



Women of DISTINCTION

HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

Winsome Black-Batten

Winsome Black-Batten was born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies and immigrated to the United States in 1992.

She attended the Cashier Training Institute in New York City in 2002 where she earned her Nursing Assistant Certification. She immediately began studying for the New York State Board Exam, where she was successful and received her licensure as a New York State Certified Nursing Assistant. She has worked at Fieldston Lodge Nursing Home for over eleven years, caring for those who cannot take care of themselves.

Ms. Black-Batten dutifully joined 1199 Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers East. Her colleagues duly elected her to be their Union Delegate. In that capacity, she valiantly stood by her members, tenaciously and effectively handling grievances, ensuring the rights of the members under her charge. She protected members' rights, while improving their lives on the job, including putting up a fight and defending their lapses.

Ms. Black-Batten has repeatedly engaged union members, striving to preserve adequate resources and improve healthcare policy on a member-to-member level. She contributed to the successes of many important issues while championing the rights and values of the rank and file members.

Ms. Black-Batten became a dedicated union representative as a humble, yet positive, working cog within the vital work of 1199, engaging workers and communities. She has repeatedly demonstrated her drive and passion for social, criminal, housing, healthcare, and human justice reform issues. She worked diligently as a Union Organizer from 1998 until 2002, a position she still holds.

Ms. Black-Batten attends Westchester United Methodist, where she is a member and is actively involved in ministries. She and her husband reside in Mount Vernon.

***Winsome Black-Batten was selected as a
2020 Woman of Distinction honoree by Senator Jamaal T. Bailey.***

