



## Board of Directors

### **Claudia Olivia Gonzalez-Escobedo**

Claudia is co-founder of South Gator Basketball Club and Director of TRIBE by South Gator Basketball Club. She has served as an educator for Los Angeles Unified School District for the past twenty years. She received her Master's in Multicultural Education and Administrative Credential from California State University Dominguez Hills. When Claudia is not teaching she enjoys helping out with various community programs and services.

### **Ariel Escobedo**

Ariel is a graduate of Los Angeles Unified School District public schools (i.e., Dyer Street Elementary, Olive Vista Middle School and Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet). He obtained his Bachelors in Social Welfare from California State University Northridge (CSUN) in 1997 and Masters of Social Work for the University of Southern California (USC) in 2002. He's worked as a community social worker at nonprofit community agencies and child protective services between 1993 to 2001. He's worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice, nonprofit and for-profit agencies since 2002. He's co-founder of South Gator Basketball Club. He's dedicated to strategically unify varied professionals and businesses to collaborate in an effort to empower women and youth living in underserved communities. He's proud to collaborate with highly talented individuals to develop a multicultural women empowerment movement, which is a concept of South Gator Basketball Club, we call TRIBE (Together-Rising-Infinitely-Boldly-Endlessly). He's committed to empowering underserved communities with hopes of expanding the mission of empowerment and social justice throughout Southern California and beyond. He's proud to have been born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. He loves spending time with his wife and two boys. He's been a resident of South Gate, California since 2002. He loves to read self empowerment and autobiographical books, he loves enrolling in varied enrichment classes, travel, attend music festivals, garden, and visit botanical gardens around the world.

### **Alejandro Gonzalez**

Alejandro has resided in South Gate, California since 1974. He's happily married to his wife Olivia of 45 years. He's dedicated to helping the less fortunate by donating his time and money to various national and international charitable causes, has raised funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Los Angeles County, and enjoys providing funds to support underserved youth residing in South Gate, California and surrounding communities. He's a real estate agent, part owner of an escrow company and works for American Airlines.

### **Jose Manuel Escobedo**

Jose is a proud resident of the San Fernando Valley specifically Sylmar, California. He's worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department the past 30 years. He enjoys running marathons and ran over 100 marathons. He loves running to raise funds for cancer and other charitable causes. He's a graduate of California State University, Northridge (CSUN), served on the board of directors for nonprofit marathon clubs, youth leadership organizations and has a passion for supporting organizations that use sports to engage youth and families in learning about self-care, leadership and empowerment.

### **Benjamin Ariel Escobedo**

Benjamin is an 11th grader at International Studies Learning Center, a public school in South Gate, California, and serves as youth representative with South Gator Basketball Club. He is not active in sports; however, has a passion to learn more about business management, nonprofits, and how to positively impact human beings.