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Member Spotlight

Dr. James E. Jordan Jr.

Dr. James E. Jordan Jr. currently serves as the Director of the Program Assistance Division, he has over 20 years of experience working in the federal government. Dr. Jordan started his career supporting senior leaders and evaluating and mitigating risks through independent auditing for the U.S. Army Audit Agency including working with Company, Field and General Grade Officers at the Pentagon. Since then, Dr. Jordan has gained experience working in areas of financial management and accounting. The Rural Development Operation and Management Award and Abraham Lincoln Honor Award are just a few awards that Dr. Jordan has been the recipient of. Dr. Jordan holds a B.S. degree in Accounting from the University of Missouri – St. Louis, a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University and recently completed his Doctor of Business Administration from the University of Missouri, - St. Louis.

Dr. Jordan wrote his dissertation to assist with the current hiring and retaining of new and existing employees at USDA. Unknowingly, Dr. Jordan research aligned with the organization's goals of hiring new talent and encouraging employees to stay with the agency. With this research Dr. Jordan was able to make recommendations that were either low or no cost to the government. He continues to strive towards excellence in his commitment to serve and apply his knowledge. Dr. Jordan is inspired by continuous learning and being able to enhance his strengths and skills. As well, as being able to empower his staff by using tasks as learning tools and allowing and showing them how to work independently. A daily motivation for Dr. Jordan is having a sense of accomplishment when completing tasks. When presented with roadblocks Dr. Jordan stated that "switching gears and later reassessing a task," helps to bring forth new ideas. At the end of each day Dr. Jordan prepares for the next day, checking off progress made and creating a list of new tasks for the next day.

Impressively, Dr. Jordan has accomplished being one of the youngest Division Directors in his organization in addition to holding a doctorate degree. Even now with all he has accomplished he still sets goals; his current goal is focusing on the political landscape of government XXX. Dr. Jordan has shown that through determination, goals are attainable. Looking back Dr. Jordan would advise his younger self to focus more and to dig deeper into a variety of interests and hobbies and embrace time with age. Dr. Jordan believes that it is important to be accountable for your actions and taking responsibility for your actions to "analyze it and learn from it." He encourages our readers to be open to learning, trying new things and challenging themselves and to gain as many different experiences as possible personally and professionally. In addition, to being able to communicate well, figuring out your communication style with leadership and being adaptable. Dr. Jordan states to pay attention to the work environment and always try your best and have initiative.

Dr. Jordan is a board member of the AGA St. Louis chapter and supporter, he believes it is important to continue learning and that AGA offers a lot of different programs and knowledge articles that are worth reading and applying to work.