

## Freshman Senators



**Karla May** (D, District 4, St. Louis)- is a graduate of St. Louis University, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, and Lindenwood University where she received her Master of Arts in Teaching. She has been employed for the past fourteen years at AT&T, and worked as a union steward with CWA (Communication Workers of America 6300). Former State Representative



**Mike Bernskoetter** (R, District 6, Jefferson City) - owned and operated Art's Pest Control for the past 31 years and serves as a lector, Eucharistic and hospitality minister at Immaculate Conception Parish. Former State Representative



**Brian Williams** (D, District 14, St. Louis)- undergraduate degree from Southeast Missouri State University, and earned Master's degrees in Public Policy and Legal Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, Studying government and public health policy. His position as a Board Director for People's Health Center, he helped develop a quality healthcare center in Ferguson, Missouri. He advocated for a quality healthcare facility that provides behavioral health resources for children in underserved communities.



**Justin Brown** (R, District 16, Central MO, Rolla area)- a Phelps County native, is a soybean, corn and cattle farmer and studied at the University of Missouri-Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) After completing his degree, Justin began a career as a commercial loan officer, specializing in agricultural loans. For the next 13 years, Justin had a successful career in banking while also owning and operating a family farm. Currently, Brown farms more than 2,220 acres while also maintaining a cow-calf operation on the family farm. He is an active member of the Missouri Cattleman's Association and has been a member of the Dent and Phelps County Cattlemen's Association since 1989. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Beef Council and is the Phelps County Farm Bureau President.



**Cindy O'Laughlin** (R, District 18, Northeast MO, Shelbina area) - co-owns Leo O'Laughlin, Inc., a concrete and aggregate hauling business with locations in Macon, Marceline and Shelbina. Is a former school board member and member of Club for Growth. Lives on a farm with her husband.



**Eric Burlison** (R, District 20, Christian County, Springfield area) - Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and a Master of Business Administration from Missouri State University. Eric is employed by Cerner, an international healthcare technology company, as a Process Architect. Eric is an active outdoorsman and enjoys hunting and fishing in the Ozarks. Former State Representative



**Lincoln Hough** (R, District 30, Green County, Springfield)– Cattle Farmer in Springfield, Green County Commissioner, Former State Rep.



**Bill White** (R, District 32, Jasper County, Joplin) – United States Marine Corps Veteran, Attorney, Boy Scouts District Chairman, software engineer. Former State Representative



**Tony Luektemeyer** (R, District 34, Buchanan & Platte Counties, St. Joseph) - An attorney. He was elected Mizzou’s student body president. He worked as a White House intern in the Domestic Policy Council under President George W. Bush. While in law school, Tony was appointed by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt to serve on the University of Missouri Board of Curators, the governing board for the UM System. After graduating from law school, Tony clerked for a judge on the Missouri Supreme Court.

### Freshman House Members



**Danny Busick**, (R, District 3, Newtown, Northeast MO) a small-business owner and retired minister from Newtown. Busick is the owner of Jim’s Radio & TV.



**Greg Sharpe** – (R, District 4, Lewis County) - graduated with a Bachelor of Science in General Agriculture from what is now Truman State University. For over three decades, Sharpe has farmed 800 acres of corn and soybeans on his family farm in Northeast Missouri. Sharpe is a board member of Wider Opportunities, an organization which helps adults living with disabilities. Previously, Sharpe was the Past President of the Missouri Soybean Association.



**Louis Riggs** –(R, District 5, Hannibal)- a local conservative leader, educator and adviser at Hannibal- LaGrange University, and has been an attorney since 1990. He was born and raised in Hannibal and is a graduate of Hannibal High School. Louis lives in Hannibal with his wife, Anne, the Director of the Craigmiles School of Nursing at Hannibal-LaGrange. President of the Board of Directors of Missouri Community Betterment, Inc.



**Bill Falkner** –(R, District 10, St. Joseph) - Mayor of St. Joseph, owned Falkner plumbing, serves on Missouri Municipal League Board of Directors.



**Brenda Shields** – (R, District 11, St. Joseph) President and CEO of the United Way of Greater St. Joseph, as well as a business educator in the St. Joseph School District at Benton High School and Truman Middle School. Prior to her time as an educator, Shields worked for Quaker Oats in St. Joseph for seventeen years.



**Vic Allred** – (R, District 13, Platte County) Allred is the current owner or co-owner of five New Orleans themed French Quarter café's, called *Jazz, A Louisiana Kitchen*. Allred says he developed his love for the hospitality industry Board of Director for the National Restaurant Association representing the State of Missouri and also serves on the Executive Committee of Visit KC, an organization dedicated to promoting the tourism industry in the Greater Kansas City Region. He also is a past Chairman of the Missouri Restaurant Association and Past President of the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Associations.



