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Dr. MayKao Y. Hang (pronounced "mike-how hong") is the Vice President, Strategic Initiatives and Founding Dean of the Morrison Family College of Health at the University of St. Thomas. She is former President and CEO of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation where she led the organization through transformational changes to improve its relevancy and impact.

Dr. Hang has extensive experience in the public and nonprofit sectors serving low-income and disadvantaged populations with direct services and forging cross-sector partnerships to generate solutions. Her former roles include distinguished service in Ramsey County Human Services as the Director of Adult Services, and as Resident Services Director with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency. She is committed to achieving an equitable society where everyone can prosper. Dr. Hang has been cofounder of many start-ups and coalitions, spending her time to influence and advance change for the common good, including with the Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL), Hnub Tshiab: Hmong Women Achieving Together, the Constellations Fund, and the #ThisisMedicaid Coalition.

Dr. Hang has a BA in Psychology from Brown University, an MA in Social Policy and Distributive Justice from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and a Doctorate in Public Administration from Hamline University. Dr. Hang serves on the board of the Allina Health, with previous board experience with the Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation, and HealthPartners.

Dr. Hang has been recognized with many awards including Most Admired CEO by the Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal, the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Hamline University, the Humphrey Public Leadership Award, the Ann Bancroft Dream Maker Award, and the Communications and Leadership Award from Toastmasters International.