



Janine Tinsley-Roe
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Janine Tinsley-Roe is a member of Long Island, New York's Shinnecock and Unkechaug Tribes, a direct descendant of the Shinnecock leader and spiritual minister Paul Cuffee, and the Poospatuck leaders that advised Thomas Jefferson, William Floyd, James Madison, Ben Franklin and others of our civil process while they framed the Declaration of Independence.

Her historic family clan has always lived on Long Island, and she is the founder of the Shinnecock-Sewanaka Society Inc., a 501c3 community development organization established to provide a support system for Native American history, culture, art and values.

She is a graduate of St. Joseph's College with a BS in Organizational Management and is currently working on her Master's at Long Island University in Mental Health Therapy. She has held numerous public service and healthcare positions and currently successfully advocated for the first Suffolk County Native American Advisory Committee for the purpose to create an Office of Native American Affairs. She has worked in media & tv, and has traveled extensively advocating for Indigenous Rights and cultural awareness.

She recently served as the Episcopal Church's National Missioner for Native American Ministries for the United States 2004 - 2008 and was instrumental in the Jamestown Anniversary celebration as well as establishing Sainthood for Shinnecock Minister Paul Cuffee and the Mohawk Minister Samson Occum, who founded Dartmouth College.

Janine also brought greater awareness to the controversial "Doctrine of Discovery" issue the oppressive system that Native American's must live with everyday and advocated for more opportunities for Native students to attend competitive learning institutions.

She currently works as an educational consultant on Native American/Indigenous Affairs and is the executive director of the Society. She is dedicated to her life's mission of advocating for social justice changes and recognition for the plight of Native Americans. She is the mother of three children and a NY volunteer firefighter and department chaplain.