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### **America United for Inaugural Week!**

After four long years, we have finally arrived at the Inauguration Week and look forward to celebrating President Elect Biden and Vice President Elect Harris. Today is the United We Serve National Day of Service. Here in Missouri, we're proud of our local Democratic Clubs who are doing service activities today and this week, such as the Jefferson Township Democrats in St. Louis and the Heartland for Progress group in Kansas City. Join a Day of Service event [here](#).

[Head over to the Missouri Democratic Party's webstore to pick up your inaugural](#)



[merchandise!](#)



Join us Wednesday evening for a midwestern inaugural event to celebrate with fellow Missourians and Kansans after Biden and Harris are inaugurated! [Tickets are only \\$10 - sign up here.](#)

Find out about other Inauguration Events at [BidenInaugural.org](https://BidenInaugural.org). We also suggest [signing up for DemList updates](#) as they send out many helpful nationally oriented updates.

### **Missouri Democratic Party on Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

As we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Missouri Democratic Party Chairman Michael Butler released the following statement:

“This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we must reaffirm our belief that Black lives matter. We must commit ourselves to making sure that every American’s rights to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness are protected.

What we’ve seen across our country, protesting the disproportionate attacks on those same rights of Black Americans by systemic racism and outright white supremacy, and the vilifying done towards those protests, shows how far we still have to go to achieve equity and equality for all.

From the criminal justice system to healthcare inequities that have been even further exaggerated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the systemic inequalities facing Black Americans must be addressed.

We cannot stand by and let white supremacy reign, and we must take action to ensure it is no longer tolerated.”

### **Happy Birthday to our Chairman, Michael Butler!**

We wish our recently elected Missouri Democratic Party Chairman, Michael Butler, a wonderful and well birthday tomorrow, January 19th. While we wish we were joined together in D.C. this week to celebrate Mike’s birthday while seeing President Biden and Vice President Harris be inaugurated, we will be together in spirit at home. [Will you help us surprise Michael](#)

[with a recurring donation to help build our Missouri Democratic Party? Chip in any amount and we'll sign your name onto his birthday card!](#)

## **National News - Jaime Harrison tapped as DNC Chair & DNC Meeting This Week**

Last week President-elect Joe Biden announced his recommendation for the next Democratic National Committee Chair (DNC) - former South Carolina Chair and recent U.S. Senate candidate Jaime Harrison. I believe Jaime will serve state parties especially well as he understands what it takes and means to lead a state party and has shown long term dedication to building the Democratic Party from the ground up.

This week your Missouri Democratic Party leadership will (virtually) attend the winter DNC meeting to elect new DNC leadership and the winter ASDC (Association of State Democratic Parties) quarterly meeting to elect new ASDC leadership. We're proud of our leadership who are advocating for Missouri on the national stage and support them in their quest to bring more attention and resources to Missouri over the next two to four years. Our Missouri DNC members, who were elected by our state delegation at our convention last summer or recently elected by our state committee members, are MDP Chair Michael Butler, MDP Vice Chair Genevieve Williams, Representative Cori Bush, Nanda Nunnally-Sparks, Freddie Doss, Brian Wahby (DNC at-large appointee), and Cindy Jenks (DNC member by way of President of the Federated Democratic Women's Club). This is the most diverse group of Missourians we've had representing us at the national level and they will represent us well this week at the DNC and ASDC!

### Nominated DNC Officers by President Elect Joe Biden

DNC Chair: Jaime Harrison

Vice Chair of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection: Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms (GA)

Vice Chair: Governor Gretchen Whitmer (MI)

Vice Chair: Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)

Vice Chair: Congressman Filemon Vela Jr. (TX)

Secretary: Jason Rae (WI)

Treasurer: Virginia McGregor (PA)

National Finance Chair: Chris Korge (FL)

President, Association of State Democratic Chairs: TBD

## **VAN Trainings**

Are you a local or state committee member, candidate, or someone else who'd like to use VAN? Sign up for our weekly VAN training with yours truly by [clicking here](#). VAN training will be every Thursday evening starting at 6pm. We'll tailor each week's training to the group who attends and will go over basics to intermediate and expert level functions. As a reminder, if you need to get set up with VAN, email [VANsupport@missouridems.org](mailto:VANsupport@missouridems.org) and be sure to check

out our VAN and data resources webpage at [www.missouridemocrats.org/data-resources](http://www.missouridemocrats.org/data-resources) for training materials, VAN user agreements, pricing and policies, etc.

## Josh Hawley Is A Traitor

There's no lack of content to talk about when it comes to our seditious U.S. Senator Josh Hawley, who we are already gearing up to defeat in 2024 while knowing our more immediate focus must be beating Senator Roy Blunt in 2022.

Are you fired up about Hawley? [Help us build the resources to defeat him by buying some of our merchandise that knocks on him!](#)



We got some national attention last week as the [Lincoln Project made Hawley enemy #1](#) (thank you Lincoln Project for helping us raise money!).



## New Ideas for MDP?

Do you have ideas for the Missouri Democratic Party? Want to join our new Ideas Committee? Head to <http://missouridemocrats.org/ideas> and fill out our form.

## January Activist Challenge

The monthly Democratic Activist Challenge is designed to build infrastructure for Democratic campaigns and organizations through grassroots engagement. Are you ready to accept the challenge, and help elect Democrats up and down the ballot?!

