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April Arnold is a values-driven leader with a strong focus on fundraising and marketing to secure resources, build brand awareness and structure solid partnerships. With more than 30 years of experience on an institutional level in the areas of development, fundraising, marketing and external relations, she pushes for inclusion, integration, and collaboration with the goal to impact students better at the schools we serve.

Serving recently as consultant and operations director, April has experience with corporate and foundation relations working collaboratively across units to build stronger engagement opportunities for major gift prospects and donors. Working in higher education fundraising for more than a decade at Northern Illinois University and Elmhurst University, April also has significant administrative experience in the field of arts and culture.

Previous leadership positions were held at the DuPage Children's Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, Arts Alliance Illinois and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She has consulted for various nonprofit organizations in the areas of management marketing, and fundraising.

She currently serves on the board of directors for Metropolitan Family Services of DuPage. A first-generation college student and graduate of Northern Illinois University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, April enjoys regular adventures with family and friends that include outdoor activities, travel, food, museums, music, theater and art.