

Mona Abdulla is the mother of two boys and the daughter of Yemeni-American immigrant parents. She was born and raised in Buffalo, NY and is currently involved in multiple community projects . Previously she spent many years working as a Career Counselor. Mona received her Bachelor degree in Psychology and her Master degree in College Student Affairs from Buffalo State. Mona also serves as a Board Trustee for Lackawanna City Schools and loves working for the public. Some of her accomplishments include: being one of the first Yemeni females in the WNY area to attend college and the first Yemeni American female in the United States to hold public office. Also, while in school, she received the Hurculine Guthrie Commitment to Diversity Award. Later Mona received an Appreciation Award from the Yemeni American Merchants Association in NYC. When Mona was a child, she remembers how fun it was to grow up with two cultures. Because of this, she feels she can easily connect with people from various backgrounds. Being able to view the world from different perspectives has given her the passion to be the voice for Muslim Americans, women and other minority groups. Mona hopes to use this insight to speak out against injustices and to demand change. She would also like to empower other women through her work. She carries many firsts because she is a trailblazer and visionary.