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Chief of Staff Karyn Bradford Coleman Elevated To National Role

LITTLE ROCK -- Democratic Party of Arkansas Chief of Staff Karyn Coleman is joining the Association of State Democratic Committees as the organization's next Midwest Regional ASDC Director. Coleman has been at the DPA since 2017 and will continue to serve through the middle of September.

Read more about the ASDC >>> <u>https://democrats.org/who-we-are/state-parties/</u>

"I am beyond grateful for this opportunity to serve in a new way while continuing on a path that has become a true calling. It is my hope this will open up doors not only for me and my personal trajectory, but also for our state and those who will come after me. I have deep gratitude and appreciation for those who helped and worked with me to get here. I look forward to continuing our work. I am not going far, I am going further."

-- Karyn Bradford Coleman, DPA Chief of Staff

"One of the best things about being Chair is the opportunity to work with dynamic, energetic, and professional staff. Seeing a staff member receive a promotion such as this makes me very proud of Karyn and that the work she did along with the rest of our team at the Democratic Party of Arkansas is being recognized. We look forward to great things from her in this new position." -- Michael John Gray, DPA Chairman

"It's always exciting when hard work and great skills are recognized and rewarded. I'm so excited and happy for Karyn's wonderful opportunity. It's also a plus for the Democratic Party of Arkansas for Karyn to be promoted to Regional Director. This is a testament to the professionalism, tenacity and determination she has shown during her tenure. I know this is just one of the many doors of opportunity Karyn will get to walk through in her lifetime. CONGRATULATIONS!"

-- Lottie Shackelford, DNC Women's Caucus Chair

"Karyn did an outstanding job as Chief of Staff. So much so, that she stood out to the National Democratic Party. They saw what she did, her ability, skill and dedication. We thank her for her leadership and look forward to working with her on a bigger stage."

-- Keith Ingram, Senate Minority Leader

"I'm not surprised that Democratic Party of Arkansas Chief of Staff Karyn Bradford Coleman

has been hired to fill the Association of State Democratic Committees Midwest Regional Director position. She has been a dynamic, personable, and valued leader who I know can be counted on to share her many talents to benefit this opportunity, just as her work at the DPA has positively touched the lives of many Arkansans. Congratulations and best wishes to Karyn as she embarks on an exciting new chapter."

-- Tippi McCullough, House Minority Leader

Biography: Karyn Bradford Coleman is a native of Des Arc, AR located in the Arkansas Delta. She holds a Bachelors of Business Administration in Organization Management from Philander Smith College and currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Democratic Party of Arkansas. Karyn is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Little Rock Alumnae Chapter, where she has served in several local leadership positions. She is a graduate of Leadership Greater Little Rock Class XXXIII, a Senior Leadership Fellow with the Higher Heights Leadership Fund, a member of the Board of Directors for Better Community Development, Inc., a member of the Junior League of Little Rock, and she serves on the City of Little Rock's Community Housing Advisory Board and as a Land Bank Commissioner. She and her husband Kenyen are small business owners in Little Rock, AR and are the proud parents of one son, Kendill and two dogs, Grace and Mercy.

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