

Nicholas Montoya, Parks and Recreation Director – City of Mesquite

Meet Nicholas Montoya! Nicholas started working for the City of Mesquite in 1997 of October, so it will be 22 year's in October. He started in the parks Dept after studying at SUSC and Dixie State. He was on an Athletic scholarship for football. Playing 3 years and not playing the 4th year due to an ankle and knee injurie, finishing up his general associate of science degree. He moved to Mesquite to start working at a local casino and started working for the City as a part time job, it moved to full time in the parks, so he took it.

In 2002, Nicholas married Stephanie and they had two amazing kids, Brooklin (14) Mason (12). They love being out doors if it's hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, golfing, riding 4 wheelers/razors, shooting trap or skeet or just relaxing and doing some camping.

Some of the things that Nicholas enjoys is teaching Hunter safety for the Nevada Department of Wildlife (ndow), part time of course, 6-10 classes a year. Coaching his son's USA tackle football and travel baseball team the (Diamond Dawgz). He is the vice president of our local Little league in Mesquite. He is set on a few local youth boards and CCSD the SOT and CEAB boards and has coached high school football for several years for VVHS. He has received his certification from the USOC in youth and high school wrestling, He has helped coach the local youth group and high school in the past. He really loves spending time with his family!!!

Nicholas has moved up within the city over the years from parks maintenance, recreation & pool coordinator. Recreation & parks coordinator, recreation supervisor, in 2005 he finished his business degree, emphasis on public administration from CSN in Las Vegas, Nevada and in 2011 he was promoted to Associate Director of Athletics and Leisure Services for the City of Mesquite, he has his CPO, AFO and just recently added the NYSA certification.

In 2015 Nicholas applied for the directors position for the City of Mesquite and in July 2015, he was appointed to the position by City Council and City Manager. Some things he is doing now is working on his CPRP along with some additional certifications, teaching CPR, AED and First Aid for American Red Cross.

He was a recipient of the diversity scholarship in 2010 for the NRPA, it was awarded to 50 applicants in the nation out of 10,000 applicants, it was a great honor and an amazing conference.

This is Nicholas's second time to be on the State board for NRPS and it's great to work with all these amazing people and the society, especially seeing the passion of the younger staffers and the hard work they put in; the future is really looking bright. Looking forward to the future and finishing up his career with in the NRPS and the community he loves and to help set the organization up for more success down the road.

