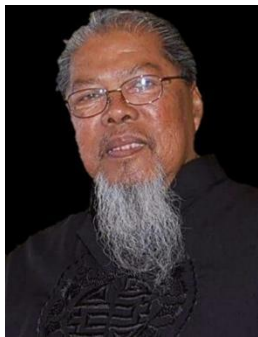


Hello, I'm Tamera Shinar. I was born in Northern California and when I say Northern, not the bay area or Sacramento area but Anderson, California which is about 150 miles south of the Oregon border. Some of the best things about growing up in a small rural town is the close-knit community. Although my brother and I were raised by my father I always felt like I had a ton of parents, aunts, uncles, etc....we really did take care of each other. Downside, we couldn't get away with anything because everyone knew you and your family and had no problem calling or walking you home to make sure you told your parent(s) the shenanigans you'd been up to. Being raised by a single father taught me so much about love, commitment, dedication, and respect for the sacrifices people make to give others the best chance at life. Here is my AMAZING dad Dennis and I when I was just a few years younger (LOL).



Growing up I spent endless hours at the baseball field, needless to say, I am a true lover of baseball! I have so many great memories of Volante Park, whether it was playing softball, cheering for my older brother and his friends, or just playing pick-up and wiffle ball games during our off days, there was always a neighborhood full of kids at the park. I truly believe this is where I learned the most about conflict resolution, accountability, teamwork, leadership, inclusiveness and so much more. I also found a love of martial arts at the age of 16 and have continued to teach and train over the past 32 years. I am a certified 7th Degree Black Belt Master Teacher of Godu-Kai. In my younger years I competed in local, national, and regional tournaments. My Sensei is one of the most incredible teachers and humans I have had the honor to know.



My journey through higher education was certainly not traditional. Both my dad and mother dropped out of high

school, so for my brother and I to graduate from high school was a big accomplishment in our family. I started working in grocery retail when I was 16. Over my 12 years I worked my way up from shagging carts and bagging groceries to becoming an Assistant Store Manager. I had my beautiful daughter Kyia when I was 20 and needed to work to support her. Being a single mom was hard, but it was also the greatest blessing of my life.

Working as an assistant store manager was great, but working 12-13 hours a day six days a week was unfair to my daughter who needed me. I stepped down from my management position so that I could have time to go to college. I was 27 years old, not sure what I wanted to do but knew I needed a college degree to make a change in my life. I earned my bachelor's in business management while being a single mom and



working full-time. Talk about finding out what you're made of! While taking classes I had an issue come up with financial aid which sparked a meeting with the Supervisor of Financial Aid at the college. During that meeting she must of saw something in me because she said they were interviewing for a position in their financial aid office and wanted to know if I would like to apply. I did and the rest is history! I spent 18 years working in leadership positions in financial aid

administration at both proprietary and public institutions before becoming the Dean of Student Enrollment Services at Butte College. During that time, I got married to my amazing husband and had my beautiful son, James.

I earned my Master's in Business Administration and am currently pursuing a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership in Higher Education. I have served as the President and Vice President of the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) and continue to work with the Community College League of California and other agencies on policy positions, taskforces, and budget recommendations. I absolutely love doing advocacy work on behalf of our students. I am a true reflection of our most marginalized students. It is my passion to help them find their way, capture their dreams, and create generational change for their families.