



Brandy Harris



Brandy Harris (38) is the Chief Executive Officer for Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. Harris began her professional career in 2008 as a high school teacher at her Alma Mater, Hillcrest High School in Springfield. Harris has been involved in the Boys & Girls Clubs movement since 2011. She started in Lawrence, Kansas, serving in a number of roles, both on the front line and leadership level. Then, she moved back to Springfield and assumed a role as Program Director in 2013 at the Henderson Unit. She was then chosen as the Unit Director of the new Sertoma Unit. In 2017, while still running the Sertoma Unit, she was promoted to the Director of Programs for the organization after pitching the idea to Club leadership. She received her B.A. in Speech Communication from Drury University in 2008, and her Master's in Early Childhood Education and Family Development from Missouri State University in 2015.

Brandy is deeply committed to community engagement and has served as a member of the Mayor's Commission for Children, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Policy Committee, Cox Health Young Professionals Council, Gun Safety & Violence Reduction Collaborative, and Prosper Springfield Equity & Prosperity Commission. She has also served as a board member of many organizations such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Professional Association, The History Museum of Springfield, and Stronger Together.

Named CEO of the Year in 2024 by Springfield Business Journal's Non-Profit Excellence Awards, Brandy helped put new systems in place at the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield to promote organizational clarity and ensure organizational growth. For her contributions to the community, Brandy was also named Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2023 Executive of the Year, one of Springfield Business Journal's Most Influential Women of 2023, and a 2021 Springfield Public Schools Hall of Fame inductee.

