

April 15th- Colmon Elridge- Executive Assistant to the Governor- “Who’s Problem is it Anyways?....Addressing the Kentucky Drop Out issue.

In December of 2007, Colmon was appointed Executive Assistant to Governor Steve Beshear and Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Faith Based Initiatives, and is at 27, the youngest Executive Director for the White House Faith Based Initiatives in the nation.

Colmon is from Cynthiana, Kentucky and attended Transylvania University receiving his degree in History with a minor in Education, Eastern Kentucky University where he pursued a Master’s in Public Administration, and Sullivan University where he received his Masters Degree in Business Administration.

Colmon is a highly decorated speaker and has traveled across the nation delivering a message of strength in our moments of weakness and humility in our moments of strength. In August of 2007 he was asked by then Senator Barack Obama to introduce him in his maiden address as a Presidential candidate to the people of Kentucky.

Recently Colmon was named, in conjunction with his current duties, Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Beshear Administration. In this capacity Colmon is charged with the successful implementation of the Governor’s initiatives. From KCHIP expansion to helping grow Kentucky’s economic base, Colmon is working side-by-side with our Governor to renew Kentucky’s promise. Colmon will focus his discussion on the drop out prevention program the 1st Lady is spear-heading.

Colmon and his wife the former Victoria Hall, an Occupational Therapist, live in Lexington.