**Matt Sain** – (D, District 14, North Kansas City) attended Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri, and graduated in May of 2013 with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Legal Studies. Sain works at Bautista LeRoy in Kansas City as a law clerk.



**Wes Rogers** –(D, District 18, North Kansas City) is a Northland business owner, a former Clay County assistant prosecutor, and a sixth-generation Missourian. He is a 2000 graduate of Platte County R-3 High School, a 2003 graduate of Mizzou where he majored in Geography, and a 2007 graduate of Mizzou law school. In 2015, Wes earned a Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Washington University in St. Louis. Wes has completed both the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Northland program and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association's Bar Leadership Academy. He is also a member of the Clay County Bar Association, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. Wes enjoys jogging (slowly), travelling, and watching Mizzou, the Royals and the Chiefs. In 2009, Wes finished the yearly MR340 canoe marathon from Kansas City to St. Charles.



**Robert Sauls** –(D, District 21, Independence) Lawyer lives in Independence, MO; and previously lived in Blue Springs, MO. Sometimes Robert goes by various nicknames including Robert E Sauls and Robbie Sauls. He currently works as an Assistant Judge Advocate General at US Air Force Reserve. Robert's education includes attending Thomas M Cooley Law School.



**Barbara Washington-** (D, District 23, Kansas City) An attorney and former journalist. Was elected in a special so she has been around one session



**Ashley Bland Manlove** –(D, District 26, Kansas City) Army National Guard – working on Accounting degree – has Associates Degree from Penn Valley Community College in Liberal Arts



**Jon Patterson** – (R, District 30, Lee’s Summit) After graduating from Blue Springs High School in 1998, he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, earning both his Bachelor’s and medical degrees. Currently reside in Lee’s Summit. After medical school, Jon returned to the Kansas City area to complete five years of general surgery residency training at Truman Medical Center. After residency, Jon joined United Surgical Associates of Kansas City, a private surgical practice based in Eastern Jackson County. Since entering the private practice of medicine, Jon’s time has been devoted to family, surgery, and running a small business. He decided to run for State Representative to fight for doctors and small business owners at the capitol.



**Jeff Coleman** (R, District 32, Eastern Jackson County)- President of the Economic Development Committee, President of the Industrial Development Committee, member of the Grain Valley School Board and former president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was nominated in 2012 Grain Valley’s Citizen of the Year and honored at the Truman Heartland Foundation’s annual Gala. Jeff is President and CEO of Stratico Insurance Solutions which specializes in Medicare Plans. Has 7 children. Enjoys outdoor activities such as hunting and fishing. Wife teaches.



**Keri Ingle** – (D, District 35, Eastern Jackson County) received Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and works at the Jackson County Children’s Division.



**Doug Richey** – (R, District 38, Eastern Jackson County) pastor of 19 years, works with disaster relief agencies and benevolent organizations, and strong supporter of NRA and American Legion.



**Peggy McGaugh** – (R, District 39, Carrollton) former Carroll County Clerk – supports strong voter laws. Mother of former Rep. Joe Don McGaugh



**Jeff Porter** (R, District 42, Montgomery City) - Local Insurance and Real Estate Agent and former mayor of Montgomery City. University of Missouri–Columbia with a BS Degree in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy in 1984. In 1991 he became a State Farm Insurance Agent in Montgomery City and became a Real Estate Agent in 2003. Wife is a teacher at Montgomery City Elementary



**Kent Hayden** –(R, District 43, Mexico) After working early in his career in private veterinary practice and as a disease control veterinarian for Missouri, Haden worked 28 years for MFA Inc. in various capacities, last serving as vice president in charge of feed and animal health. Haden worked the last eight years as state epidemiologist, retiring at the end of 2017. Brenda Hayden is a retired teacher in the Mexico public school system.



**Bradly Pollitt** – (R, District 52, Pettis County area) Retired school superintendent and small-business owner. Pollitt graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Northeast Missouri State (Now Truman State University) and received his Master's in Education from Williams Woods University, and his Education Specialist degree from the University of Central Missouri. He worked as an educator and administrator for 34 years, covering a variety of roles, serving as a teacher, coach, principal, and Superintendent of Schools of Sedalia #200. Pollitt is now the owner and operator of Rocker P. Cattle Company LLC.



