

# Profile



## Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver

### 27TH DISTRICT

*Columbia, Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland and Snyder Counties*

State Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver was elected to serve the residents of the 27th District in a special election in January 2023. She replaced former Sen. John Gordner, who stepped down to accept a position in the office of Pennsylvania's first female Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward (R-39).

Lynda previously was elected to serve seven terms representing the people in the 108th District in the state House of Representatives.

Lynda is a lifelong resident of Northumberland County. She has dedicated her life to serving others, including family, friends and the broader community.

She served for more than 20 years as the staff leader in the office of former state Rep. Merle Phillips. Lynda learned during that time about the inner workings of state and local government, while she simultaneously provided timely and reliable constituent services to residents who turned to the office for help.

Lynda has extended her dedication to service beyond her work as a state representative and senator. She also offers her time and talents to many local community organizations, including the Early Learning Investment Committee, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Central PA Chamber of Commerce, the Community Giving Foundation, Everyone's Playground Advisory Council and the United Way of Pennsylvania. Lynda also serves as a member of the advisory board for The Salvation Army of Sunbury, as well as the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Lynda is honored to have been the recipient of several different awards including: Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); the 2021 "Advocate for Excellence" award from the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) in PA Initiative to change the future for all children in Pennsylvania with Autism Spectrum Disorder; the 2020 Start Strong PA Legislative Champion Award; the 2017 Pre-K for PA Champion Award; the 2017 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America; the 2015 Adam Smith Distinguished Leadership Award from Economics PA; the 2014 Dan Foss Heritage Award from the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, the 2012 Charles H. Coder Leadership in Entrepreneurial Innovation Award from the Bucknell University Small Business Development Center; the 2012 Guy Temple Award from Leadership Susquehanna Valley; and the 2011 Soroptimist International Ruby Award.

Lynda is a Shikellamy High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a concentration in public administration from Bloomsburg University. She also is a graduate of the Leadership Susquehanna Valley Program.

Lynda lives in Rockefeller Township with her husband, Tom, and their dog, Rooney. They have an adult son, Joshua. The family is active at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Sunbury.

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