

JILLIAN MORRISSEY

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Summary

Cogent and relevant administrative executive leader with proven expertise in building strong, lasting relationships across government, tribal organizations, non-profits, and the press. Skilled in data-driven decision-making to develop effective, mission-focused solutions that create meaningful impact. Dedicated to developing highly effective teams that achieve results.

Experience

Community Development Director, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Palmer, Alaska – (2024-present)

- Member of executive administrative leadership team for local municipality
- Direct three government Divisions: Economic Development, Land and Resource Management, and Parks, Recreation and Libraries and the 100+ staff in the Department
- Develop, present and manage \$11M budget
- Serve on Borough Health Care Committee, AI Steering Committee, 2024 Arctic Winter Games Host Society and Ex-Officio Member Mat-Su Convention and Visitor Bureau Board

Chief Communications Officer, Mat-Su Borough School District (2017-2024)

Recruitment and Hiring Coordinator, Mat-Su Borough School District (2015-2017)

Palmer, Alaska

- Design and deliver communication strategies for MSBSD communities
- Government and public affairs liaison
- Actively recruit diverse and highly sought after candidates

Alaska Program Manager, Student Conservation Association

Anchorage, Alaska — 2011-2014

- Provide national leadership in partnership development, risk management + conservation skills
- Lead and manage daily operations of innovative inclusive initiative programs including all recruitment, on-boarding and retention
- Supervise and professionally train 100+ field staff and 200+ youth in conservation service leadership

Interim Community Education Director, Alaska Pacific University

Adjunct Faculty, Master of Science Outdoor and Environmental Education

Palmer, Alaska — 2010

- Developed a financially sustainable plan for the agricultural + outdoor education focused campus based on analysis of current operations and income streams
- Provide management for a satellite campus and its staff
- Created community educational programs for all Mat-Su residents

Executive Director, Alaska Trails

Anchorage, Alaska — 2007-2009

- Director of financially successful non-profit with a \$500K budget in charge of strategic planning, fundraising and program implementation
- Built statewide trail coalition with federal, state, local agencies, non-profits and contractors
- Provided statewide leadership for trails education and advocacy

Corps Director, SAGA Youth and Young Adult Service Corps

Juneau, Alaska — 2005-2007

- Provided leadership for 7 field staff and 100 AmeriCorps members in workforce development
- Developed and managed \$1M in partnership agreements with federal, state and local agencies
- Awarded the Excellence in Corps Operations (ECO) from the Corps Network

Field Leader, Student Conservation Association

Charlestown, New Hampshire — 1999-2005

- Facilitated 30-35 day backcountry trail crews for 8-10 high school volunteers in Alaska, Maine, Montana + Washington
- Served organization as a senior field staff mentoring new leaders
- Worked as an ambassador + advocate for youth

Education

Audubon Expedition Institute at Lesley University

MS Environmental Education — 2002

Antioch College

BA Spanish — 1999

Awards

The Bert Hall Award 2021

Mat-Su Health Foundation

'For achieving monumental heights in community service on behalf of a healthier Mat-Su'

Northwest Regional Emmy 2019

Community/Public Service (PSA's) Video

'Families in Transition - MSBSD Federal Programs'

Hector Gandara Award 2013

US Forest Service

'Exceptional service to the public, excellent teamwork achieved both internally and externally, and the dedication and tenacity of Alaska Region employees and partners'