**Mike Haffner** –(R, District 55, Pleasant Hill) He retired from the U.S. Navy as a Commander after twenty years of service flying the A-6 Intruder as well as the F/A-18 Hornet and serving as the commanding officer of an F/A-18 Squadron. His tenure in the Navy included three combat deployments and numerous individual combat awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross. As the Commanding Officer of an F/A-18 squadron he led his command through an arduous extended combat deployment. He also flew combat air patrols in the skies over New York City immediately after September 11. Since retiring from the Navy he has owned and operated Pumpkins and Pines Christmas Tree Farm near Pleasant Hill.



**Roger Reedy** (R, District 57, Benton County, Clinton) Benton County Assessor, Reedy also operates his family farm raising feeder cattle with the help of his children. Wife is a first grade teacher and co-owner of a gift shop in Clinton's historic square.



**Rudy Veit** – (R, District 59, Jefferson City) Litigation lawyer with Carson & Coil. Owns cabin on the Osage River and enjoys fishing, hunting and scuba diving. Serves on the Jefferson City Parks & Recreation Foundation and American Heart Association.



**Dave Griffith** –(R, District 60, Jefferson City) spent 23 years working at local television station KRCG, serving in roles ranging from production to account executive. In 2010, he was elected to the city council where he served until he was called to lead the Red Cross as Executive Director, a position he has held for the past 6 years. Griffith has spent nearly his entire adult life in service to



**Aaron Griesheimer** (R, District 61, Washington) a lifelong Washington resident, graduated from St. Francis Borgia Regional High School in 2002 and earned his Associate of Arts from East Central College. He later attended Southeast Missouri State University and graduated with a degree in political science, and worked as a lobbyist for SITE at the State Capitol.



**Tony Lovasco** ( R, District 64, O’Fallon) A life long Missourian, For the past sixteen years, Tony has worked in sales at EPC, Inc in St. Charles, selling off-lease computer equipment to resellers, end-users, and businesses. He also has extensive experience in Linux software deployment and maintenance, and has maintained the Nexradix GNU/Linux distribution for nearly ten years.



**Paula Brown** (D, District 70, Northwest St. Louis County)- earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her Masters degree at Lindenwood University. Since 1986, Paula has worked as an elementary school teacher, middle school librarian and as an administrator for Hazelwood School District. She served as the Hazelwood NEA president for eight years.



**LaDonna Applebaum** (D, District 71, Olivette, St. Louis County)- grew up in Springfield, MO and attended public schools. I graduated from Tulsa University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine. That degree brought me to St. Louis in 1997 where I worked in orthopedic medical sales and eventually started my own company in 2002. I ran this small business for 8 years and was deeply involved in the policy and procedures of the healthcare industry.



**Doug Clemens** (D, District 72, Maryland Heights, St. Louis County) - Doug was a member of UAW Local 282 and UFCW Local 655. He has been a member of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, the Home Builder’s Association, the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, the St. Louis Realtors Association, the Regional and Commercial Growth Association and the West Lake / Bridgeton Landfill Community Advisory Group. Presently, Doug works with a company installing live captioning phones in the homes of the hearing impaired through the Americans with Disabilities Act at no cost to the recipients.



**Raychel Proudie** (D, District 73, St. Louis County) Raychel began her career as a 3rd grade teacher in 2006 in Post- Hurricane Katrina Baton Rouge, LA. She has 10 years of professional experience in various capacities in public school systems. Raychel is a member of several professional organizations such as the National Association for Developmental Education, the National Academic Advising Association, the National Association for Campus Activities, and the National Alliance of Black School Educators. Raychel is also a PROUD member of the Missouri National Education Association and serves as her building's Union Representative. Bachelor of National Education Association and serves as her building's Union Representative. Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education- Grambling State University, Grambling, LA; Masters of Arts in Mental Health Counseling- Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA; Internship in Professional Counseling – Student Support Services- Dillard University, New Orleans, LA; Doctorate of Education (ABD)- Developmental Education w/ concentration in Student Personnel Services- Grambling State University (Candidate, coursework completed; 3.94 GPA)



**LaKeySha Bosley** (D, District 74, St. Louis County)- She is a certified nursing assistant, has a degree in business administration, and is a small business owner — two apparel lines and a t-shirt printing company — while being a community activist and volunteer.



