

# Katherine Luzuriaga

(b. 1954-57)

**Physician-Scientist,  
Pediatric  
Immunologist**

**Filipina American**  
**Place of Birth:**  
Philippines

**Invention:**  
Antiretroviral  
Medication for  
Pediatric HIV Patients



Janelle Rubio (SFSU 2024)

The second oldest of six siblings, Katherine grew up in the Philippines and moved to the United States for college. She has become an internationally recognized physician-scientist. Inspired by her parents' love of math, science, and helping others, she focused on improving children's health. In the late 1980s, seeing HIV hurt mothers and babies motivated Katherine to prevent its transmission and develop better treatments. In 2013, she invented a functional HIV cure in an infant, advancing research toward a true cure. Katherine earned global awards and was named to *Time's* "100 Most Influential People." A proud Filipina American, she loves adobo and lumpia.