

# Kentucky Association of Housing Officers Governing Council



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## **April Barnes** **SEAHO State Representative**

April Barnes serves as the Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life at Eastern Kentucky University. She is a native of northern Minnesota where she grew up with her brother and sisters working and playing in their little patch of wilderness. Her parents were firm believers in the work hard, play hard philosophy so after spending hours working in the woods or garden, April and her family would go and play on the lake, waterskiing until darkness made them stop.

April went to school at the University of North Dakota graduating with both her Bachelor's degree in English/Secondary Education as well as her Master's degree in Educational Leadership. It was here she was introduced to student affairs where as an RA she found she was able to help facilitate a positive collegiate experience for her residents and help them succeed. Having been bitten by the student affairs bug, she went on to serve as a Residence Hall Director and Team Manager for the Housing Department. After graduating, April went to work at East Carolina University as a Residence Hall Coordinator.

She came to Kentucky ten years ago to serve as an Area Coordinator with plans to only stay a couple of years, however she fell in love with the state—Kentucky is Minnesota pretty only with hills and shorter winters! She also fell in love with the student population of Eastern Kentucky University and has been able to serve them as the Director of Student Life before coming back to her housing roots as the Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life. She believes Housing & Residence Life can offer students a different collegiate experience; one that can foster the development, engagement, and success of residents who live on campus.

April is excited to serve Kentucky as a member of the KAHO Governing Council. She can't wait to get to know the different schools across the Commonwealth and get people more involved in both KAHO and the SEAHO region.