

Tanya Knight Biography



Originally from Brooklyn, NY, education-extraordinaire Tanya Knight spent most of her life growing up in Orlando, FL. Throughout her childhood, Tanya was plagued with the notion that she could not excel academically—a perception that can greatly affect one’s progress, and one that continues to negatively affect students of all ages today. As a result, Tanya didn’t take her classes seriously and received poor grades. It wasn’t until after high school that she realized her dreams—dreams to do bigger and better things with her life. Obtaining a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Marketing and Management from Columbia College, a virtual institution, Tanya realized she had a passion for education. With her ambition as her guide, she went on to complete her MBA in Leadership from Grand Canyon University, and is currently completing a Doctorate in Education Leadership, with a focus on Retention, from the same institution. Today, Tanya is recognized as “America’s Education Coach” and uses her flagship organization, Tanya Knight International, to aid students of all ages through the higher education process, focusing on the entire educational experience as a whole.

For Tanya, education isn’t about grades; it’s about a desire to become someone better than you are. She learned firsthand that higher education is invaluable; it affords us many opportunities, and stays with us for the rest of our life. With a passion for success and a love for others, Tanya Knight is not only an expert in her field—but a source of inspiration for her students. With past positions as Senior Admissions Officer, Director of Admission and Director of Corporate Development and ten years of education and human services experience behind her, Tanya not only provides the necessary resources for college matriculation, but more importantly, the incentive to get there. As an expert in student retention and college recruitment and admissions, with an extensive knowledge of a wide range of universities, Tanya leads a variety of unique workshops, presentations, private coaching sessions and tele-courses that will guide you through the entire educational experience—from admission, to classroom learning, to success upon graduation. Having completed 100% of her degrees online, while balancing a demanding career, Tanya is a product of hard work and dedication, and understands the obstacles students need to overcome to reach their full potential. Once a poor student herself, Tanya specializes in working with struggling academic students and “adult learners”—parents, soldiers, teachers, executives and working professionals in pursuit of higher education—encouraging them to never give up. With her motto “keep moving forward,” Tanya encourages her students to overcome their obstacles—believing that past failure does not determine our future.

A beacon of motivation for her own accomplishments, Tanya has developed a resume of credentials that more than speaks for her success. Besides being a regular contributor for Education.com, Jacksonville.com and The College World Reporter Magazine, Tanya was named as one of “17 Distance Learning Experts Worth Knowing About” by The Knowledge Maven. A published author, her motivational book *Who Says You Can’t Go To College?* gives parents and students the inspiration and resources necessary for college matriculation. She has helped several colleges and business increase retention, enrollment and bottom line numbers, and as a result, has nurtured lasting relationships between universities, school districts and Fortune 500 companies throughout the United States. When she’s not in the classroom, Tanya actively fights to raise awareness about the importance of education, and her

website, www.theeducationcoach.com, has become a one-stop education resource center. Furthermore, she recently founded “The Education Excellence Event”—a seminar created to guide parents and students through the entire enrollment process, from preparing for college to selecting schools, scholarships, financial aid and more—with dates to be released soon. Amongst these achievements, Tanya’s greatest accomplishment to date is the lasting impact she’s left on her students. She understands that daily life events can affect our ability to stay in school, and provides daily inspirational messages and quotes to motivate students and “adult learners” to attend school with confidence. For Tanya, education is the key to success. As she constantly reminds her students, “Tangible items can be taken away—but no one can ever take away your education.”