

# Young Professional of the Year Award Nominee Bio



## **Kayla Byrd** **Delaware State Housing Authority** **Human Resources Specialist I**

Kayla Byrd is a Human Resources professional located in Dover, Delaware. She currently works for the Delaware State Housing Authority as their Human Resources Specialist. Kayla has worked in the Human Resources field for 2 ½ years and already received two promotions during that period of time. This past year she received a ‘distinguished’ rating for excellent performance and accomplishments – a rare score for the agency must less a young professional in the field. Her previous work experience during college in the Customer and Human services fields provided a great foundation for a career in Human Resources and an example of her work ethics and service-oriented focus.

Kayla is the co-chair of DSHA’s Employee Events Committee providing a key leadership role for approximately 7 team members. During that time, they have served the needs of families in shelters, the Delaware Foodbank, Habitat for Humanity and Milford Housing Development Corp builds, victims of natural disasters, homeless veterans, those receiving utility assistance, Toys for Tots, persons who live in low income housing, etc.

Prior to living in Delaware, Kayla spent many hours helping the community in Oklahoma. In High School, she was the President of the local chapter of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. This organization has a goal that aims to help youth in public and private schools with family bonds, careers, and participation in the community. In this organization, Kayla was in charge of running food drives, blood drives, and recruiting participants to actively get involved in helping the community.

She has worked on projects that involve training, staff development, and succession planning to assist with enhancing opportunities of those who might otherwise not have them.

Kayla serves on the board of DelMarVa Society for Human Resources Management as their treasurer and has played an active role since day 1 of her membership. Whether at work or as a volunteer, Kayla’s nature has been “What can I do to help?”

Kayla graduated early from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Human Resources Management with honors. It hasn’t stopped there. She is always focused on learning more and growing. Kayla gives others credit and is thankful for their contribution to her life, work, education, etc.

She is a great example for others and with continued growth at this level will be a valued asset for any organization or initiative that she puts her mind to pursuing.