

Jeff hails from Washington State where he graduated from Richland High School in 2001 and went on to attend Central Washington University. During his time at CWU he was actively involved in residence life serving as a resident assistant for 3 years and later becoming a student government representative for 2 years. He graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor's of Science in Community Health Education. Jeff attended graduate school at Colorado State University and graduated in 2009 with his Masters of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education. After graduation from CSU Jeff started his professional journey at Montana State University Billings where he serves as the Associate Dean of Students.



Among his primary roles Jeff also serves works with Student Conduct, Housing & Residential Life, the Office for Community Involvement, and Parent & Family Programs. Jeff has served in a variety of regional leadership roles and has presented nationally and regionally on several topics including leadership, motivation techniques, and networking.

Learning from an early age that he was part of a larger world Jeff is a prime example of service to humanity within his community. He has served as a Big Brother for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Yellowstone County for six years and received the Big Brother of the Year award in 2015. For the past 16 years Jeff has served as volunteer Little League umpire for four communities in three states.

Understanding that leadership development in a variety of ways Jeff has recently expanded his portfolio by becoming a member of the US Jaycees in 2014. Through program planning and individual development Jeff has grown in new ways as a leader. During his time in the organization Jeff served on the local and state executive teams, as a state program manager, and has presented trainings in areas of leadership. Additionally, Jeff was recently named as the Montana state "Most Energetic Jaycee" in 2015 after recruiting record numbers of new members in various chapters. Jeff is a JCI Certified trainer on several topics.

Throughout his educational endeavors, Jeff has always had a strong interest and passion to mentor individuals. He has demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills and has worked one-on-one and with diverse groups of people. Being named one of Billings, Montana's 2015 40 Under 40 and living by the mantra given to him by his grandfather "Step up, work hard, and make a difference" Jeff is committed to the success of this he connects with and works to building intentional relationships that help develop great leaders.