

Ryan Starks - BIO



Ryan Starks is the Executive Director of Wasatch County Economic Development—an organization that oversees the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, Heber Valley Tourism, and numerous other economic development programs.

Ryan teaches as an adjunct professor in BYU's Marriott School of Business. Ryan previously worked in the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development and later in the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Ryan earned his bachelor's degree from Weber State University where he served as student body president. In 2011, he received his Master of Public Administration degree from BYU.

During his time at BYU, Ryan completed an internship at the GAO in Washington, DC and studied abroad in Ghana. Later, he earned a professional certificate in economic development from the University of Oklahoma.

Ryan serves on various public and non-profit boards, including the Utah State Parks and Recreation board of directors, the Utah Office of Tourism board of directors, the Heber Valley Rail Road board of directors, the Heber Valley Western Music and Cowboy Poetry board of directors, and the Wasatch Community Foundation.

Ryan and his wife Amy live in the beautiful Heber Valley and stay busy raising their three sons and one daughter.