizens, in doing so we improve our own."