

My name is Sandra Taylor and I was born and raised and still live in Southern California. I am currently pursuing my Doctorate in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in K-12. I received my master's in Public Administration from California State University – Dominguez Hills in 2018 and my Bachelors in African American Studies from UCLA in 2012. I have worked in education for about 11 years now in several different roles including but not limited to being a: grant coordinator, college advisor, and intervention specialist at Victor Valley High School, enrollment counselor at Union Institute and University, and I am currently a University Development Counselor at Grand Canyon University for the online education program.

My love and passion for K-12 students and education extends beyond my 9-5. I am also CEO and Founder of a non-profit organization called The Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone is a program for children age 13 and up. The idea is that we begin working with students once at the end of 7th grade year and work with them until they complete their first bachelor's degree. The Empowerment Zone plays a huge role in why I decided to pursue a Doctorate as well as why I decided to take on the position as board member. I not only hope to gain additional knowledge and skills that will allow me to successfully lead a team, and to create a space for K-12 students to learn and excel beyond the classroom but I hope that the skills, knowledge and experiences I already possess will bring something different to the board.

I am a strong believer in equitable and equal education thus I do my best to assist as many students as possible and provide them with the knowledge and resources they need in order to be successful in all areas of life. I have been involved with the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce and I have been recognized by the Camarillo Rotary Club for the ethical service that I provide within the community as well as by Grand Canyon University for the extra efforts that I put into my role and my creativeness and skillset when it comes to promoting online education.

However, I am not all work and no play, I do like to have some fun. In my spare time I like to hang out with friends and try new restaurants. The best days are when I can do both at the same time. I have no children but most of my friends do so you could say I am pretty good at being an Aunt. Additionally, I love the beach, shopping, and watching good TV shows.