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Biographical Information

I grew up on a small family farm where I learned the lessons about a hard day's work and developed an appreciation and connection with the land. I worked multiple jobs during college to help pay my way through school, including working for a dairy processing facility, a large tree nursery, and an agricultural chemical company where I spent time building a railroad.

During college, I met the love of my life, Julie, through mutual friends. We were married after graduation and will celebrate our twelfth anniversary this coming January.

For the past ten years I have been working as an administrator at multiple colleges and universities throughout the United States to support students and develop educational programs. I currently work at the University of Idaho as the Director of Program Planning and Development.

I have been proud to call North Idaho home for the past four years, coming to love the many wonderful aspects of living in "God's Country." My wife, Julie, has family who grew up in North Idaho and currently live locally, in Post Falls. I have been active in various community groups including those focused on community activism, tourism, the arts, and economic development.

For fun, I enjoy spending time at one of our community's true Gems, the Kroc Center, where you can find me bright and early almost every morning. I also enjoys hiking in our local mountains, playing Parks and Rec softball, and spending time with family and friends.

Education

- Ph.D., Educational Leadership
- M.A., Educational Leadership
- B.S., Agricultural Economics

Community Service

- Coeur d'Alene Arts and Culture Alliance, Board of Directors
- CdA 2030 Implementation Planning-Education & Learning Committee Member
- Indiana Academic Advising Software Selection Committee
- Educate Idaho Network, Team Member
- O'Bannon Institute for Civic Engagement and Volunteering
- Coeur d'Alene School District Mentorship Program Speaker

Proven Leadership

- North Idaho Tourism Summit, Chair, Coeur d'Alene
- University of Idaho Affiliate Faculty, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences
- Coeur d'Alene Arts and Culture Alliance, Treasurer
- Human Behavior Researcher, Author, and Speaker
- University of Idaho Leadership Academy, Graduate
- Coeur d'Alene Science on Tap Director with Idaho Idea Network of Biomechanical Research Excellence
- Small Business Owner, Amador Education Consulting and Development LLC & Trinity Family Farm

Top Priorities

Education

One of our most critical roles as a State is to develop and deliver a high-quality, diverse, and innovative educational system that will teach our children to be **civically minded American citizens** as well as prepare them for a successful career and life after graduation. While there are many reasons to be proud of our local schools and the tireless efforts of our teachers, quite frankly we need to do better; too many of our children are failing to meet expectations and are unprepared for life after school. We must invest in our educational system, expect success, and provide the flexibility necessary to encourage innovation.

Employment & Business

Get government out of the way and businesses will thrive. The more we try to create complicated laws and regulations, the more difficult we make it for small business owners to create jobs in Idaho. We need to prepare a smart and well-trained citizenry and then let the intelligent and entrepreneurial people of Idaho drive our economy forward. I will work to keep our taxes low so that employers in the state can hire more Idahoans and employees can keep more of their paychecks.

Healthcare

We must reform how we deliver and pay for medical expenses and encourage increased transparency for pricing, while allowing individuals to have more say in their healthcare decisions. We also need to find a workable and fiscally responsible solution for providing healthcare services to those that are most in-need in Idaho.

Why vote for Paul Amador?

Coeur d'Alene has the opportunity to vote for a rational, reasonable, and fiscally responsible State Representative on November 8th. Paul Amador has the skills, knowledge, and experience to represent our community in the Idaho State Legislature. Paul Amador is a candidate who will bring a fresh perspective, good ideas, and will be an advocate for a strong educational system and community.