

## Responda Sims

Have you ever heard about first impressions? According to Harvard Business School, new research suggests that people respond more positively to someone who comes across as trustworthy rather than confident. That's me, trustworthy. Hello all, my name is Responda Sims. I attended Paterson Public Schools from Kindergarten until I graduated from Eastside High School. I am proud to be a Ghost. I attended William Paterson College (not a University at the time) for three years.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, I had to obtain employment and put my education on hold. I eventually attended Dover Business College and graduated with a diploma in Microsoft Business Systems. I have now pursued a degree in Organizational Leadership from Pillar College, in which I am ecstatic to say that I am graduating this year in May 2021.

As a seasoned secretary, whom Paterson Public Schools have employed for 21 years, I still enjoy learning new things daily. Education never ends. I am currently a building delegate for School 21 and have acquired a tower of experience through this endeavor. I enjoy meeting new people and helping those in need. I was also nominated and won for ESP for Paterson Public Schools this year and am humbly appreciative. In addition to this ESP award, I have;

- Rallied at the Board of Education meetings
- Become a member of ESP Committee
- Attended NEA -RA for the past 3-4 years

Winning is not everything, but being recognized is truly a valuable asset. As I continue to grow, I am now seeking a position as Alternate- Delegate Assembly. I believe that is more knowledge that I can obtain and use in my ongoing career. In continuing strengths for the Union, I am committed to fighting for laws that are rights governed for staff, students, parents, and a firm believer in the Union.

I consider myself to be a passionate community servant with the ability to motivate and inspire others to create harmony, compassion, empathy and sympathy. Once one has acquired all these feelings, then we are unstoppable. Thank you all for taking the time to listen with your hearts, and giving me the opportunity to share our journeys and futures together.

Humble beginnings,

Responda Sims