

Karyn Bradford Coleman



Karyn Bradford Coleman, a lifelong southerner hailing from the small town of Des Arc, Arkansas, nestled in the historic Delta, is a nationally recognized political strategist. Karyn currently serves as the Midwest Regional Director for the Association of State Democratic Committees, working to build sustained civic infrastructure, offer training, and handle crisis communications. State Democratic Parties throughout the Midwest region and national political committees rely on Karyn for her strong counsel, operational expertise, and guidance on connecting with communities of color.

Karyn started working for the Democratic Party of Arkansas in 2017. In 2019, she made history by becoming the first ever Black Chief of Staff of a political party in the state. While there, she began her work in the areas of building sustainable infrastructure, forging strong coalitions with women, specifically women of color, and furthering the political education of women and leaders of color running for office.

For decades, Karyn has demonstrated her commitment to community service. She is a member of the Little Rock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, where she has served in several leadership roles at the Chapter and State level. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees at her Alma Mater, Philander Smith University, a member of the Junior League of Little Rock where she is a member of the League Development Council, a graduate of Leadership Greater Little Rock Class XXXIII, an alumna of the University of Arkansas LeadAR Class 19, and a graduate of the 2020-2021 Higher Heights Inaugural Senior Civic Leadership Cohort. Previously, Karyn has served her community as a City of Little Rock Land Bank Commissioner, a member of the Little Rock Community Housing Advisory Board, and a Board Member at Better Community Developers, Incorporated.

Karyn earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Organization Management from the Philander Smith Management Institute at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is currently pursuing her MBA at Philander with an emphasis in Project Management