



## Tida Violante's Bio

In 2018, Tida Violante began working with the volunteer-run nonprofit *Rise Together Education (RTE)*. Before becoming President of the Board in December 2022, Tida served in various positions: Secretary of the Board of Directors, Communications Lead, and Grants Committee Lead. She helped to increase funding and improve the structure of the organization. Tida has successfully helped to connect several RTE scholars with professionals in the fields of science, medicine, and technology. In addition, she also serves on the Board of Directors of *Ethiopia Reads*, a nonprofit working on improving children's literacy in Ethiopia. She is an Advisor to *MENtors of Santa Cruz County*, a nonprofit helping boys and men improve their lives through mentorship.

Prior to returning to Palo Alto where she attended PAUSD schools, Tida was a community leader in Montgomery County, Maryland. She was the President of *Beall Elementary School PTA* where she modernized the organization, doubled memberships, created a more diverse board to reflect the community, and raised \$200,000 for the school. Tida became a Coordinator for the *Richard Montgomery High School Cluster* and a Board Member of the *Montgomery County Council of PTA*. She helped advocate for expansion and improvements at school sites and the construction of a new elementary school in Rockville. Tida also helped to create and became the President of the competitive *Champions United Soccer Academy* helping to provide scholarships to talented players from low-income families. She brought in sponsorships from businesses such as *Adidas* and *Mahlet Consulting*. In doing her small part to create equity, Tida taught ESOL at *Casa de Maryland* where she loved to spend time with her students who immigrated from all over the world. Prior to moving to Maryland, she also served on the Board of the *Novato Human Needs Center* and participated in the year-long *Novato Leadership Program* in Marin County.

Tida is passionate about public health issues, education, cooking, and eating. After graduating from Palo Alto High School in 1989, Tida earned a bachelor's degree from the *University of California at Santa Barbara* in Asian Studies and minored in Anthropology. Tida then earned a master's degree in Public Health (MPH) focusing on Maternal and Child Health and a doctorate in Public Health (DrPH) from the *University of California at Berkeley*. Tida has worked on domestic and international reproductive health and HIV prevention programs with expertise in project assessment and evaluation. She has also translated numerous technical public health articles and HIV/AIDS training curricula from English to Thai.