

## The BronxWorks 2024 Lifting Lives Gala

### Honoring:



### **April Horton**

#### **External Affairs and Government Affairs**

#### **Mid State NY, Bronx & Manhattan**

#### **Verizon**

April Horton is currently the Regional Director for Government and External Affairs for Verizon. In this role, Ms. Horton oversees and manages government affairs and legislative activity in the NY Midstate region, The Bronx and Queens. In this capacity, she is responsible for securing Verizon's short-term objectives, advancing its long-term legislative goals by communicating with key internal and external stakeholders and positioning the company's strategic direction in public policy. She is also responsible for philanthropic strategy, grant-making and initiatives in the Foundation's issues areas of education, sustainability and digital equity.

Born and raised in the Bronx, April earned her BA from Fordham University and holds a MA from Columbia University. During her more than 27 years of service for Verizon, Ms. Horton has served in a variety of positions ranging from Customer Service, to Wholesale Markets, to Government and External Affairs. She has also managed the NYS multi-million dollar Verizon NY Foundation program. Prior to joining Verizon, Ms. Horton worked at Waterhouse Securities, a brokerage firm where she oversaw mutual funds trading compliance.

Ms. Horton is active in civic and community affairs. She is a member of the Bronx Democratic County Committee, serves on the Board of the Business Council of Westchester, Bronx Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Bronx Children's Museum, Business Council of Westchester and MBD Housing. She is also a member of The Greater Bronx Chapter of The Links, Incorporated County



Party, Bronx Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, and Mount Vernon Boys and Girls club. She has been honored by the Bronx Democratic County Committee, recognized as one of the 25 Influential Women in the Bronx by the Bronx Times Reporter and recognized by City and State as one of the Bronx Power 100. She is a recipient of the Business Council of Westchester 40 under 40 award.

Ms. Horton's diversified experience in the private sector has fueled her passion for "giving back". She is passionate about inspiring children to think outside of the box and uplifting women. She believes public and private partnerships are the key to healthy and thriving communities.