PIFP Mentor Profile

Name: Brian Kates

How would you like fellows to contact you?
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CC graduation year: 1993

Other education: MA, Counseling and Human Services, UCCS

Current employment position: Facility Director, Meadows Park Community Center, City of Colorado Springs

Experience/areas of interest: Facility management, programming for all ages/abilities, fundraising, community engagement, recreation, public health, sustainability, grant writing, special events, politics, multi-sectoral collaboration.

Why have you chosen to work in (or support) the nonprofit sector?
Nonprofit work has afforded me the opportunity to be involved with efforts that create impactful change to local individuals and the greater community. Working as a public servant is highly rewarding, equally challenging and utilizes the liberal arts approach first introduced to me while an undergraduate student at Colorado College.

Why have you chosen to be a PIFP mentor? My desire and hope is to engage with current students who have an interest in the nonprofit world and provide whatever support that I can to advance them as individuals and play a part in their guiding their transition from student to post student.

What’s your favorite book or movie? Book: Desert Solitaire, by Edward Abbey; Film: The Shining

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you? CC sent me to jail for four months and I loved every moment.