

## **About Hanna Jaff**

Hanna Jazmin Jaff Bosdet was born and brought up in San Diego on November 4, 1986, but spent much of her childhood in Tijuana, the home of her maternal family. She went to Saint John's Episcopal Elementary School and University of San Diego High School (now called Cathedral High School) in San Diego. Hanna is an American born Mexican-Kurd reality television personality, politician, philanthropist, conference speaker, human rights activist, and author.

Her father's family name is Jaff. Which is Kurdish and belongs to the Jaff tribe, well-known for its political involvement in political Kurdish affairs since the year 1114. Hanna's father is a real estate developer, Board Member of North Bank Iraq (largest private bank in Iraq owned by the family), the son of Dawood Fattah Al Jaff (also remembered as Dawood Beg Jaff), the largest property owner in Kurdistan and leader of the Jaff tribe. She is a descendent of Mohamed Pasha Jaff, Lady Adela, Osman Pasha Jaff, and Mahmud Pasha Jaff. Sherwana Castle is their ancestral home.

Her mother's paternal family name is Bosdet and mother's maternal family name is Gonzalez. The Bosdet, are originally from France, migrated first to Canada and then moved to Mexico in the 1800s. The Gonzalez, originally from Spain, migrated to Mexico in the 1800s. Hanna is the great granddaughter of Carlos Henry Bosdet, married to a woman from England, and remembered as the first person to install and introduce the telephone in Mexico.

Hanna holds a Master's Degree in International Relations, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and minors in Political Science and Criminal Justice. She studied at National University (California) in San Diego, Harvard University in Boston, Columbia University in New York, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Monterrey, and La Sorbonne University of Paris. In March 2014, she was awarded an honorary doctorate degree for her humanitarian work by the Claustro Doctoral in Mexico.

Since 2013, Hanna has been the Undersecretary of Relations with the Civil Society, the Undersecretary of Immigrants, the National Secretary of Social Management of Youth Network for Mexico, and the National General Secretary of the Revolutionary Youth Expression in the Institutional Revolutionary Party. She was a Federal Congresswoman candidate of the Ecologist Green Party of Mexico.

Hanna is the founder of Jaff Foundation for Education, a nonprofit organization, created on June 4, 2013. The foundation has hosted more than 180 charity events worldwide, benefiting more than 120,000 people. Their mission is to teach English to immigrants, refugees, and the less fortunate, launch nondiscrimination campaigns, and aim their attention on world peace and education. Today, the foundation has more than 7,000 active volunteers.

Hanna is an activist for immigrants and refugees, and she frequently volunteers in Iraqi refugee camps, where she teaches English and has donated thousands of her English learning books. In 2013, she organized the first Kurdish Festival in Mexico, the biggest one ever held outside Kurdistan, attended by 80,000 people in four days. Hanna organizes frequent non-discrimination campaigns for the world's peoples to respect one another's race, skin color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, social class, political views, and age. Hanna conducted a We Are One Campaign in support of war victims in the Middle East. Her projects promote tolerance and public awareness about eliminating hatred.

Hanna speaks at international conferences on topics such as human rights, immigrants, refugees, peace, and the importance of education, mainly to raise awareness and motivation. Hanna has been a speaker in over 70 universities, schools, and institutions around the world. In 2017, she was twice a TED speaker at TEDx Nishtiman in Erbil, Iraq and TEDx Ciudad de Puebla in San Andres Cholula, Mexico.

Hanna authored a self taught English learning book for Spanish speakers, and translated it for Purepecha and Kurdish speakers. She has donated 22,000 of her three books to immigrants, refugees, and the less fortunate in Peru, Kurdistan, Iraq, Mexico, India, and worldwide. Hanna states that she has been maintaining a diary and bucket list since she was 14 years old. She writes quotes and poetry, inspired by the people and events in her life.

On October 15, 2017, Hanna launched a clothing line called We Are One Campaign. It is a non discrimination world peace movement which aims to eliminate hatred, bullying, and division. Regardless of political, religious, sexual orientation, skin color, gender, disability, socioeconomic, and cultural differences. Using clothes to deliver awareness and messages of respect, unity, and tolerance. With every item purchased We Are One Campaign donates an item to refugees, immigrants, or the less fortunate.

In August 2018, Netflix first reality television show ever done 'Made in Mexico' announced that Hanna would be one of the nine cast members. It will air in 190 countries and 22 languages. The series debuted on September 28, 2018.

*She has received the following awards:*

**2017 The Peace is Possible, World Peace Day, MX.**

Named 'Ambassador of Peace' representing Tijuana by the United Nations.

**2016 Claustro Mundial Universitario (World University Committee), MX.**

Medal for "Academic Excellence".

**2016 Entrepreneur magazine, MX.**

Named as one of the "30 under 30 successful Mexicans".

**2016 St. Gallen Symposium, Switzerland.**

Named as one of the "200 Leaders of Tomorrow under 30".

**2016 Grupo Sexenio (six year period group), MX.**

Award for "Philanthropist of the Year".

**2016 Nivel Uno magazine, MX.**

Named as one of the "5 Women Transforming Mexico".

**2015 Secretaría Municipal de Seguridad Publica y Transito in Cancun, MX.**

Award to Jaff Foundation for its Humanitarian Work.

**2015 Caras magazine, MX.**

Named as one of the "50 most Admirable Mexican women".

**2015 Lideres Emergentes magazine, MX.**

Named as one of the “10 influential youths in Politics in Mexico”.

**2015 Congreso Mundial por la Paz (World Congress for Peace), MX.**

Won Benito Juárez Medal.

**2015 Reforma newspaper, MX.**

Named one of the “15 most influential people in politics in Mexico”.

**2015 InfoBaja magazine, MX.**

Named as one of the “10 most powerful women in 2015 in Baja California”.

**2015 Business Calendar 2015 Bellasarte, MX.**

Named as one of the “12 women entrepreneurs of the year”.

**2014 Ayuntamiento de Tijuana and Instituto Municipal de la Juventud, MX.**

Award to Jaff Foundation for Education for its Humanitarian Work.

**2014 Petroleum Mexico (PEMEX), MX.**

Award to Jaff Foundation for Education for its Social Work Nationwide.

**2014 Bakhshish Organization for Humanitarian Arts, Kurdistan.**

Award given for humanitarian work.

**2014 Sol de Mexico magazine, MX.**

Named “Person of the Year in Mexico”.

**2014 Cámara Nacional de la Mujer, A.C., MX.**

Named “Woman of the Year in Mexico”.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan.**

Named Honorary Representative of Garmiyan in Latin America.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan.**

Award for Philanthropy Work.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan.**

Award for Leadership.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan.**

Award for Women Empowerment.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan .**

Award for Academic Achievements.

**2014 Kurdistan Garmiyan Regional Government in Kalar, Kurdistan.**

Award for a Humanitarian Work.