



Rebecca Berner

Biographical Timeline for Great Deans

Birth / Family

Born in Inglewood

One of two girls

Father was pastor of church & Mom worked in Compton



Childhood

Physical challenges-leg braces and glasses

Attended diverse schools

“Latch key” child when Mom went to back to school after Dad left his job

Loved to read, swim & craft

Teens

First job waitressing at 16

Spent summers working & going to the beach

No clue about career/goals

Tried to emulate my big sister Susan



College

Still ideas re: major/career

“Swirled” between CSULB & CCC

Transferred to Cal Poly SL0 - Journalism/English

Studied abroad, college newspaper & radio station



Post-College

Worked in media for a radio station, NBC affiliated TV Station, Chamber of Commerce

Left country for “Below Deck” experience as yacht crew



Rebecca's timeline- continued



Master's

Came back to county after living overseas

Masters-Communication

Taught in Comm Dept

Worked for UC Berkley on Prevention grant



Chico State

Worked in:

- Health Education*
- Academic Advising*
- Student Life & Leadership*
- Orientation & New Student & Family Programs*

Married partner Steve



Doctorate

EDD Sac State - Educational Leadership - research focus - Community College Transfer Shock

Purchased parent's mountain home in Magalia after their death

Camp Fire

Lost everything

Post fire stayed in my partner's shop

Experience of having nothing inspired me to work with Basic Needs-joined Center for Healthy Communities Cal Fresh grant w/ over 40 college partners

Butte College

Missed working with students

Hired as Director for 2 TRIO grants – Classic & Disabled

Asked to serve as Interim Dean

Made permanent Dean last Sept – support DSPS, EOPS, TRIO, Health Center, Mental Health, Basic Needs, Learning Center & HSI Grant

