

Tawny Sayers

Dear Sisters,

I have been a member of Local #440 for the last (LUCKY) 13 years the last 5 I've been Apprenticeship Coordinator. Prior to becoming an apprentice Laborer I attended training @ ANEW which gave me the "leg up" that I needed to get me off of Public Assistance and into a career to provide for myself and my daughter. My story isn't much different than most women working in our fields; I struggled with daycare issues (especially while attending classes @ Kingston), keeping older vehicles in running conditions, acceptance on the job although this was generally resolved once my coworkers saw that I wouldn't give up and my "I'll try anything attitude."

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in the field and miss it most days but feel very fortunate that I was able to obtain the position of Apprenticeship Coordinator so that I now have to opportunity to "send the elevator back down." Approximately 3 years ago I was elected to the position of Auditor for Local #440, after serving in this capacity for 1 year I was asked to serve as an Executive Board member. I also serve on several different advisory boards but the Sisters have a mission to retaining & mentoring women that is missing from these others. I am proud to serve as a member on the board.

In Solidarity,
Tawny Sayers