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## Collese Morris

Collese Morris Evans is currently the Senior Vice President of Property Management for the City of Wilmington Housing Authority, NC (WHA).

After graduating from high school, she attended Miller-Motte Community College, where she took classes in basic accounting. In 2001, she attended Cape Fear Community College (CFCC) and obtained a certificate as a Computerized Office Specialist. Collese has always had a heart for serving and giving back. So, when the opportunity arose to pursue a career at the Housing Authority, she was excited to come on board. She took pride in knowing she would have the opportunity to serve, empower, and give back to the community where she grew up, which had given so much to her. She has always been driven to offer her time, knowledge, contributions, compassion, and sometimes even a shoulder, to those in need of encouragement, a helping hand, a second chance, a new outlook, or a brighter disposition. Collese values family, faith, integrity, trust, and, just as importantly, a child's upbringing. Central to her mission is seeing change in how low-income housing and the people who depend on it are perceived.

Throughout her 22-year career with WHA, she has served in many positions, including HR Administrative Assistant, Assistant Property Manager, and Tenant Selector Coordinator. She also holds training and certifications in Public Housing Management, Occupancy Specialist for Public Housing, Fair Housing Training, and certifications in EIV for Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. By holding various positions and acquiring training and certifications, Collese has been able to expand her skill set, expertise, and understanding of what role would allow her to serve the company and the community more effectively. This path has led her to her current position as Senior Vice President.

Her most recent philosophy for addressing challenges in the work environment and with residents is to "get back to the root." She believes that doing so will restore the core values that may have been lost amidst the changes happening in the world and in people's personal lives.

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