

Candidate Statement

Name: Kaitlyn Kennedy

Chapter: Saxony

Position: Chair

Gender: Female



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Originally from Houston, Texas, I have lived in Germany since 2015 and Leipzig since March 2020. I resided in Osnabrück while pursuing my M.A. in International Migration and Intercultural Relations. There, I became involved with Democrats Abroad as a member of the Münster-Osnabrück chapter. I appreciated the relationships I formed through DA and the ability to engage in the American political process while living abroad, particularly in the fraught times we witnessed since 2015.

In 2018, I fell in love with Leipzig, my hometown's sister city, and determined to move as soon as I graduated. When DA leaders began to discuss running in-person primary voting centers, I volunteered to lead one in Leipzig. Unsure what to expect, I held a first meeting to survey interest among Americans in the area. It was so energizing to see how many people came to that meeting and the high level of motivation we shared to make a difference in 2020.

After that meeting, we formalized the DA Leipzig-Halle precinct. I served as Precinct Captain and have acted as Chapter Chair since DA Saxony's inception in July 2020. In this difficult year, it has been a great joy and honor to work together with such a dedicated group of volunteers to get out the vote at our own primary voting centers, as well as for the general election and Georgia Senate runoffs. I am thankful to all the volunteers and friends who made this journey so meaningful.

Going forward, based on conversations with our members, my vision for the chapter is to create a space for community building and discussion surrounding key political issues, drawing on the expertise we have reflected within our own membership. We would like to expand our outreach across Saxony and surrounding areas to lay a strong foundation for getting out the vote in 2022. We also want to educate ourselves on various political topics while working to ensure the current administration reflects our values and acts for the good of our communities – in the United States and abroad.