



Christopher Beardsley (Rwanda 2016-2018)

Delaware Senate's 14th District

Election date: Lost in Sep 15, 2026 primary

Campaign website:

<https://www.beardsleyfordelaware.com/>

Chris Beardsley is a proud Delawarean, a former Federal employee, Peace Corps volunteer, and Americorps member running for State Senate because you deserve leaders who understand how the decisions they make impact all of us.

Delaware has given Beardsley a lot, and he's spent his life trying to give back. That commitment is

something he carried beyond Delaware and to the rest of the world. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Rwanda from 2016 to 2018, he lived in the community, learned the language, and built friendships that have lasted years. As a Fulbright Scholar in South Africa in 2020, he deepened his understanding of how historical injustice shapes the present. Both experiences left him with a profound sense of gratitude and accountability.

When COVID-19 hit, that accountability became urgent. As an AmeriCorps member and Safe Return to School Coordinator with Colonial School District, he connected students to learning pods, developed focus groups for Black and Brown teachers facing high attrition, and created a district-wide workgroup supporting LGBTQIA+ students.

From 2021 to 2023, he attended Syracuse University, earning a dual master's in Public Administration and International Relations. Beardsley also participated in the National Security Education Program in Tanzania, where he lived in Arusha and studied Swahili, reinforcing his belief in the power of community connection. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Homelessness has touched his own family, so this work was personal.