

After being raised on the Southside of Chicago, Representative April Berg moved to the Northwest to attend Oregon State University, where she was elected as the first Black and youngest student body president. Soon after, she was appointed by the governor of Oregon as a student representative to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. Today, she is the first Black woman to represent the 44th District of Washington in the State House of Representatives.

Rep. Berg is a former small business owner, former Mill Creek Planning Commissioner, has worked in aerospace as a Boeing Project Manager, and has served on the Edmonds School Board. Currently, she is an Everett School Board Director, where she has pushed for updated textbooks, better technology, vocational education, and has helped families get through the COVID-19 school closures. In many ways, Rep. Berg’s background and story reflect the 44th  —  a believer in great public schools, paired with an understanding of small business and community building.

Rep. Berg and her husband have lived in Snohomish County for more than 20 years and have six children — two of whom have graduated UW, two attending WWU, and two who are in high school in the Everett School District.