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AKBAR GBAJA-BIAMILA

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TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021 7:30 P.M.

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Everyone Can Be a Ninja: Find Your Inner Warrior & Achieve Your Dreams

Akbar is the host of NBC's four-time
Emmy Award-nominated hit competition
series "American Ninja Warrior." He is
also host of the Universal Kid's spin off
show, "American Ninja Warrior Jr." as well
as NFL Networks' highest rated show, NFL
Fantasy Live. The L.A. native grew up in the
Crenshaw district with his mother and father,
both who were born and raised in Nigeria, and
his 6 siblings. His first name means "great" in
Arabic and his last name means "big
man come save me". Akbar played

football for San Diego State all 4 years while receiving his degree in communications & new media studies. He then played 5 years in the NFL as a linebacker &

defensive end with the Oakland Raiders, San Diego Chargers, and Miami Dolphins before retiring in 2008.

Akbar is also the author of *Everyone Can Be A Ninja: Find Your Inner Warrior and Achieve Your Dreams*, his first book, which came out in May of 2019. Gbajabiamila has a long history of volunteering and social consciousness and currently serves as a board member for the Asomugha Foundation, an organization aimed at creating better educational opportunities for impoverished communities. Akbar also serves on the Board of the Michael J. Fox Foundation, which raises millions of dollars for Parkinson's research. The cause is driven by the fact his own father was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in the late 1990's.

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