

NEW MEMBER PROFILES



URBAN MANAGEMENT ASSISTANTS OF NORTH TEXAS

Name: Jared DeVries



City/Entity: City of Haslet

Title: Certified Permit Technician

What led you to this career?

I have always loved the idea of cities and the idea that people visit cities to work, live, eat and shop. I was interested in working for cities when I realized that I loved playing video games like SimCity and Cities: Skylines. I thought it would be so cool if I could do this as a career and after doing some research, I realized that I could!

What's one thing that surprised you about working in local government?

I was surprised by how different each day can be. One day we can be discussing plans about a pickle ball court at the park and the next day we can field calls about a closed roadway. Every day is a unique day in the work of local government!

So far, what's your proudest accomplishment in 2019?

My proudest accomplishment is being accepted into the MPA program at the University of North Texas.

What are you currently watching on Netflix?

Season 3 of The West Wing.

What energizes you outside of work?

Hanging out with my friends and family energizes me outside of work because they continually encourage me and lift me up. Walking and reading are also good activities that help me focus on my goals.

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

My birthday is the same as Harmon Dobson, the founder of Whataburger.

Who would play you in a movie about your life?

Jimmy Stewart

If you could be any animal, which would you be and why?

I would be the panda bear because they seem to be social and humble. I think they also have a strong spirit, as characterized by Jack Black's character in *Kung Fu Panda*.

If you could snap your fingers and become an expert in something, what would it be?

I would be an expert in organizational technique so that I could build systems that champion efficiency and simplicity while also being easy to use and understand!

What question should we have asked? What's the answer?

What are you currently reading? I just finished Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and am now reading *The Power Broker: The Fall of New York* by Robert Caro.