**Steve Butz** (D, District 81, South St. Louis City)- graduating from University of Missouri - St. Louis. His education prepared him to take over the family business - Crawford Butz Insurance Agency - started by his father in 1961. Steve's entrepreneurial spirit allowed him to help grow the insurance agency, and it is one of Missouri's largest family owned agencies, with branches from Illinois to Kansas City. As a small business owner, Steve is dedicated to the entrepreneurial community by serving as a volunteer with financial services education (e.g., Junior Achievement) as well as serving on professional committees and boards. Steve also is a managing partner of another family business - Eagle Hurst Ranch - in Steelville, MO. At Eagle Hurst Steve creates a family-friendly vacation destination while getting to enjoy the beauty of Missouri wildlife. Eagle Scout



**Wiley Price IV** (D, District 84, St. Louis City)- “Chip” Director at the Platinum Group and giving back as a Sports and Life Skills Coach for the youth.



**Kevin Windham Jr.** (D, District 85, North St. Louis County) - is a public servant with experience working in federal and state government. While studying corporate communications at SEMO, Kevin was active in the President’s Task Force on Diversity Education, Student Government Association, Black Student Union, and FOCUS St. Louis’ Impact Fellows. Kevin was also a member of Cigna’s inaugural Ferguson-St. Louis Internship program and was awarded SEMO’s Distinguished Student Award for creating lasting and positive change in April 2015. Currently engaged with the Neighborhood Leadership Fellows, works as an Education Policy intern with the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, and serves as the Director of Finance with Kiwanis Club in University City.



**Ian Mackey** (D, District 87, St. Louis, Clayton area)- teacher for early childhood education, attended Westminster College, has Law degree and worked for Arch Defenders and St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s office, worked for Robin Carnahan in Secretary of State’s office. Husband Stephen.



**Jim Murphy** (R, District 94, South St. Louis County)- start his own business, Shoppers Rule, Inc. which became a thriving embroidery and sewing supply company located in Arnold, Missouri. Worked his way up the ranks of Singer Sewing Machine.



**Michael O'Donnell** (R, District 95, South St. Louis County)- Navy, active with Boy Scouts of America



**Mary Elizabeth Coleman** (R, District 97, Jefferson County)- received a BSBA in Management from Saint Louis University. We moved to San Antonio where I attended St. Mary’s University School of Law and began work in private practice writing wills and trusts for families. She represented Ward 2 on Arnold’s City Council where she spearheaded Corridor55 - Missouri’s first municipally owned co-working space. Has six children.



**Adam Schnelting** (R, District 104, St. Charles)– Missouri House of Representatives Legislative Assistant, Small Business Owner, Pastor, Bachelor’s from Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Christian Ministry.



**John Simmons** (R, District 109, Washington, Franklin County)- He is a licensed chiropractic physician practicing in Washington since 1992. He is a member of the Missouri State Chiropractic Association. He received his education at Logan University of Chiropractic and Health Sciences in St. Louis County. Simmons is a former member of the Franklin County Republican Central Committee and a co-founder of the county Young Republicans. He has previously worked as a campaign treasurer for former District 109 Rep. Dr. Kevin Threlkeld.



**Dottie Bailey** (R, District 110, Eureka, West St. Louis County)- been in the banking business most of my career and served on the St. Louis Mortgage Bankers Board of Governors from 2017 to the present and on the board of the St. Louis Tea Party Coalition Board since August 2015. Organized a Boycott for businesses in Ferguson after the riots.



**Dale Wright** (R, District 116, Farmington, St. Francois County)- Co-Owner and Managing Partner of the Actalur Group, LLC, a healthcare consulting company based in Delray Beach, Florida and President and COO of Angle Medical Solutions, a medical distributor in Rigby, Idaho. He recently served as Divisional President and Chief Contracting Officer at Amerinet Inc., a \$7.5 billion company and prior to that was Co-Owner and Executive Vice President at Ni-Med Inc., a medical device company. He was an owner of The Branding Iron BBQ Company in Farmington, Cape Girardeau, Jackson, and Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Wife is retired English instructor at Mineral Area College.



**Michael McGirl** (R, District 118, Potosi, Washington County)– former Washington County Collector of Revenue for 24 years, CPA – Potosi.



**Don Mayhew** (R, District 121, Rolla, Phelps County)- owns surveying and engineering company in Rolla.



**Suzie Pollock** (R, District 123, Lebanon, Camden County)- Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (6 years at Lake Regional Hospital) dealing with heart and circulation issues. Worked with husband Darrell Pollock (former State Rep) in the small grocery business in Lebanon.



**Ann Kelley** (R, District 127, Lamar, Barton County) - is an 8th grade English teacher with the Lamar School District, has lived in Barton County her entire life. She grew up on a small farm just west of Lamar and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Middle-school Science and English from Missouri Southern State University. She went on to obtain her Masters in Curriculum and Middle School Reading and Writing from Grand Canyon University. In addition to her career as an educator with the public-school system, Kelley has also owned and operated a small daycare.



