

GETTING TO KNOW

JAMISSON PARKER



Jamisson Parker serves Morrison clients in areas of grant writing, grant administration, and business and accounting advisory services. He brings his skills and experience in accounting and auditing to advise clients and effectively serve those seeking competitive grant funding and administering grant funded projects through the United States Department of Agriculture, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Energy Commission, and other granting agencies.

Jamisson brings over seven years of governmental accounting experience, with an emphasis in grants. Prior to joining the Morrison team, he worked as an accountant for Chico

Unified School District. In that role he assisted with budget preparation, oversight of the district's finances, and grant administration of federal, state, and local grants. Prior to that role, he worked for California State Parks as an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grants auditor performing program audits and leading educational workshops for governmental and non-profit organizations.

Jamisson is a graduate of California State University, Chico, where he earned a degree in business administration with an option in accounting. He also holds two associates degrees from Butte Community College in business administration and social and behavioral studies.



Q&A WITH JAMISSON

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE MOST IN THE FUTURE?

Growing old with my best friend, my wife. We are celebrating ten years of marriage this year and look forward to many more to come.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK HARD?

My children. I want to instill in them the meaning and satisfaction of hard work. The lesson I want them to learn is that it is more rewarding to work hard and earn something than for it to just be given to you.

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH THE MOST?

A good dad joke. Especially when the punchline is "a parent."

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

I like to collect hobbies. A few that I'm into right now are building and fixing things, learning how they work, and teaching my kids while I do so.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITION?

It is a Christmas tradition I took over from my grandpa. I'll go to the Dollar Tree and buy an assortment of items, enough for each member of the family attending on Christmas Eve. I wrap the items and walk around letting each person pick one gift, going from youngest to oldest. They can trade gifts if they want, and once everyone agrees they are good with what they have, they unwrap the first present of the night. Simple enough, right?

Well... when I said assortment of items I really meant it. If they are lucky, it could be a "good" gift like a toy or candy. If they are unlucky, it would be something like a can of dog food, a Ghost pepper, or even a plunger. What I love about it is that after everyone opens their gifts, the room is filled with smiles and laughter, and one time tears because the youngest didn't like his can of soup.

My grandpa passed in December of 2014, just before Christmas. To include and honor him in our celebration that year, I chose to surprise everyone with the random gifts and have kept that tradition going ever since.

DO YOU COLLECT ANYTHING?

Hobbies and \$2 bills at the moment. It's fun to see people react when you try to spend a \$2 bill.