

## Tamara Allen



Tamara Allen born in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania knew at an early age her calling to education. At 7 years old she would tell her parents and friends that she wanted to be a teacher of teachers. Tamara received her foundational educational training in Los Angeles California. She returned to Pittsburgh to be closer to her family where she graduated from Westinghouse High School class of 1989 as Senior Class President. She is the mother of two children Isaac and Faith which have served as an inspiration in her call to education. Tamara is an active member in her church Love Fellowship under the leadership of Bishop David Brock where she was ordained as an Elder and serves on the Pastoral Team as the young adult leader. She was first ordained as a minister from Potter's House after completing 3 years of intense training. Tamara recognizes that all her dreams and aspirations have been given by God to impact her community. Tamara was elected as committee woman of the 12<sup>th</sup> ward and 15<sup>th</sup> district in 2014. Tamara received her Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Edinboro University of Pittsburgh in 1994. After completing her degree she obtained employment at the Homewood-Brushton YMCA as a Prevention Specialist under the leadership of the late Executive Director Ms. Olivia Jones. In the role of Prevention Specialist Tamara provided grief counseling, male and female mentoring, college preparation and other community outreach services as needed for the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Homewood community. While in the schools Tamara recognized the need for strong adult presence that would not only provide academic excellence but that would also build strong relationships. During her time as a Prevention Specialist she realized that relationships allowed students to trust, feel loved and aspire for greatness. In 2001 she reached the first level of her goal by gaining employment with the

Pittsburgh Public Schools. Tamara went back to school and earned her Master's Degree in Public Policy and her Principal Certification from Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh PA in 2006. She was 1 of 7 candidates that were chosen out of 150 to serve in Pittsburgh's Emerging Leadership Academy. This program was designed to groom leaders within the district for leadership roles. After completing the program she was assigned as the 6-12 Math Curriculum Supervisor. She later served as the Co-Principal at Pittsburgh Milliones University Preparatory school 6-12. Her other roles as a Pittsburgh Public school employee included; Instructional Teacher Leader, Math Coach, and Intervention Specialist. In December of 2013 Tamara became the Head of Schools of Imagine Penn Hills Charter School of entrepreneurship. Tamara believes in developing strong academics, relationships and character for a life of leadership. Tamara hopes to obtain her doctorate in the near future to further impact education and community. A member of National Association of Professional Woman (NAPW).