

My name is Tracey Coleman and I was born in Gary, Indiana but grew up in Southern California. My journey began in Inglewood, Baldwin Hills, then Claremont. A very drastic change for me culturally and taught me many things about navigating the dynamics of who I am and what is important to me. My parents were both educated and taught be the value of my identity, all grounded in my biblical faith. I am the oldest of three children. I am the proud mother of two sons and grandmother of two grandsons, they give me the joy and inspiration to continue each day and follow my purpose. The most important person in my life is my wonderful husband who inspires me each day to walk in my purpose and giftings, my number one fan.



I attended high school in Claremont and left soon thereafter to a historically black college where both parents attended as well, The University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff. I did not remain and graduate as I became ill and came back to California. I attended Mt SAC until I was able to attend Cal Poly, Pomona where I was admitted. I did not graduate from Cal Poly as I had to enter the workforce after getting married and having a child. I later went back to school to attend the University of LaVerne where I earned both my BS degree in Organizational Leadership and my MS in Leadership and Management. Both degrees were earned while raising a family and working a full-time management job. Prior to my youngest son graduating high school I returned for my doctorate in Management of Organizational Leadership. My work ethic was obtained by my grandparents and my parents who were and are hard workers that did not allow circumstances to derail their progress.

I am a marathoner who has decreased my 50-state full marathon quest to now half-marathons having completed 30 of the 50 states having completed a combination of full and half marathons. My favorite hobbies are reading, traveling, and playing golf with my husband and family. I am inspired by the work we do on the continent of Africa supporting children and providing them with an education.



What makes me unique is the ability I have to bring peace to any situation regardless of the intent. I have been told that my personality brings about a calm and ray of light to those who come in contact with me. This skill has been mastered with age as I do not take things too seriously to the point of changing who I am to accommodate the situation, I appreciate differences and bask in those differences we all have as human beings.

I want to leave a legacy of kindness, love, care, and compassion. That can be demonstrated in many ways and through various aspects of life. I strive to achieve that each day regardless of the space I am in so those around me walk away feeling better for the encounter. I was honored this year by the CCC Classified Senate for Excellence in Servant Leadership. I was extremely humbled and grateful for the recognition of our classified professionals and look forward to continuing the heart work in the community college system.