We are starting off our new Activist Challenge Training Spotlight with a subject that is core to building our Democratic infrastructure. Learn more below

- Spotlight Training: Review our "Building your County Party Infrastructure" video to learn how you can build and strengthen your local organizations to ensure that your teams remain ready to support Democratic candidates.
  - To access this training, sign up for our [BPI Victory Vault](#) (new members added each Wednesday). If you are already a member and need a refresher on how to access the BPI Victory Vault, review our [instructions](#).
  - Once in the Victory Vault, open the folder labeled, "Campaigning During COVID-19"
  - Find the training video titled, "TBPP Organizational Stability- Building your County Party Infrastructure"
- After reviewing the training video, identify at least one new idea to implement within your local organization.
- Once you've completed the challenge, take a selfie and create a post on social media that includes the following information:
  - Missouri & your city/town/area
  - A brief explanation of how you completed this month's challenge
  - The hashtag "#BPItraining"
  - And don't forget to tag "[@MODemParty](#)" and "[@TheDemocrats](#)"

## Looking for your first or next political job?

The [DNC Talent Bank](#) is a resource to help state parties and campaigns find the best applicants for a wide range of positions, from field organizers to digital directors to communications staff, and more.

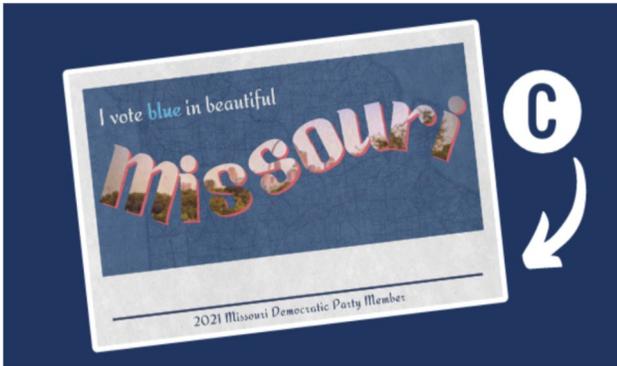
If you are interested in pursuing a campaign position, please sign up for the DNC Talent Bank in order to receive information on available positions and other career opportunities. All levels of experience and fields of interest are encouraged to apply.

Also check out [LeadMO](#) and [HiredUpMissouri](#)

## 2021 Membership Drive!

We held an online election last month to choose our 2021 membership card and the "I vote blue in beautiful Missouri" card one won! We're now in our 2021 Membership Drive. Membership dues are due for committee members (state and local) and elected officials, and optional for other Missouri Democrats.

If you have any questions or if you're unable to pay due to hardship reasons, please let us know at [info@missouridems.org](mailto:info@missouridems.org).



### Membership Dues

U.S. Congress & Statewide Offices: \$1,000

Executive Committee Member: \$500

DNC Member: \$500

State Committee Member: \$200

State Representatives & State Senators: \$100

County and City Elected Officials: \$50

General Party Members: \$35

General Party Members Youth (35 & under) & Senior Rate (65+): \$25

[You may pay online here](#) or by mail to: Missouri Democratic Party: 4218 Roanoke Rd., Suite 306, Kansas City, MO 64111

### **We Need YOU to Run for Local Office! - DEADLINE TOMORROW**

We're building power from the ground up by heavily recruiting for 1,500 local offices all over the state. MDP is partnering with "Contest Every Race" to recruit Democrats to run for school board, county commissioner, assessor, city council, board of aldermen, and many more.

The filing deadline to run is coming up quick TOMORROW, January 19th and the spring elections will be here before you know it. Check out all our resources for folks considering a run for office [here](#). If you have questions about running, it's probably because we recently texted you to ask if you'd consider running for office. Feel free to just text us back and we'll answer your questions!

## NDTC Training Guide for Local Leaders

The National Democratic Training Committee has compiled a handful of resources specific to Local Leaders (like you!) to assist with planning, evaluating, and growing your organization into a well-oiled, Democrat-electing machine.

[As your club or committee are gearing up to make improvements, check out their guide!](#)

## Find Your Local Democratic Club

We all know politics is local, so if you haven't gotten involved with your local-level Democratic club, [check out our new Local Clubs page on our website to get connected!](#)

If your active club isn't on our page yet, shoot us an email with your contact info, name of president, and website or social media accounts to [info@missouridems.org](mailto:info@missouridems.org) and we'll make sure supporters can find you!

## Dressed to Chill

Stay cozy, show off your politics, and support the Missouri Democratic Party all winter long! [Check out our merch store today!](#)



## Run a Better County Committee or Democratic Club!

MDP's County Committee Manual is a 60-page comprehensive guide for Central Committees and Clubs. Topics include: goal-setting, how to organize and run meetings, manage conflicts, how to run phone banks, how to recruit volunteers, how to be active online, and tons more.

If you're involved in a committee or club, take your organization to the next level by [utilizing these resources](#).

## We Have Online Training Resources for You!

The "Portal" is the MDP's online library of resources where you'll find training docs, guides, and best practices for candidates, county committee members, volunteers, and staff. Get trained up today and make an impact in your community!

[Access the portal here](#) but please allow a couple of days for approval as MDP staff vets all requests to make sure everyone accessing our materials is a Democrat in good standing.

### **Submit Your Event!**

Is your club, committee, or allied group hosting an event? Let us know so we can publicize it on our website. A sense of community is even more important these days as we're staying home and not gathering together in person. [Submit your event here!](#)

### **Community COVID Testing Events**

The Missouri Dept. of Health & Senior Services offers free coronavirus testing pop-ups in communities both urban and rural all across the state. [Find one near you here and stay safe!](#)

### **Stay in Touch!**

Don't forget to follow the Missouri Democratic Party on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)! Know folks who might want to receive this newsletter? Get them signed up [here](#)!

### **IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS**

- 1/19 - Filing Deadline for spring municipal races. [Interested in running?!](#)
- 1/20 - Inauguration Day! -- [join MO & KS Democrats for our Inaugural Reception!](#)

Happy Inauguration Week!

Onward,

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