

Sonya Tetnowski Biography

Sonya is a Makah Tribal Member and was raised and went to school on her reservation in Neah Bay Washington. Upon completion of her high school education she attended Concordia University in Portland, Oregon where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. From there she went on to join the U. S. Army where she served as a U. S. Paratrooper (Airborne) where was deployed several times. While serving in the Army, she met and married her husband Michael. They will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on August 12th. Michael and Sonya have 2 children, Angela and Michael (Buddy) and one Grandson, Donavon.

Sonya has also completed her MBA in Finance and Management also from Concordia University while working full time as a CEO. She served as the CEO of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe for eight (8) years prior to coming to work as the CEO of Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley where she has served for the last three years.

Sonya has been published twice and her financial curriculum specific to Native Finance has been purchased by the First Nations Development Institute and then by the Federal Reserve Board Native Project.

Sonya enjoys time with family, her culture, giving back to the community, reading and traveling the traditional waters by canoe. She raises money and awareness for Autism, as this is near and dear to her family.