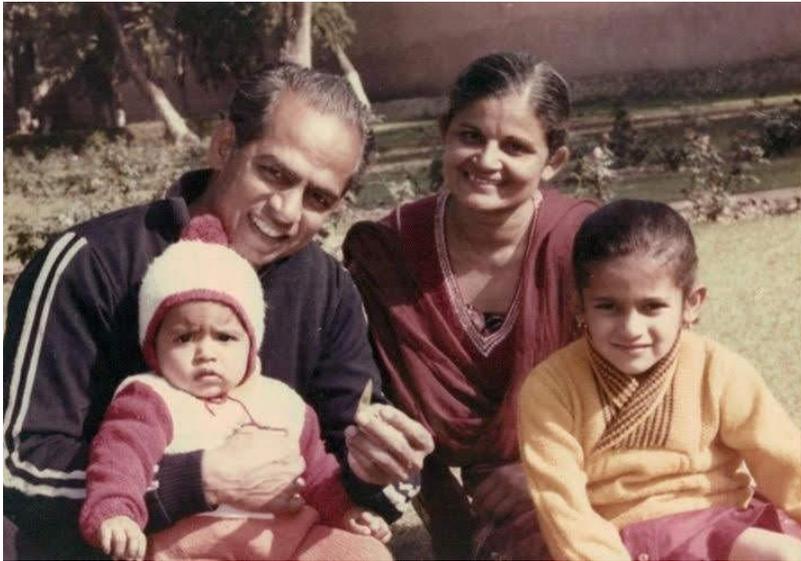


Hi all! My name is **Nisha Bhagwat Beckhorn**. I was born and raised in India. I am the older daughter of Manjeeta and Bhalchandra Bhagwat, and I have a younger sister. We live as a joint family. Before my father passed, he lived with us, too. Now it is my husband, our two boys (both in college now) and my mom (below). We have all been living together for over 20 years now and we love it! ☺



I grew up in a small town named Patiala, in India, and moved to the US for college. My father worked as India's Olympic Wrestling Coach and my mom was the Dean of Kinesiology at the local University. I grew up on a beautiful campus in my hometown, where my father worked. This campus was given to the Sports Institute by the King of Patiala. Below is the picture of the main building of this huge institute. I have always considered myself to be very privileged in my upbringing.





When I graduated high school, I moved to the US and attended American River College (ARC) for the first half of my BS in Psychology. Yes! I was a student here a long time ago and received support from Counseling and Transfer Services. This is what makes it even more special for me to oversee these 2 areas as a Dean today!

I have a BS in Psychology from UC Davis and an MS in Counseling (Vocational Rehabilitation emphasis) from CSU, Sacramento.

I began my work in Los Rios Community College District as student help (tutoring calculus and Statistics to students with disabilities). Over the years, I gained experience and pursued further education, and moved from classified temporary staff to faculty and then towards management. In Los Rios, I was a DSPS Counselor for about 14 years, then the DSPS Coordinator at ARC for 5 yrs., and now I am honored to serve as the Dean of Counseling and Transfer Services for the past 3 yrs.

I am the college's grievance officer and I also serve on ARC's Crisis Assessment and Support Team.

Our family loves food, travel, music, hiking, or just chilling at home. My family means the world to me and my work at the college makes everything even better! Student Services is where I feel I belong and life brought me here for a reason. I am looking forward to spending time with you all and to learn how I can better myself in what I do.