

OUR VOICES

GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERS AS
THEY SHARE THEIR PASSION, WISDOM, AND GOALS.

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FSBA LEADERSHIP ROLES

April Griffin has served in many roles for the Florida School Boards Association including sitting on the Multicultural and Diversity, Professional Development, Nominating, Legislative, Long-Range Planning committees. In addition, Mrs. Griffin moved up the ranks of Executive Office, serving as president in 2017-18.

PERSONAL

April was born in Sanford, Florida and her parents and grandpa were all native Floridians. She moved to Gainesville, FL in 1982 to attend the University of Florida, taught school until her children were born, and remains a "domestic goddess" in Alachua County. I have been married to Kevin Griffin for 32 years. We have 3 sons, Stephen, 29, Thomas, 27 and Andrew 24.

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WHAT GOALS DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE DURING YOUR TERM?

I would like to finish the projects that I've started. I also want to leave the district in better shape than it was when I began.

DESCRIBE A TEACHER OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHO IMPACTED YOUR LIFE:

I went to High School at the school where my grandfather was principal for many years. A lot of the faculty worked for my grandfather. There were many that had an influence on me. Mrs. Swain, my English teacher, was a big influence and taught me that doing something excellent the first time solves problems and that if someone is an expert, let them help you.

WHAT STRENGTH DO YOU BRING TO YOUR BOARD?

I am able to connect people together, I am also good at compromise

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER TO NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS?

Family comes first. Take care of yourself and your family and the rest will fall into place.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE:

I have many but the one that I share with all of our beginning teachers is:

"To the world you may be just one person...but to one person you may be the world!"

IS THERE ANY FACT ABOUT YOU THAT MEMBERS WOULD FIND SURPRISING?

I grew up hunting with my dad. I've "bagged" deer, antelope, mule deer and jackelope!

WHAT DO YOU FIND TO BE THE BEST AND HARDEST PART ABOUT BEING A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?

The politics and "games" that are played can be hard. Sometimes it is difficult to see all perspectives. On the brighter side, I get to see the best of our schools and share the fabulous things that are happening across our district and state.

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