

Meet Dr. April Coleman, 2026-2028 Chair of the U.S. Forum Steering Committee



Dr. April Coleman, elected as chair of the U.S. Forum Steering Committee for the 2026-2028 biennium, served as SW Regional Representative in the previous biennium, where she served as vice-chair and lead on the Legislative Tracking Committee. Dr. Coleman also designed and administered the member interest survey that shaped the activities of the 2024-2026 Steering Committee. She presented workshops on legislative tracking and advocacy as well as contributed articles to the *Connections* Newsletter. Dr. Coleman also participated in the planning for the 2025 and 2026 Forum Events at International Convention and for the 2026 National Legislative Seminar.

A member of DKG Arizona's Alpha Delta Chapter since 2020, Dr. Coleman is currently the Legislative Chair for DKG Arizona, responsible for co-planning Arizona's Legislative Awareness Day and for developing the 2025 Legislative Agenda. A graduate of Howard University, the University of Maryland, The Ohio State University, and Capella University, Dr. Coleman has met with legislators from across the country to lobby on behalf of the education profession, continuing her work as political, but non-partisan advocate for policies that uplift educators and strengthen our nation's public education system.

Dr. Coleman served as the President for the Phoenix Union Classroom Teachers' Association from 2019 until 2023 where her focus was on safe and supportive teaching and learning environments and improving compensation and working conditions for the more than 1,800 certified staff members in the district. She has also completed 9 years as a member of the Arizona Education Association Board of Directors and has represented Arizona at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly since 2015.

Dr. April Coleman is the Instructional Leader for Mathematics at the Academies of South Mountain High School in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition to her campus role, April is also the President of the Board of Directors for the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education where she has led her team to award over \$350,000 in academic scholarships, classroom mini-grants, and community partnership grants in a three-year period.