



# PPAG

## Regina Appolon



Regina Appolon is a highly respected political operative with a wealth of legislative experience in financial education, civil liberties, commerce and transportation. Through a unique blend of policy expertise, dedication to

public service and tightknit relationships, Appolon's career has been defined by high-impact policymaking.

Prior to joining PPAG in 2020, Appolon served as Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman Angela McKnight. She oversaw all district office personnel and legislative matters in the role, and was influential in the passage of A-3754, which created a new hair braiding license in NJ separate from the traditional Cosmetology license; A-1414, which requires financial literacy instruction in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades; and the C.R.O.W.N Act, banning discrimination based on hair. The bills gained national attention and are now state laws.

From 2015 to 2018, she was the Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Chair of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee and co-chair of the New Jersey Legislative Select Committee on Investigations. In 2016, she additionally served as a New Jersey District 11 Delegate at the Democratic National Convention.

Appolon, a graduate of Rutgers University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, is the Northern Vice President of the New Jersey Young Democrats, the Co-Executive Director of the Union County Young Democrats and a Board Member of NY/NJ Baykeeper. In 2019, she was named a "Millennial to Watch" on InsiderNJ's 100 Millennials List and received an honorable mention in InsiderNJ's African American Political Power List.

Born and raised in West Orange, Appolon currently resides in Union, New Jersey.