

Bobcat Pilot Mentoring Bios

Jeren Starr

Jeren Starr grew up on the Hi-Line in Shelby, Montana where he played sports, enjoyed life in a small town and worked throughout high school to save for college. After weighing the decision of in-state colleges, he landed on Carroll because he didn't want to get lost in the masses at a larger school, nor did he want to relive high school by following too many classmates to another school. At Carroll, Jeren double majored while working close to full time to pay for college. Jeren spent the the last 11 years of his professional life pursuing careers in banking and, more recently, real estate development. He realized early on that, even when times seem difficult or you may have an uphill battle, life doesn't get easier without handwork and determination. The necessity of working to create an enjoyable, more comfortable life is a common thread that many people are tasked with.

Angie Johnson

Angie grew up in Sidney, Montana playing sports and helping her dad on the family farm. She attended Montana State University and studied Business with an emphasis in Accounting. While attending MSU, Angie began working at a community bank and has been in banking since 1997. Currently, she's a commercial loan officer and Assistant Branch Manager at Stockman Bank. Angie is married with two teenage daughters who keep her busy. When she's not working, you can find her on a trail with her two dogs taking in the beautiful Gallatin Valley scenery.

Cody Clausen

Cody is a husband and proud father of a 2 year old boy and a 4 month old girl. He is currently the Human Resources Director and Sales Manager for Buffalo Restoration in Bozeman. He oversees two departments and focuses on Management, Leadership and Team Member Development; Employment Law; Strategic Thinking/Planning; and Data Analytics. His hope is that his small-town upbringing (MT born and raised) will allow for a connection to students and show them that they too can create a successful career path. He brings passion and energy and hopes to truly make an impact in their daily and professional lives. He is incredibly thankful and humbled for the opportunity to share his knowledge and life experiences. GO CATS!

Chase Peterson

Chase Peterson is a Certified Public Accountant with Amatics CPA Group, a local accounting firm in Bozeman. Chase was born and raised in Plentywood, Montana, a town of roughly 1,500 people. Coming from a town this small, Chase understands that it can be difficult to acclimate to the booming Gallatin Valley. Chase moved to Bozeman after graduating high school and eventually graduated from MSU with a B.S. in Accounting and Master's of Professional Accountancy. Chase lives in Bozeman with his wife and daughter. Outside of spending time with his family and friends, Chase enjoys hiking, camping, hunting, golfing, working on classic cars, and supporting Bobcat athletics.

Carl Nystuen

Carl is a Montana native, born and raised throughout the state before moving to Bozeman in 2007. After completing a successful college career at Montana State University, where he earned a triple-major in business and competed for the Bobcat Cross Country and Track Team, Carl began his career as a Financial Advisor with D.A. Davidson in 2011. Today he continues his involvement in the Bozeman community through his work as a board member with the Museum of the Rockies, Jake Jabs College of Business and the Montana Chamber Foundation. Carl's family has deep roots in the state of Montana, from Miles City to the Flathead Valley, where his family still resides. Carl and his wife Hillary can be found spending their spare time on the waters of Flathead Lake in the summer, ski slopes of Big Sky in the winter and the trails of the Gallatin Valley running and mountain biking throughout the year.

Lou Saucedo

Lou was born and raised in Long beach, CA. He studied sociology at MSU. Currently, he is a Sales Rep at Ressler Motors (celebrating 9 years now!). Prior to that he was a police officer in Bozeman. He believes his very non-traditional experiences and life story will allow him to connect to the students he mentors. Being a man of color in Montana, his story is a little different. His path to where he is today is different. He is excited to share these stories and experiences with the hope that someone hears something that helps them.

Mike Waterman

Raised in Colorado, Mike attended Colorado State University where he earned his undergrad degree in finance and met his wife, Lisa. After graduation, he worked as VP at FirstBank in Colorado while earning his Master's Degree at the University of Colorado. In 2002, he moved to Helena, where he began his career in public school finance at the Montana Office of Public Instruction. In 2007, he moved to Lewistown, Montana, where he served as the District Business Manager. He remained there until he was offered what is now his current position as the Executive Director of Business and Operations for the Bozeman School District in 2012. Mike and his wife celebrated their 26th anniversary this August. He has three children: Laura (22, a senior at MSU), Daniel (20, a junior at Boise State), and our caboose, Meredith (12, at 7th grader at Sacajawea Middle School here in Bozeman). In his free time, he used to enjoy fishing, hunting, and camping, but it now appears he prefers home improvement projects and sitting on hard plastic bleachers watching middle school volleyball.

Chase Rose

Chase is a 5th generation Montanan who has spent his entire professional life in nonprofit fundraising. Over the past few years, Chase has worked with Bannack clients to secure nearly \$100M in charitable gifts across Montana. Bannack now employs a team of 10 consultants who specialize in compliance, grant writing, prospect research and fundraising. Formerly, Chase was a Development Officer for Montana State University Alumni Foundation, managing the east coast. He is abundantly thankful for opportunities outside the classroom while at MSU and dedicated to doing anything he can to help current students find opportunities that helps advance them. In his free time, Chase is a "total ski bum" and a private pilot since he was 17.

Ember Erickson

Ember grew up in Lolo, MT and traded her Griz colors for blue & gold when she came to MSU in 2007. She graduated with a degree in Business Marketing and went on to build her career in marketing over the next decade, covering everything from tourism to media and finding her niche in SaaS marketing & sales. Ember is currently the Co-Founder & Head of Revenue for commercial real estate technology company, Bipoxi, with investors that include VC veterans like Greycroft and RPM Ventures & strategic backing from The National Association of Realtors, Newmark and others. Ember lives in Bozeman with her husband Tyler - a Livingston native - and two dogs. When she's not working, she spends her time skiing, biking, golfing and generally living the Bozeman dream.

Mandy Dedge

Though born and raised in North Dakota, Mandy spent many years in Big Sky country learning to ski and love Montana. She moved to Bozeman in 2005 after attending university in Minnesota and living in New Zealand. She has been with Riverside Country Club for the last 17 years and held a variety of positions from Pool Manager to Director of Membership and Marketing. Her strengths lie in problem solving and seeing the possibilities in the impossible as well as networking and public relations. She is happily married to her husband Mike and has 2 wonderful children: Dottie and Eddie. Her hobbies include entertaining friends and family, skiing, golfing, and spending time with the kiddos. She also loves house renovations and queso!