**Jeff Knight** (R, District 129, Laclede and Dallas Counties)- has a BA in Education, Knight has coached football in the Ozark, Nixa and Lebanon School Districts; he is currently coaching football at Camdenton. He served on the school board for 6 years, serving a portion of that time as president. Currently, Knight works with students at Mary Dickerson Juvenile Justice Center as an employee of the Camdenton School District. Knight serves as a member of the Quality Deer Management Association and National Wild Turkey Foundation and he is an active member of the NRA. To this day, he continues to help run the family auction business his father started in 1958. He has also been an auctioneer for almost two decades.



**Craig Fishel** (R, District 136, Springfield)- He is also the owner and operator of Fishel Pools. For over 42 years, he has serviced the Springfield area with custom built commercial and residential pools. Two Terms on Springfield City Council.



**John Black** (R, District 137, Springfield, Marshfield)- a sixth generation Southwest Missourian and 1970 Strafford High School graduate, served as General Counsel for City Utilities Springfield Missouri from 2007 until he retired on February 2, 2018. Prior to that, he worked as a chemical engineer and was later the first in-house General Counsel for Southwest Missouri State University, which became Missouri State University during his service there. Black holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and in Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) and a law degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia. Wife is Marshfield City attorney.



**Brad Hudson** (R, District 138, Stone County)- Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from the Midwest College of Theology and has also completed over 350 hours of education and training, during his tenure as the Stone County Assessor. In 2016 Brad was elected by his colleagues to serve as the President of the Southwest Missouri Assessors Association. Takes care of their small Missouri farm. He used the knowledge gained on the farm to obtain a position at Dixie Stampede in Branson caring for the many animals that star in the show. Grandfather "Bob Walsh" conservationist and fiddler.



**Chris Dinkins** (R, District 144, Annapolis, Iron County)- Dinkins is a former public school teacher who still substitutes at local schools throughout the district when called upon. Chris and her husband are small business owners in Reynolds County where they own and operate a campground and float outfitter. Prior to her election, she served as a legislative assistant in the House of Representatives for Representatives Jim Neely and Paul Fitzwater. Dinkins is a graduate of Clearwater R-1 High School and received her Bachelors of Administration from Central Methodist University and her Master of Education from Webster University.



**Barry Hovis** (R, District 146, Cape Girardeau)- graduated from the Southeast Law Enforcement Academy – employed by the City of Cape Girardeau Police Department for 30 years.



**Herman Morse** (R, District 151, Dexter, Stoddard County)- Prior to becoming a legislator, Rep. Morse spent twenty-seven years working at the Dexter Public Schools and was an adjunct professor for Three Rivers College for sixteen years. He was also the manager of the Dexter Public Schools Credit Union for nineteen years. He has been a member of the Dexter Schools Board of Education for fourteen years



**Hardy Billington** (R, District 152, Poplar Bluff)- a retired small business owner, published a 2006 book that detailed his prayers to God to help re-elect President George W. Bush as well as venting his “outrage” at the legalization of same-sex marriage.



**Jeff Shawan** (R, District 153, Doniphan)- Emergency Management Director for Southeast Missouri



**David Evans** (R, District 154, West Plains)- Presiding 37<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge – Attorney



**Karla Eslinger** (R, District 155, Wasola, Ozark and Dent Counties)- career as an elementary school teacher and later a superintendent. She eventually went on to become an Assistant Commissioner of Education with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education during the Matt Blunt Administration. Her most recent role saw her serving as a Senior Education Analyst, working with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.



**Dirk Deaton** (R, District 159, Newton County)- Dirk co-founded the Noel Betterment Association, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, civic group; created for the betterment of the local community. For the past 10 years, Dirk has been involved in gospel ministry, preaching hundreds of times throughout the local area, and he continues to do so on a regular basis. Previous to seeking elective office, Dirk worked for a small Southwest Missouri manufacturer.



**Ben Baker** (R, District 160, Neosho)- Minister, ministry and professor and Dean of Students at the Ozark Bible Institute in Neosho, small construction business owner that specializes in artisan trim work, Mayor of Neosho.



**Lane Roberts** (R, District 161, Joplin)- Former Director of Public Safety, Chief of Police for City of Joplin



**Bob Bromley** (R, District 162, Joplin, Jasper County)- Army medic, teacher, and held position with the Empire District Electric Company and held various management positions including Environment Director & Power Plant Manager.