

## Kendall Qualls – BIO 2022

Kendall Qualls is a former Republican Candidate for Governor of Minnesota and was recently reinstated as President of 'TakeCharge'.

'TakeCharge' strives to unite Americans, regardless of background, toward a shared history and common set of beliefs. At 'TakeCharge', they celebrate the promise of America and that the American dream can be achieved by anyone regardless of race or social standing in life.

Mr. Qualls has a unique vantage point to convey that message and to plant the seeds of change desperately needed. During his childhood, Mr. Qualls lived with his divorced mother and siblings in public housing projects of Harlem, NY in the late 1960s. Before middle school, Mr. Qualls left NYC to live with his father who lived in a trailer park in Oklahoma. Neither of his parents finished high school. Despite the challenges and turmoil of his early life, Mr. Qualls worked full-time to pay for college, served as an officer in the U.S. Army, earned three graduate degrees including an MBA from the University of Michigan. He worked his way up the ranks at several Fortune 100 healthcare companies before he became Global Vice President of an \$850M business unit. Mr. Qualls champions the principles of meritocracy and supports the notion that free enterprise, and the private sector are the fastest and most equitable way to lift people from poverty to prosperity.

Mr. Qualls has been married to his wife, Sheila, for 36-years and they have five children together. He was a mentor at Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. He served on the Board for Lundstrum's Performing Arts Center in North Minneapolis as well as Hope Farm School, a school for at-risk boys from Minneapolis.

Mr. Qualls has appeared as a guest on Fox & Friends, The Tucker Carlson Show, America's Newsroom with Bill Hemmer, The Dennis Prager Show, Fearless with Jason Whitlock, and Minnesota's own Garage Logic with Joe Soucheray.

Mr. Qualls' articles have been published in the Washington Times, The Federalist, Real Clear Politics, The Christian Post, the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and Alpha News.